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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 $0.40 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 (1)
* I do not agree (2)

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no\_pledge\_time Timing

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no\_pledge Now here are some questions about what you may know about politics and public affairs.

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pledge 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 (1)
* No (2)

24k\_block1\_time Timing

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24k\_block1 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?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Barack Obama was born in the US. (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Barack Obama is a Muslim. (4)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Affordable Care Act gives illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance. (5)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Affordable Care Act does not create government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care. (6)

24k\_block2\_time Timing

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24k\_block2 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?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Temperatures around the world are increasing because of human activity, like burning coal and gasoline. (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Most climate scientists believe that global warming is not occurring. (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ In the 2016 presidential election, President Trump won the majority of the legally cast votes. (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) causes autism in children. (4)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Since 2012, the annual federal budget deficit has increased. (5)

ips\_birth\_time Timing

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ips\_birth 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 …?

* The US (1)
* Another country (2)

ips\_religion\_time Timing

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

* Muslim (1)
* Christian (2)

ips\_illegal\_time Timing

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ips\_illegal 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 (4)
* Does not give illegal immigrants financial help to buy health insurance (5)

ips\_death\_time Timing

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ips\_death 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 …?

* Creates government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care (6)
* Does not create government panels to make decisions about end-of-life care (7)

ips\_increase\_time Timing

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ips\_increase 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 (7)
* Increasing because of human activity, like burning coal and gasoline (8)
* Staying about the same as they have been (9)

ips\_science\_time Timing

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ips\_science 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 (4)
* Most climate scientists believe that global warming is not occurring (5)
* Climate scientists are about equally divided about whether global warming is occurring or not (6)

ips\_fraud\_time Timing

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ips\_fraud 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 …?

* Won the majority of the legally cast votes (4)
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ips\_mmr\_time Timing

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14k\_birth Was Barack Obama born in…?

* The US (4)
* Another country (5)
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14k\_illegal Does the Affordable Care Act…?

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14k\_science Which one of the following statements is most accurate?

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demo\_time Timing

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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)

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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)

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_ How often would you say what Donald Trump says is true …? (2)

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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.