

# Just Facts' Pre-Election Survey of Voter Knowledge on Public Policy Issues

October 13-21, 2012 • n = 500 • Margin of Error +/- 4.47%

## Election Participation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Vote Everytime	409	81.8	81.8	81.8
	Vote in Most	91	18.2	18.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Current Portion of Economy Consumed by Government Spending

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Larger	383	76.6	76.6	76.6
	Smaller	38	7.6	7.6	84.2
	About the Same	19	3.8	3.8	88.0
	Undecided	56	11.2	11.2	99.2
	Refused	4	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Current Portion of Economy Consumed by Taxes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Larger	320	64.0	64.0	64.0
	Smaller	94	18.8	18.8	82.8
	About the Same	36	7.2	7.2	90.0
	Undecided	46	9.2	9.2	99.2
	Refused	4	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Government Spending: Social Programs vs National Defense

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More on Social Programs	183	36.6	36.6	36.6
	More on National Defense	205	41.0	41.0	77.6
	About the Same	31	6.2	6.2	83.8
	Undecided	75	15.0	15.0	98.8
	Refused	6	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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## Current Temperature of the Earth

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Warmer	267	53.4	53.4	53.4
	Cooler	8	1.6	1.6	55.0
	About the Same	195	39.0	39.0	94.0
	Undecided	29	5.8	5.8	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Current Global Storm Frequency

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Increased	235	47.0	47.0	47.0
	Decreased	9	1.8	1.8	48.8
	About the Same	215	43.0	43.0	91.8
	Undecided	38	7.6	7.6	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Current Pollution Level

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More Polluted	173	34.6	34.6	34.6
	Less Polluted	180	36.0	36.0	70.6
	About the Same	125	25.0	25.0	95.6
	Undecided	22	4.4	4.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Most Environmentally Harmful Grocery Bag

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Paper Bags	114	22.8	22.8	22.8
	Plastic Bags	51	10.2	10.2	33.0
	Cotton Bags	305	61.0	61.0	94.0
	All About the Same	7	1.4	1.4	95.4
	Undecided	22	4.4	4.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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## Workers Who Receive Best Return on Social Security

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Low-Income Workers	195	39.0	39.0	39.0
	High-Income Workers	183	36.6	36.6	75.6
	About the Same	49	9.8	9.8	85.4
	Undecided	72	14.4	14.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## T/F: Social Security Faces Financial Problems

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	True	362	72.4	72.4	72.4
	False	103	20.6	20.6	93.0
	Undecided	32	6.4	6.4	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Allowing Private Investments Effect on Social Security Finances

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve	126	25.2	25.2	25.2
	Harm	310	62.0	62.0	87.2
	Makes No Difference	7	1.4	1.4	88.6
	Undecided	56	11.2	11.2	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Greater Portion of Income Paid in Taxes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Middle Class	318	63.6	63.6	63.6
	Upper 1%	84	16.8	16.8	80.4
	Both Pay the Same	60	12.0	12.0	92.4
	Undecided	33	6.6	6.6	99.0
	Refused	5	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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## Higher Federal Corporate Income Tax Rate

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Mining Sector	191	38.2	38.2	38.2
	Educational Services	147	29.4	29.4	67.6
	Both Pay About the Same	7	1.4	1.4	69.0
	Undecided	152	30.4	30.4	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Change in Federal Revenues After 2003 Bush Tax Cuts

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Increased	141	28.2	28.2	28.2
	Decreased	145	29.0	29.0	57.2
	Stayed About the Same	144	28.8	28.8	86.0
	Undecided	68	13.6	13.6	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Portion of Income Paid in Federal Taxes if Permanent Bush Tax Cuts

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Larger	98	19.6	19.6	19.6
	Smaller	214	42.8	42.8	62.4
	About the Same	134	26.8	26.8	89.2
	Undecided	51	10.2	10.2	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Current Government Paid Portion of Healthcare Costs vs 1960 Portion

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Greater	280	56.0	56.0	56.0
	Lesser	136	27.2	27.2	83.2
	About the Same	17	3.4	3.4	86.6
	Undecided	65	13.0	13.0	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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## Current Private Insurance Paid Portion of Healthcare Costs vs 1960 Portion

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Greater	207	41.4	41.4	41.4
	Lesser	207	41.4	41.4	82.8
	About the Same	13	2.6	2.6	85.4
	Undecided	71	14.2	14.2	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Effect of Preventative Care on Lifetime Medical Costs

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Increases Costs	115	23.0	23.0	23.0
	Decreases Costs	344	68.8	68.8	91.8
	Makes No Difference	11	2.2	2.2	94.0
	Undecided	28	5.6	5.6	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Will Affordable Care Act Affect Medicare Patients' Access

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	281	56.2	56.2	56.2
	No	173	34.6	34.6	90.8
	Undecided	45	9.0	9.0	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Obama	190	38.0	38.0	38.0
	Romney	210	42.0	42.0	80.0
	Other	17	3.4	3.4	83.4
	Undecided	53	10.6	10.6	94.0
	Refused	30	6.0	6.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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## Party Self ID

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Republican	148	29.6	29.6	29.6
	Democrat	159	31.8	31.8	61.4
	Independent/Other	169	33.8	33.8	95.2
	Undecided	8	1.6	1.6	96.8
	Refused	16	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Age Range

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	15	3.0	3.0	3.0
	35-64	307	61.4	61.4	64.4
	65+	175	35.0	35.0	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

## Gender by Observation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	240	48.0	48.0	48.0
	Female	260	52.0	52.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	