

Just Facts' 2014 Survey of Voter Knowledge on Public Policy Issues

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Which of the following best describes how you participate in elections:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	I vote every time there is an opportunity	365	73.0	73.0	73.0
	I try to vote in most elections, but I sometimes miss one	135	27.0	27.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

The average U.S. household spends about \$25,000 per year on food, housing, and clothing combined. If we broke down all combined federal, state, and local taxes to a per household cost, do you think this would amount to more or less than an average of \$25,000 per household per year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Taxes are more than \$25,000 per household per year	224	44.8	44.8	44.8
	Taxes are less than \$25,000 per household per year	128	25.6	25.6	70.4
	Unsure	143	28.6	28.6	99.0
	Refused	5	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

On average, who would you say pays a greater portion of their income in federal taxes: The middle-class or the upper 1% of income earners?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Middle Class	401	80.2	80.2	80.2
	Upper 1%	81	16.2	16.2	96.4
	Unsure	17	3.4	3.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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Suppose we broke down all government spending to a per household cost - do you think the combined spending of federal, state and local governments amounts to more or less than \$40,000 per household per year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Government spending is more than \$40,000 per household per year	219	43.8	43.8	43.8
	Government spending is less than \$40,000 per household per year	158	31.6	31.6	75.4
	Unsure	119	23.8	23.8	99.2
	Refused	4	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Do you think the federal government spends more money on social programs, such as Medicare, education, and food stamps... or does the federal government spend more money on national defense, such as the Army, Navy, and missile defense?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More on Social Programs	191	38.2	38.2	38.2
	More on National Defense	246	49.2	49.2	87.4
	Unsure	63	12.6	12.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

What about federal government debt? The average U.S. household owes about \$108,000 in consumer debt, such as mortgages and credit cards. Thinking about all federal government debt broken down on a per household basis, do you think federal debt amounts to more or less than \$108,000 per U.S. household?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Federal debt is more than \$107,000 per household	351	70.2	70.2	70.2
	Federal debt is less than \$107,000 per household	77	15.4	15.4	85.6
	Unsure	70	14.0	14.0	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
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Over the past 5 years, which has grown at a faster rate, the U.S. economy or the national debt?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The U.S. economy has grown faster	61	12.2	12.2	12.2
	The national debt has grown faster	416	83.2	83.2	95.4
	Unsure	22	4.4	4.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Would you say the earth is measurably warmer than it was 30 years ago?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	289	57.8	57.8	57.8
	No	168	33.6	33.6	91.4
	Unsure	43	8.6	8.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Thinking about the whole planet, do you think the number and intensity of hurricanes and tropical storms have generally increased over the past 30 years?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	281	56.2	56.2	56.2
	No	164	32.8	32.8	89.0
	Unsure	52	10.4	10.4	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Just thinking about the United States, in your opinion, is the air generally more polluted than it was 30 years ago?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	245	49.0	49.0	49.0
	No	218	43.6	43.6	92.6
	Unsure	35	7.0	7.0	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
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If the U.S. stopped recycling and buried all of its trash for the next 100 years in a single landfill that was 30 feet high, how much of the nation's land area would this cover?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less Than 1%	37	7.4	7.4	7.4
	1% to Less Than 5%	82	16.4	16.4	23.8
	More Than 5%	286	57.2	57.2	81.0
	Unsure	94	18.8	18.8	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Without government subsidies, which of these technologies is least expensive for generating electricity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Wind Turbines	121	24.2	24.2	24.2
	Solar Panels	110	22.0	22.0	46.2
	Natural Gas Power Plants	211	42.2	42.2	88.4
	Unsure	57	11.4	11.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Without government subsidies, which of these fuels is least expensive for powering automobiles?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Gasoline	233	46.6	46.6	46.6
	Ethanol	80	16.0	16.0	62.6
	Biodiesel	99	19.8	19.8	82.4
	Unsure	86	17.2	17.2	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Worldwide, which of these technologies generates the most electricity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Solar Panels	34	6.8	6.8	6.8
	Natural Gas Power Plants	58	11.6	11.6	18.4
	Coal Power Plants	193	38.6	38.6	57.0
	Nuclear Power Plants	147	29.4	29.4	86.4
	Unsure	67	13.4	13.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
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On an average day, what portion of U.S. households with children have at least one child who experiences hunger?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less Than 1%	58	11.6	11.6	11.6
	1% to Less Than 10%	197	39.4	39.4	51.0
	More Than 10%	212	42.4	42.4	93.4
	Unsure	32	6.4	6.4	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Some people say that Social Security's financial problems stem from politicians looting the program and spending the money on other programs. Do you believe that statement is true or false?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	True	365	73.0	73.0	73.0
	False	101	20.2	20.2	93.2
	Unsure	33	6.6	6.6	99.8
	Refused	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Some policymakers are proposing that individuals be allowed to save and invest some of their Social Security taxes in personal accounts instead of paying these taxes to the Social Security program. In your view, do you think such proposals generally improve or harm the finances of the Social Security program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve	114	22.8	22.8	22.8
	Harm	298	59.6	59.6	82.4
	Makes No Difference	31	6.2	6.2	88.6
	Unsure	55	11.0	11.0	99.6
	Refused	2	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

In 1960, governments paid for 24% of all healthcare costs in the U.S. Do you think government now pay a greater portion or a lesser portion of all healthcare costs in the U.S.?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Greater	294	58.8	58.8	58.8
	Lesser	159	31.8	31.8	90.6
	Unsure	44	8.8	8.8	99.4
	Refused	3	.6	.6	100.0
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When health insurance copayments are high, people tend to spend less on healthcare. Does this reduced spending typically have a negative impact on their health?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	388	77.6	77.6	77.6
	No	77	15.4	15.4	93.0
	Unsure	29	5.8	5.8	98.8
	Refused	6	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

In 2010, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." This law uses price controls to save money in the Medicare program. Do you think these price controls will affect Medicare patients' access to care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	291	58.2	58.2	58.2
	No	149	29.8	29.8	88.0
	Unsure	56	11.2	11.2	99.2
	Refused	4	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

In the upcoming U.S. Congressional elections, do you think you will probably vote for Democrats, Republicans, or third-party candidates?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	169	33.8	33.8	33.8
	Republican	183	36.6	36.6	70.4
	Third-Party Candidate	28	5.6	5.6	76.0
	Unsure	96	19.2	19.2	95.2
	Refused	24	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Age Category

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18 to 34	12	2.4	2.4	2.4
	35 to 64	254	50.8	50.8	53.2
	65+	228	45.6	45.6	98.8
	Refused	6	1.2	1.2	100.0
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Sex by Observation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	239	47.8	47.8	47.8
	Female	261	52.2	52.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	