

# UC San Diego

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## Research Affairs

### Consent

#### University of California, San Diego

#### Consent to Act as a Research Subject

**Description:** Researchers at the University of California, San Diego are inviting you to participate in a research study on political preferences and voting behavior. Participation in this survey should take about 10 minutes. Your participation is voluntary.

**Incentives and Costs:** You will be paid \$1.5 USD for completing this survey. There will be no cost to you for participating in this study.

**Risks:** Your participation in this study does not involve any risk to you beyond that of everyday life.

**Confidentiality:** Your Mechanical Turk Worker ID will be used to distribute payment to you but will not be stored with the research data we collect from you. Please be aware that your MTurk Worker ID can potentially be linked to information about you on your Amazon public profile page, depending on the settings you have for your Amazon profile. We will not be accessing any personally identifying information about you that you may have put on your Amazon public profile page.

**Alternatives to Participation:**

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may choose to withdraw at any time.

**Withdrawal Without Consent:** The PI may remove you from the study without your consent if the PI feels it is in your best interest or the best interest of the study. You may also be withdrawn from the study if you do not follow the instructions given you by the study personnel.

**Contacts and Questions:** If you have other questions or research-related problems, you can contact the researcher at 831-920-9681 or email at [lid006@ucsd.edu](mailto:lid006@ucsd.edu).

You may also call the UCSD Human Research Protections Program Office at 858-246-HRPP (858-246-4777) to inquire about your rights as a research subject or to report research-related problems.

**Consent:** By agreeing to participate in this research, you confirm that you have read this consent information, are at least 18 years old, and provide your consent to participate. If you choose not to participate, the survey will end immediately. Please print or save a copy of this page for your records.

- ☐ I agree to participate
- ☐ I do not agree to participate

**Basic info**

**Let's start with some basic information about you:**

What is your age?

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

☒ 18

To which gender identity do you most identify with?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other Identity
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Please specify your ethnicity:

- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ White American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Others
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

In which state are you registered to vote?

Highest education obtained (If you're currently completing a degree, select that degree) :

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ 2 year degree
- ☐ 4 year degree
- ☐ Professional/Master degree
- ☐ Doctorate

## Political knowledge -- General

The following section consists of a political knowledge quiz. You will be asked to answer 10 questions about American politics, government, and election without any assistance. We are interested in how much people know about politics, so when you are not

sure, please just give your best guess.

**Please do not look up the answers!**

1. In the case of a tied vote in the U.S. Senate, is the deciding vote cast by

- ☐ The vice president
- ☐ The president
- ☐ The Senate majority leader
- ☐ The Senate parliamentarian

2. A filibuster in the U.S. Senate can be used to prevent legislation from coming to a vote. Of the 100 U.S. senators, how many votes are needed to end a filibuster?

- ☐ 51
- ☐ 60
- ☐ 67
- ☐ 70

3. Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

- ☐ Republican Party
- ☐ Democratic Party

4. Which of the following rights is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution?

- ☐ The right of free speech
- ☐ The right to bear arms
- ☐ The right to privacy
- ☐ The right to remain silent

## **Political knowledge -- Election Specifics**

1. How many votes does a candidate need to win the Electoral College?

- ☐ 538
- ☐ 450
- ☐ 270
- ☐ 280

2. Can eligible voters vote by absentee ballot in your state?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

3. Can eligible voters register online in your state?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

4. True or False: If you are registered to vote but forget your ID at a polling station, you are not allowed to vote.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ Depends

## Political knowledge -- Candidate Specifics

1. Which presidential election 2020 candidate has run in an election prior to 2020?

- ☐ Elizabeth Warren
- ☐ Bernie Sanders
- ☐ Hilary Clinton
- ☐ Pete Buttigieg
- ☐ Mike Bloomberg

2. Which candidate wants to give all Americans a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month?

- ☐ Amy Klobuchar
- ☐ Andrew Yang
- ☐ Joe Biden
- ☐ Bernie Sanders
- ☐ Donald Trump

## **Ideology with Importance**

The following section consists of an ideology quiz. You will be asked to answer 10 questions about your preferred position on certain social and political issues and the



importance of these issues. Choose the option that is the closest to your view.

1. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on education?

- ☐ 1. federal government should pay for full tuition at public colleges and universities
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- ☐ 3. federal government should not pay for tuition at public colleges and universities

How important is the above issue to you on the scale of 1 to 5, **1** as the **least important**, **5** as the **most important**?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

2. Economic inequality in the United States has been steadily increasing since the 1980s. To combat a concentration of wealth at the top, some people are proposing a tax on the net worth of extremely wealthy individuals, rather than just on income.

What is your position on taxing the rich?

- ☐ 1. A tax on the assets held by the wealthiest Americans as well as their income
- ☐ 2. No tax on assets, but adjust tax on capital gains of the wealthiest Americans to be higher
- ☐ 3. No change on the current tax policy
- ☐ 4. Call for a tax reform for flat tax policy (i.e. Everyone pays at the same tax rate, regardless of their income)
- ☐ 5. Less tax on the rich

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3. In part to offset job losses from automation, some Americans have embraced the proposal of a “universal basic income”, – that every American should get a check from the federal government regardless of work status. Others don't support it and believe that there are better alternatives out there, such as raising minimum wage and increase earned income tax credit.

Where would you place yourself on this issue?

- ☐ 1. Yes, the federal government should pay a universal basic income to every American adult.
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4. Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses. Others feel that medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance plans, such as UnitedHealth, Kaiser and Anthem, or some other company paid plans.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- ☐ 1. Government should provide full coverage of health insurance and eliminate private insurance
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5. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on abortion legally?

- ☐ 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted
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6. Do you think the federal government should make it more difficult for people to buy a gun than it is now, make it easier for people to buy a gun, or keep these rules about the same as they are now?

- ☐ 1. Much more difficult with a universal background check, ban in assault weapons, a license requirement, and registration of all firearms
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7. In recent years, many states have taken initiative by legalizing marijuana, reforming drug laws and sentencing guidelines, and winding down the “War on Drugs.”

What is your stand on the issue of legalizing recreational marijuana?

- ☐ 1. Yes, federal government should legalize recreational marijuana and delete the records of those convicted on charges of recreational marijuana use and possession
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## Placebo block

Please answer the following questions

## 1. Which type of coffee do you prefer most?

- ☐ Americano
- ☐ Black Coffee
- ☐ Caffè Latte
- ☐ Cappuccino
- ☐ Espresso
- ☐ Flavored Coffee
- ☐ Iced Coffee
- ☐ Irish Coffee
- ☐ Turkish/Greek Coffee
- ☐ Cold brew

## 2. How often do you drink coffee?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ 2-3 times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ 2-3 times a month
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Never

### 3. Where do you drink coffee most often?

- ☐ Home
- ☐ Cafe / Coffee shop Chain
- ☐ Restaurant
- ☐ Traditional mom and pop coffee shop
- ☐ Others

### 4. For what reasons would you drink coffee? (Select all apply)

- ☐ It wakes me up.
- ☐ It helps me perform at my job.
- ☐ It tastes good.
- ☐ It comforts me.
- ☐ It helps reduce stress.
- ☐ It is more like a habit

### 5. What factors influence your choice of coffee shop/ cafe to make your purchases? (Select all apply)

- ☐ Patio at cafe/ seating outside
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Quality of coffee/ taste

- ☐ Quality of service
- ☐ Quality of food
- ☐ Friendliness of staff
- ☐ Speed of service
- ☐ Availability of parking
- ☐ Shop's environmental awareness
- ☐ Wireless internet access availability
- ☐ Fair trade acceptance of the shop
- ☐ Comfort of cafe
- ☐ Decor of the cafe

## 6. How often do you drink tea?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ 2-3 times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ 2-3 times a month
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Never

## 7. For what reasons would you drink tea? (Select all apply)

- ☐ Health Benefits - Diet Support / Detox

- ☐ Habit and Routine
- ☐ Relaxation
- ☐ Medicinal (to provide energy etc.)
- ☐ Alternative to Coffee
- ☐ Socialize and Get Together
- ☐ I don't drink tea
- ☐ Other

8. Where do you typically enjoy your tea?

- ☐ At Home
- ☐ At Tea Shop / Cafe
- ☐ At Work
- ☐ Street Tea Stalls
- ☐ Other

9. Do you agree with the following statement:

"I am more of a coffee person than a tea person, and I would prefer coffee over tea."

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree or disagree

- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

10. What drives you to a new cafe/tea shop? (Select all apply)

- ☐ Online Media - Zomato/Facebook
- ☐ My willingness
- ☐ Brand Communication and Advertising
- ☐ Bloggers / Influencers
- ☐ Friend's recommendation

11. Do you ever bring a reusable to-go cup/thermos to cafe/tea shop?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

12. Approximately, how many cups of coffee per day do you consider a moderate intake in a balanced diet?

- ☐ Less than one cup

- ☐ One to two cups
- ☐ Three to four cups
- ☐ Four to five cups
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14. When thinking about the health effects of coffee, please select the statements that you agree with (Select all apply)

- ☐ Coffee may decrease the risk of suffering from some types of cancer
- ☐ Coffee may reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- ☐ Coffee may improve memory function in the elderly
- ☐ Pregnant women should not drink coffee
- ☐ Moderate coffee consumption may lead to dehydration
- ☐ Coffee decreases quality of sleep

☐ Coffee can give you stomach complaints

15. What do you think about the demand of tea currently in the area you reside?

- ☐ Increase
- ☐ Slightly increase
- ☐ Stay the same
- ☐ Slightly decrease
- ☐ Decrease

## Feedback Experimental

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If you have voted in the 2020 election, which party/candidate did you vote for?

- ☐ Joe Biden (D)
- ☐ Donald Trump (R)
- ☐ Others



☐ I didn't vote

If you have voted in the 2020 primary,  
which party/candidate did you vote for?

- ☐ Michael Bennet (D)
- ☐ Joe Biden (D)
- ☐ Mike Bloomberg (D)
- ☐ Pete Buttigieg (D)
- ☐ Tulsi Gabbard (D)
- ☐ Amy Klobuchar (D)
- ☐ Deval Patrick (D)
- ☐ Bernie Sanders (D)
- ☐ Tom Steyer (D)
- ☐ Elizabeth Warren (D)
- ☐ Andrew Yang (D)
- ☐ Cory Booker (D)
- ☐ Joe Walsh (R)
- ☐ Donald Trump (R)
- ☐ Bill Weld (R)
- ☐ Mark Sanford (R)
- ☐ Rocky De La Fuente (R)
- ☐ Someone else
- ☐ I didn't vote

On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you feel like the output candidate from the ideology quiz align with your actual vote from presidential election?

Terrible      Poor      Average      Good      Excellent

1    2    3    4    5    6    6    7    8    9    10



On a scale of 1 to 10, **imagine if the next presidential election is taking place in a month with the same candidates we had in the past 2020 presidential election**, what is your likelihood of voting **after taking this survey**?

Extremely unlikely      Extremely likely

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