

# Political Opinion Survey

This survey is being conducted as part of an educational activity for the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (<https://compsocialscience.github.io/summer-institute/2019/>) held at Princeton University. This survey will ask questions related to your political opinions and demographic information. The goal of the activity is to study political opinions. At the end of the project, we will remove individually identifying information and share the data with other researchers and students. If you are not comfortable having your de-identified responses shared, please do not participate in this survey. You are free to stop at any time or skip any opinion question that you want. If you have any question about this educational activity please email [rsfcompsocsci@gmail.com](mailto:rsfcompsocsci@gmail.com).

\* Required

1. **By clicking "I agree" below you are indicating that you are at least 18 years of age, have read the above, and agree to participate in this research activity. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

☐

I agree

☐

I do not agree

*Stop filling out this form.*

2. **Who is the current president of the United States of America?**

*Mark only one oval.*

☐

George Bush

☐

Hillary Clinton

☐

Barack Obama

☐

Donald Trump

☐

Don't Know

3. If you were making up the budget for the federal government this year, would you increase spending, decrease spending, or keep spending the same for:

Mark only one oval per row.

	Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep spending the same
Military defense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic assistance to needy people in the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic assistance to needy people around the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rebuilding highways, bridges and roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientific research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Content
- ☐ Frustrated
- ☐ Angry

5. When it comes to racial discrimination, which do you think is the bigger problem for the country today?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ People seeing racial discrimination where it really does NOT exist
- ☐ People NOT seeing racial discrimination where it really DOES exist

6. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs.
- ☐ We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home.

7. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Smaller government, fewer services
- ☐ Bigger government, more services

8. All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied

9. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of apple pie? Regardless of the true answer, please select "Somewhat approve"

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Somewhat approve
- ☐ Somewhat disapprove
- ☐ Strongly disapprove
- ☐ Don't know

## Background Information

10. What is your MTurk Worker's ID? \*

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11. Are you male or female? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

12. What is your age (in years)? \*

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**13. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ No schooling completed
- ☐ Nursery or Preschool through Grade 12 (no high school diploma)
- ☐ High school graduate (including GED or alternative credential)
- ☐ Some college or Associate's Degree (for example: AA, AS)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
- ☐ Postgraduate or professional degree, including Master's, Doctorate, medical, or law degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD, PhD, EdD)

**14. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin such as Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican or Cuban? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**15. Which of the following describes your race and/or ethnic background? Select one or more. \***

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian or Asian-American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other

**16. In what state do you live? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Alabama
- ☐ Alaska
- ☐ Arizona
- ☐ Arkansas
- ☐ California
- ☐ Colorado
- ☐ Connecticut
- ☐ Delaware
- ☐ District of Columbia
- ☐ Florida
- ☐ Georgia
- ☐ Hawaii
- ☐ Idaho
- ☐ Illinois
- ☐ Indiana
- ☐ Iowa
- ☐ Kansas
- ☐ Kentucky
- ☐ Louisiana
- ☐ Maine
- ☐ Maryland
- ☐ Massachusetts
- ☐ Michigan
- ☐ Minnesota
- ☐ Mississippi
- ☐ Missouri
- ☐ Montana
- ☐ Nebraska
- ☐ Nevada
- ☐ New Hampshire
- ☐ New Jersey
- ☐ New Mexico
- ☐ New York
- ☐ North Carolina

- ☐ North Dakota
- ☐ Ohio
- ☐ Oklahoma
- ☐ Oregon
- ☐ Pennsylvania
- ☐ Puerto Rico
- ☐ Rhode Island
- ☐ South Carolina
- ☐ South Dakota
- ☐ Tennessee
- ☐ Texas
- ☐ Utah
- ☐ Vermont
- ☐ Virginia
- ☐ Washington
- ☐ West Virginia
- ☐ Wisconsin
- ☐ Wyoming
- ☐ I do not reside in the U.S.

**17. Do you have a smartphone or a cell phone, or not?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Smartphone
- ☐ Cell phone that is not a smartphone
- ☐ No cell phone

**18. Do you currently subscribe to internet service at HOME?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Republican      *Stop filling out this form.*
- ☐ Democrat      *Stop filling out this form.*
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Other party
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Don't Know

20. As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ The Republican Party
- ☐ The Democratic Party

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