

## Consent Form

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You are being asked to complete a survey that will take approximately 15 minutes. The researchers are interested in seeing how many people know and don't know various things about politics, government policies, and government. The data collected will be stored at a secure location, and no identifying information about you will be shared or made public. The results will be presented in scholarly journals and/or at academic conferences, in the form of statistical summaries, describing how many people, not who, said what.

Your participation is voluntary. You will receive \$0.40 for completing the survey, paid through Amazon Mechanical Turk. There are no known risks associated with participating in this study. Doing so will not benefit you personally beyond the \$0.40, but the research is likely to add to scientific knowledge.

To be eligible to participate, you must be at least 18 years old and be a U.S. citizen. If you have any questions, please contact Gaurav Sood at gsood07 (at) gmail (dot) com. If you agree to take the survey, please click "I agree" below.

I agree

I do not agree

### Browser Meta Info

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## Preface RW and IP Standard

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Now here are some questions about what you may know about politics and public affairs.

## Preface FSR, 14k, and 24k Gold Standard

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Now here are some questions about what you may know about politics and public affairs.

We are interested in measuring what people currently know and can recall on their own—and are just as interested in what people don't know as in what they do know.

So we'd like your agreement to just say "don't know" if you don't know the answer—without looking anything up or talking with anyone about it. Will you do that for us?

Yes

No

## 24k

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Now here are a series of statements. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means definitely false, 10 means definitely true, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how definitely true or false is each statement?

	Definitely false					Definitely true					Not Applicable	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
The Affordable Care Act gives illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance.												<input type="checkbox"/>
Barack Obama is a Muslim.												<input type="checkbox"/>
Barack Obama was born in the US.												<input type="checkbox"/>
The Affordable Care Act does not create government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care.												<input type="checkbox"/>

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Most climate scientists believe that global warming is not occurring.												<input type="checkbox"/>
The vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) causes autism in children.												<input type="checkbox"/>
In the 2016 presidential election, President Trump won the majority of the legally cast votes.												<input type="checkbox"/>
Since 2012, the annual federal budget deficit has increased.												<input type="checkbox"/>
Temperatures around the world are increasing because of human activity, like burning coal and gasoline.												<input type="checkbox"/>

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According to the Constitution, American presidents must be “natural born citizens.” Some people believe Barack Obama was not born in the United States, but was born in another country. Do you think Barack Obama was born in ...?

Another country

The US

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Most people have a religion. Some people believe Barack Obama is a Muslim. Do you personally believe that Barack Obama is a ...?

Christian

Muslim

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As you may know, there is currently talk of changing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), enacted in 2010. Some people believe that the ACA gives illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance. To the best of your knowledge, would you say the ACA...?

Gives illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance

Does not give illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance

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Some people believe that Affordable Care Act establishes a government panel to make decisions about end-of-life care. To the best of your knowledge, would you say that the Affordable Care Act ...?

Does not create government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care

Creates government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care

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Recently, you may have noticed that global warming has been getting some attention in the news. Some people believe that temperatures are increasing around the world because of natural variation over time, such as produced the ice age. Which of the following best fits your view about this? Would you say that temperatures around the world are...?

Increasing because of natural variation over time, such as produced the ice age

Staying about the same as they have been

Increasing because of human activity, like burning coal and gasoline

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As you may know, the term "global warming" refers to the claim that temperatures have been increasing around the world. Some people believe that most climate scientists believe that global warming is not occurring. Just your impression, which one of the following statements do you think is most accurate?

Most climate scientists believe that global warming is occurring

Climate scientists are about equally divided about whether global warming is occurring or not

Most climate scientists believe that global warming is not occurring

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As you may know, not everyone living in the US has the legal right to vote. President Trump has said that several million people voted illegally in the 2016 presidential election and that he won the majority of the legally cast votes. Do think that that President Trump ...?

Did not win the majority of the legally cast votes

Won the majority of the legally cast votes

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As you may know, most children receive the vaccine for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR). Some people believe that the MMR vaccine causes autism in children. From what you have read or heard, do you personally think that the MMR vaccine:

Causes autism in children

Does not cause autism is children

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As you may know, the federal government runs a deficit when it spends more than it takes in. Since 2012, with the Republicans having the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, would you say that the annual federal budget deficit has ...

Decreased  
Stayed about the same  
Increased

**14k**

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Was Barack Obama born in...?

The US  
Another country  
Don't Know

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Is Barack Obama a ...?

Christian  
Muslim  
Don't Know

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Does the Affordable Care Act...?

Not Give illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance  
Give illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance  
Don't know

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Does the Affordable Care Act ...?

Creates government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care  
Does not create government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care  
Don't Know

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Are temperatures around the world ...?

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Staying about the same as they have been  
Increasing because human activity, like burning coal and gasoline  
Don't Know

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Which one of the following statements is most accurate?

Most climate scientists believe that global warming is NOT occurring

Climate scientists are about equally divided about whether global warming is occurring or not

Most climate scientists believe that global warming is occurring

Don't Know

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In the 2016 presidential election, did President Trump ...?

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Win the majority of the legally cast votes

Don't Know

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Does the vaccine for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) ...?

Cause autism in children

Not cause autism in children

Don't Know

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Decreased

Stayed about the same

Don't Know

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According to the Constitution, American presidents must be "natural born citizens."

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The US

Another country

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Does not cause autism is children

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**FSR**

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Another country

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Give illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance

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Cause autism in children

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Don't Know

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has the annual federal budget deficit ....

Decreased

Increased

Stayed about the same

Don't Know

## **Demographics**

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## **Now we would like to ask you some demographic information.**

In what year were you born?

Are you .... ?

Male

Female

What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

No high school diploma

High school diploma or equivalent

Some college

Four year college graduate

Post-graduate degree

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

What race(s) do you consider yourself to be?

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Other

## Interest and Participation

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### Here are some questions about interest and participation in politics:

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all, 10 is passionately, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how interested would you say you generally are in politics and public affairs?

Not at all

Exactly in the middle

Passionately

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Interest in politics  
and public affairs

Again on a scale from 0 to 10, where now 0 means certain not to vote, 10 means certain to vote, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how likely would you say you are to vote in the next Congressional elections?

Certain not to vote

Exactly in the middle

Certain to vote

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Vote in the next  
Congressional  
elections?

Which party generally does better at reducing federal deficits?

Democratic party is better at that

Republican party is better at that

Both parties are equally good or bad at that

Don't know

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is never true, 10 is always true, and 5 is true half the time.

Never true										Always true	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<div>How often would you say what Donald Trump says is true ...?</div>											

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Do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

<input type="radio"/>	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Democrat
<input type="radio"/>	Independent
<input type="text"/>	Something else

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is completely pro-Democratic, 10 is completely pro-Republican, and 5 is neither pro-Democratic or pro-Republican, how pro-Democratic or pro-Republican would you say you are ... ?

completely pro-Democratic				Neither				completely pro-Republican		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<div>How pro-Democratic or pro-Republican are you?</div>										

**thanks**

That's our last question. Thank you for your time!  
The next screen will show you your MTurk Code.

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