hidden\_knowledge

consent Consent Form
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 $0.75 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 $0.75, 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 (1)
* I do not agree (2)

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cnc\_text\_time Timing

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cnc\_text Before we begin, we’d like to ask your help.  In answering surveys, people sometimes look up things they don’t know or can’t recall.  But we are trying to measure what people already 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 will you answer all the following questions—just saying “don’t know” if you don’t know—without looking anything up or talking with anyone about them?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

open\_imm\_time Timing

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open\_imm Ok, let's get a sense what you know about each of a couple of issues.
The first issue is immigration.  Could you take a minute or so to list what you know about immigration - anything at all that relates to the issue.  If you don’t know anything about the issue, just say so and move on to the next issue.

open\_climate\_time Timing

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open\_climate The second issue is climate change.  Could you take a minute or so to list what you know about climate change - anything at all that relates to the issue.  If you don’t know anything about the issue, just say so and move on to the next question.

vt\_time Timing

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vt\_q Here’s a list of names.  For each name, can you tell me what position that person holds? 
If you don’t know, don’t worry about it.  Just leave the space blank, and move on to the next person.

vt\_mmc Mitch McConnell

vt\_cs Chuck Schumer

vt\_am Angela Merkel

vt\_vp Vladimir Putin

vt\_jr John Roberts

vt\_np Nancy Pelosi

vp\_time Timing

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vp\_q Here’s a set of photos.  For each photo, can you tell me what position he or she holds? 
If you don’t know, don’t worry about it.  Just leave the space blank, and move on to the next person.

vp\_mmc What position does this person hold?

vp\_js What position does this person hold?

vp\_am What position does this person hold?

vp\_vp What position does this person hold?

vp\_jr What position does this person hold?

vp\_np What position does this person hold?

rgc\_o\_time Timing

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rgc\_o\_primer Here are a few questions about policies and issues in the news.  Each asks which one of several statements is true.  If you don’t know, don’t worry about it.  Just mark “don’t know” and move on to the next question.

rgc\_o\_aca Does the Affordable Care Act ...?

* Provide coverage for people who are currently in the country illegally (1)
* Replace private health insurance with a "single payer system" (2)
* Increase the Medicare payroll tax for upper-income Americans (3)
* Reimburse routine mammograms only for women older than 50 (4)
* Don’t know (5)

rgc\_o\_gg Are greenhouse gases ….?

* A cause of respiratory problems (1)
* A cause of for lung cancer (2)
* Damaging the ozone layer (3)
* A cause of rising sea levels (4)
* Don’t know (5)

rgc\_o\_aca2\_time Timing

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rgc\_o\_aca2 And does the Affordable Care Act …?

* Create government panels to make end-of-life decisions for people on Medicare (1)
* Replace Medicare with a “public option” (2)
* Limit future increases in payments to Medicare providers (3)
* Cut benefits to existing Medicare patients (4)
* Don’t know (5)

rgc\_o\_aca2p\_time Timing

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Display This Question:

If And does the Affordable Care Act …? Create government panels to make end-of-life decisions for people on Medicare Is Selected

Or And does the Affordable Care Act …? Replace Medicare with a “public option” Is Selected

Or And does the Affordable Care Act …? Limit future increases in payments to Medicare providers Is Selected

Or And does the Affordable Care Act …? Cut benefits to existing Medicare patients Is Selected

rgc\_o\_aca2\_p What made you choose that response?

rgc\_o\_gg2\_time Timing

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rgc\_o\_gg2 Are greenhouse gases ....?

* Unconnected to burning natural gas (1)
* Produced more by burning clean coal than by burning other fossil fuels (2)
* Produced by nuclear power plants (3)
* Reduced by trees and other plants (4)
* Don’t know (5)

rgc\_o\_gg2p\_time Timing

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If Are greenhouse gases ....? Unconnected to burning natural gas Is Selected

Or Are greenhouse gases ....? Produced more by burning clean coal than by burning other fossil fuels Is Selected

Or Are greenhouse gases ....? Produced by nuclear power plants Is Selected

Or Are greenhouse gases ....? Reduced by trees and other plants Is Selected

rgc\_o\_gg2\_p What made you choose that response?

rgc\_o\_dt\_time Timing

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rgc\_o\_dt Does President Trump’s most recent executive order on immigration …?

* Subject immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to deportation (1)
* Strip immigrants from countries supporting terrorism of their green cards (2)
* Strip immigrants from several Muslim-majority countries of their green cards (3)
* Temporarily ban immigrants from several majority-Muslim countries (4)
* Don’t know (5)

Display This Question:

If Does President Trump’s most recent executive order on immigration …? Subject immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to deportation Is Selected

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rgc\_o\_dt\_p What made you choose that response?

rgc\_c\_time Timing

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rgc\_c\_primer Here are a few questions about policies and issues in the news.  Each asks which one of several statements is true.  If you don’t know, don’t worry about it.  Just mark “don’t know” and move on to the next question.

rgc\_c\_aca Does the Affordable Care Act ...?

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rgc\_c\_aca2 And does the Affordable Care Act …?

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Display This Question:

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Or And does the Affordable Care Act …? Limit future increases in payments to Medicare providers Is Selected

Or And does the Affordable Care Act …? Cut benefits to existing Medicare patients Is Selected

rgc\_c\_aca2\_p What made you choose that response?

* I asked someone I know (8)
* I looked it up (9)
* I’ve read, seen, or heard that (4)
* It makes me feel good to think that (5)
* It makes sense, in view of other things I know (6)
* I just thought I’d take a shot (7)

rgc\_c\_gg2\_time Timing

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rgc\_c\_gg2 Are greenhouse gases ....?

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If Are greenhouse gases ....? Unconnected to burning natural gas Is Selected

Or Are greenhouse gases ....? Produced more by burning clean coal than by burning other fossil fuels Is Selected

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rgc\_c\_gg2\_p What made you choose that response?

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rgc\_c\_dt\_time Timing

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rgc\_c\_dt Does President Trump’s most recent executive order on immigration …?

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rgc\_c\_dt\_p What made you choose that response?

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rg\_s\_timing Timing

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rg\_s\_text Here are some statements about the Affordable Care Act.  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?

rg\_s\_aca The Affordable Healthcare Act …

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Provides coverage for people who are currently in the country illegally (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Replaces private health insurance with a "single payer system" (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Increases the Medicare payroll tax for upper‐income Americans (3)

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ Limits future increases in payments to Medicare providers (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cuts benefits to existing Medicare patients (4)

rg\_s\_gg\_timing Timing

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rg\_s\_text2 Next some statements about greenhouse gases.  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?

rg\_s\_gg Greenhouse gases are...

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A cause of respiratory problems (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A cause of for lung cancer (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Damaging the ozone layer (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A cause of rising sea levels (4)

rg\_s\_gg2 Greenhouse gases are...

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Unconnected to burning natural gas (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Produced more by burning clean coal than by other fossil fuels (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Produced by nuclear power plants (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reduced by trees and other plants (4)

rg\_s\_dt\_time Timing

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rg\_s\_text3 And some statements about President Trump’s most recent executive order on immigration. 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?

rg\_s\_dt The executive order …

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Subjects immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to deportation (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strips immigrants from countries supporting terrorism of their green cards (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strip immigrants from several Muslim-majority countries of their green cards (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Temporarily bans immigrants from several majority-Muslim countries (4)

demo\_text Now we would like to ask you some demographic information.

age In what year were you born?

gender Are you .... ?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)

educ What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

* No high school diploma (1)
* High school diploma or equivalent (2)
* Some college (3)
* Four year college graduate (4)
* Post-graduate degree (5)

hisla Are you Hispanic or Latino?

* Yes (1)
* No (3)

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

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6)

obama\_o\_time Timing

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obama\_o\_text Now we’d like to ask you some questions about tax rates, federal deficits, and budget related issues.

obama\_o During the time Barack Obama was president, the federal deficit:

* Increased (1)
* Remained about the same (2)
* Decreased (3)
* Don’t know (4)

Display This Question:

If During the time Barack Obama was president, the federal deficit: Increased Is Selected

Or During the time Barack Obama was president, the federal deficit: Remained about the same Is Selected

Or During the time Barack Obama was president, the federal deficit: Decreased Is Selected

obama\_o\_p What made you choose that response?

obama\_c\_time Timing

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obama\_c\_p What made you choose that response?

* I asked someone I know (8)
* I looked it up (9)
* I’ve read, seen, or heard that (4)
* It makes me feel good to think that (5)
* It makes sense, in view of other things I know (6)
* I just thought I’d take a shot (7)

bush\_o\_time Timing

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bush\_o During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit:

* Increased (1)
* Remained about the same (2)
* Decreased (3)
* Don’t Know (4)

Display This Question:

If During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit: Increased Is Selected

Or During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit: Remained about the same Is Selected

Or During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit: Decreased Is Selected

bush\_o\_p What made you choose that response?

bush\_c\_time Timing

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bush\_c During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit:

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* Remained about the same (2)
* Decreased (3)
* Don’t Know (4)

Display This Question:

If During the time George W. Bush was president, the federal deficit: Increased Is Selected

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bush\_c\_p What made you choose that response?

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ftc\_time Timing

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ftc\_q Next, we’d like to ask a few questions similar to some we have already asked, but in a different form.
If you don’t know an answer, don't worry about it.  Just mark “don’t know,” and move to the next question.

ftc\_am Is Angela Merkel currently the …?

* Prime Minister of Sweden (1)
* High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2)
* Chancellor of Germany (3)
* President of Austria (4)
* Don't know (5)

ftc\_mmc Is Mitch McConnell currently the …?

* Governor of South Dakota (1)
* U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2)
* U.S. Senate Majority Leader (3)
* Chairman of the Republican National Committee (4)
* Don't know (5)

fts\_time Timing

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fts\_text Next, we’d like to ask a few questions similar to some we have already asked, but in a different form.

fts\_am Again on a scale of 0 to 100 where 0 means you are absolutely sure that
an answer is wrong, and 100 means you are absolute sure you that it is
right, how sure are you that Angela Merkel currently is:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister of Sweden (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chancellor of Germany (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ President of Austria (4)

fts\_mmc Again on a scale of 0 to 100 where 0 means you are absolutely sure that an answer is wrong, and 100 means you are absolute sure you that it is right, how sure are you that Mitch McConnell currently is:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governor of South Dakota (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Senate Majority Leader (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of the Republican National Committee (4)

fvs\_time Timing

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fvs\_text Next, we’d like to ask a few questions similar to some we have already asked, but in a different form.

fvs\_am Next, we’d like to ask a few questions similar to some we have already asked, but in a different form.
On a scale of 0 to 100 where 0 means you are absolutely sure that an answer is wrong, and 100 means you are absolute sure you that it is right, how sure are you that the person in the photo is:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Minister of Sweden (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chancellor of Germany (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ President of Austria (4)

fvs\_mmc Again on a scale of 0 to 100 where 0 means you are absolutely sure that an answer is wrong, and 100 means you are absolute sure you that it is right, how sure are you that the person in the photo is:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governor of South Dakota (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Senate Majority Leader (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of the Republican National Committee (4)

fvc\_time Timing

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fvc\_text Next, we’d like to ask a few questions similar to some we have already asked, but in a different form.
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fvc\_am What position does the person in the photo below currently hold?

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* High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2)
* Chancellor of Germany (3)
* President of Austria (4)
* Don't know (5)

fvc\_mmc What position does the person in the photo below currently hold?

* Governor of South Dakota (1)
* U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2)
* U.S. Senate Majority Leader (3)
* Chairman of the Republican National Committee (4)
* Don't know (5)

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interest 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?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Interest in politics and public affairs (1)

vote 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?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vote in the next Congressional elections? (1)

deficits Which party generally does better at reducing federal deficits?

* Democratic party is better at that (1)
* Republican party is better at that (2)
* Both parties are equally good or bad at that (3)
* Don't know (4)

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

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Something else (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

pid\_strength On a scale of 0 to 10, where is 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 … ?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ How pro-Democratic or pro-Republican are you? (1)

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