

Intro

Welcome to the Political Topics Study!

Today, you are going to participate in a study about people's opinions on different political and social topics.

The study is divided into **3 parts**. You are about to start Part 1, in which you will read about a few topics and give your opinions on them. Please answer these questions **truthfully** because in Part 2 of the study you will talk about your answers with a partner.

Before you start this survey, please enter your participant number which is the number on your name tag.

(If you did not get a name tag when you arrived, please go talk to the Experimenter now to learn your participant number. You cannot continue without entering your participant number. Thank you.)

My participant number is:

T1: Controversial Speakers on Campus

TOPIC: ALLOWING EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL SPEAKERS TO TALK ON CAMPUS

In 2017, UC Berkeley expected multiple visits by controversial speakers such as Milo Yiannopoulos and Ann Coulter. These planned visits resulted in protests and widespread debate over who should be allowed to speak on campus.

Proponents of allowing extremely controversial speakers to speak on campus say that everyone has a right to free speech, regardless of how controversial the viewpoint.

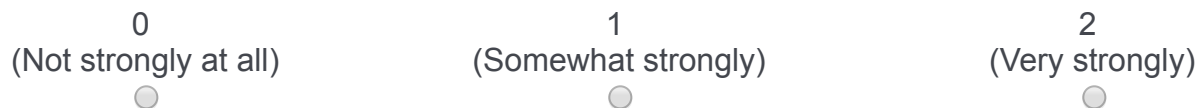
Opponents of allowing extremely controversial speakers to speak on campus say that some viewpoints should be considered hate speech, which can encourage violence and cause fear and

psychological damage.

Do you oppose or support allowing extremely controversial speakers to speak on campus?



How strongly do you feel about your stance?



Government Reparations

TOPIC: REQUIRING GOVERNMENT REPARATIONS FOR SLAVERY

There are significant discrepancies between average infant-mortality rates, life expectancy, unemployment rates, and income between Black American and White American populations in the United States. Some have suggested that these discrepancies are remnants of slavery (the "legacy of slavery"), and the government has considered making reparations, or providing some sort of compensation (e.g., financial or structural) to descendants of slaves.

Proponents of requiring government reparations for slavery say that, while slavery may have been abolished a long time ago, the effects of slavery and racism still exist and the government has a moral obligation to try to repair the continuing effects of slavery.


Opponents of requiring government reparations for slavery say that financial reparations are expensive, and many Americans would have to pay more in taxes, despite having nothing to do with slavery themselves. They argue that the reparations also wouldn't solve a lot of the issues facing Black Americans today.

Do you oppose or support requiring government reparations for slavery?




How strongly do you feel about your stance?


0
(Not strongly at all)



1
(Somewhat strongly)



2
(Very strongly)



Legalizing Drugs

TOPIC: LEGALIZING DRUGS IN AMERICA

In California, there are legal drugs from each of the 5 drug classes (e.g., alcohol, marijuana, nicotine). But many other drugs from these classes are still illegal (e.g., cocaine, heroin, LSD). Some people have suggested that all drugs should be decriminalized so that, instead of facing jail-time, drug users would be instead sent to medical professionals for treatment. For example, Portugal legalized drugs in 2001 and since then, Portugal's drug-related HIV infections and overdose death rate have declined.

Proponents of legalizing all drugs in the U.S. say that illegal drugs are problematic because it promotes trafficking, violence, and drug abuse. If someone overdoses, others don't call for help for fear of getting in trouble. They also argue that a lot of government money is spent on law enforcement and incarceration when it could be spent on social programs to prevent drug use and rehabilitation.

Opponents of legalizing all drugs in the U.S. say that legalization will increase levels of drug abuse and addiction. They argue that, while the current laws may not be entirely effective in eliminating issues from illegal drug use, these issues could be much worse if drugs were legalized.

Do you oppose or support legalizing drugs in the U.S.?

-3
(Completely
Oppose)



-2



-1




1



2




3
(Completely
Support)




How strongly do you feel about your stance?


0
(Not strongly at all)



1
(Somewhat strongly)



2
(Very strongly)



Thank you

You have finished the survey! Please **raise your hand now** to let the researcher know you have completed part 1.

Please hit the arrow button at the bottom so that your survey is recorded.

Once you have hit the button, please close the browser. Once you do, you should be looking at a black screen with desktop icons on the side.

The researcher will continue to the next part of the study once everyone has raised their hands.

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