



Details about the Ballot Initiative Survey

Purpose

The purpose of this survey is to investigate how tax incidence influences voter support for ballot initiatives. To understand this question, this survey asks participants to answer whether or not they support actual and hypothetical ballot initiatives. We also record how these answers change when participants are provided with information about the private costs of these ballot initiatives. Your participation in this survey is voluntary; you can withdraw at any time.

The information you provide through this survey will be used solely for academic research, and will only be shared with this project's principal investigators: Berkeley Associate Professor James Sallee and UC Berkeley Ph.D. Candidate Matthew Tarduno. If you have questions or comments about the survey, please contact us at tarduno@berkeley.edu.

Confidentiality

Your confidentiality is important to us. There is a chance your data could be seen by someone who shouldn't have access to it. We're minimizing this risk in the following ways: First, Qualtrics uses TLS encryption in storing and downloading data, which makes it more difficult for third parties to gain access to survey responses. Second, we will de-identify and encrypt all data stored on principal investigator laptops. Your survey responses will be kept indefinitely for research replication purposes, but any archived data will be de-identified.

It is important that we safeguard your Amazon ID because Amazon or third parties could hypothetically link your worker ID (and associated personal information) with your survey responses. If you agree to participate, please note that the data you provide may be collected and used by Amazon as per its privacy agreement. For more on how your personal information may be used or disclosed, see Amazon's mTurk [participant](#) and [privacy agreements](#).

Institutional Review

This study was approved by the UC Berkeley Institutional Review Board (CPHS ID 2020-05-13321). If you have comments or concerns about this survey and would like to speak with someone other than the principal investigators, please contact CPHS/OPHS at 510-642-7461 or ophs@berkeley.edu.