

## Americas Majority Foundation Voter Opinion Survey

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Attention registered voters! The Americas Majority Foundation Voter Opinion Survey contains 47 questions. The first section (10 questions) collects basic information about yourself and your household. The second section (37 questions) allows you to express your opinions and beliefs.

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In the space below, type the zip code where you live.

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Which phrase best describes your gender, and your racial or ethnic heritage?

- African American Male
- African American Female
- White Male / other non-Hispanic, non-African American Male
- White Female /other non-Hispanic, non-African American Female
- Hispanic or Latino Male
- Hispanic or Latino Female

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How old are you?

- Less than 18 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older

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What income range best describes your yearly household income.  
("Yearly household income" is the sum of what everyone living with you  
earns in a year).

- Less than \$15,000
- At least \$15,000, less than \$25,000
- At least \$25,000, less than \$35,000
- At least \$35,000, less than \$45,000
- At least \$45,000, less than \$60,000
- At least \$60,000, less than \$75,000
- At least \$75,000, less than \$100,000
- At least \$100,000, less than \$175,000
- At least \$175,000, less than \$250,000

- At least \$250,000
  - Don't know
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Which statement best describes your marital status?

- Currently married to first and only spouse
  - Previously married, now remarried
  - Single, never married
  - Previously married, now divorced
  - Previously married, now widow or widower
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Many Americans own a portfolio of mutual funds, stocks or bonds. Do you have any of the following (You can check more than one on this question.):

- 401(k) retirement fund
- 403(b) retirement fund
- Federal Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- IRA (Individual Retirement Account)
- Roth IRA (Roth Individual Retirement Account)
- Health Savings Account
- Educational Savings Account
- Individual brokerage account
- I do not own any of the above

Other, please specify

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What range best describes the total value of your portfolio of mutual funds, stocks and bonds?

- Less than \$15,000
- At least \$15,000, less than \$25,000
- At least \$25,000, less than \$50,000
- At least \$50,000, less than \$75,000
- At least \$75,000, less than \$100,000
- At least \$100,000, less than \$175,000
- At least \$175,000, less than \$250,000
- At least \$250,000, less than \$500,000
- At least \$500,000
- I own no stocks, bonds or mutual funds

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How many dependent children live in your household?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four

- Five
- Six
- Other, please specify number

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What best describes the place where you live:

- Urban (city with a population greater than 300,000)
- Medium City (population 50,000 to 300,000)
- Suburban (adjoining an Urban or Medium city)
- Small Town (fewer than 50,000, not next to an Urban or Medium city)
- Rural area
- Other, please specify

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Check the characteristics below that apply to your household (You may check more than one.)

- My household includes one or more union members
- My household includes one or more local, state, or federal government employees
- My household includes one or more active duty members of the U.S. armed forces
- My household includes one or more veterans of the U.S. armed forces
- None of the above statements apply to my household

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The next seven questions survey your political preferences.

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What best describes how often you vote?

- I vote at least once a year
  - I vote at least once every two years
  - I vote at least once every four years
  - I vote less than once every four years
  - I am not registered to vote
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Which phrase best describes your political party preference?

- I am a strong Democrat
  - I generally lean Democrat
  - I am a strong Republican
  - I generally lean Republican
  - I prefer another political party
  - I am a political independent
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In my last vote for President of the United States, I cast my ballot for a

- Democrat
- Republican

- Other
  - Not applicable
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In my last vote for U.S. Senate, I cast my ballot for a

- Republican
  - Democrat
  - Other
  - Not applicable
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In my last vote for U.S. Congress, I cast my ballot for a

- Republican
  - Democrat
  - Other
  - Not applicable
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I would describe myself as:

- Very conservative
- Somewhat conservative
- Moderate
- Somewhat liberal

- Very liberal
  - None of the above
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The next four questions survey your spiritual world view.

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I would describe myself as:

- Deeply religious
  - Somewhat religious
  - Not very religious
  - Secular, not religious
  - A believer in nature
  - Other
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My religious belief is best described as:

- Catholic
- Protestant Christian
- Evangelical Christian
- Other Christian
- Islam
- Judaism
- Atheism

- Other
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I attend religious services:

- Never
  - Very seldom
  - Mostly on major religious holidays
  - Once a month
  - Twice a month
  - Once a week
  - More than once a week
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Which statement best describes your attitude toward life after death?

- I believe strongly in an afterlife in which people will be rewarded and punished for their lives.
  - Life after death is a fiction that people invented to comfort themselves.
  - I believe in an afterlife, but am uncertain about its nature.
  - I have no fixed opinion on this subject.
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The next three questions deal with national security threats.

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Which of these statements about the war in Iraq is closest to your opinion?

- The war in Iraq is an evil war, promoted by lying politicians for corporate gain.
  - The war in Iraq is a mistake. We entered it for good motives, but our information about weapons of mass destruction proved incorrect.
  - The war in Iraq was a just war against dangerous tyrants and terrorists, but it has failed because it was badly planned and poorly executed.
  - The war in Iraq is a just war, and part of our overall war against terror. It is a war which America will win if we have the courage to persevere.
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Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion on the “War on Terror”:

- Islamic terrorism is a major threat which requires the immediate attention of the government and all citizens.
  - Islamic terrorism is a threat, but it is not highly important compared to other challenges facing America today.
  - Islamic terrorism is a fake threat, used by some politicians to increase their power by scaring Americans.
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Which of these statements about “global warming” is closest to your opinion?

- Global warming is a serious threat to national security requiring immediate government attention and serious commitment by all citizens.
- Global warming is a moderate problem, requiring steady, non-extreme policy changes.
- Global warming is a fake problem, engineered by scientists and politicians who want more of our money.

- I am not sure whether global warming is, or is not, a serious problem.

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The next 2 questions concern taxes and the overall size of government.

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Which of these statements is closest to your opinion about the overall revenues and taxes of the federal government?

- Our federal government collects more than enough revenue to provide basic services; therefore, overall taxes should be reduced.
- Our federal government collects does not collect enough revenue to provide basic services; therefore, overall taxes should be increased.
- Our federal government collects the right amount of revenue to provide basic services; therefore, overall taxes should remain roughly where they are now.

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Which of these statements is closest to your opinion about the overall revenues and taxes of your local governments?

- Our local governments collect more than enough revenue to provide basic services; therefore, local taxes should be reduced.
- Our local governments do not collect enough revenue to provide basic services; therefore, local taxes should be increased.
- Our local governments collect the right amount of taxes to provide basic services; therefore, local taxes should remain roughly where they are now.



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You are now half way through the poll. The next 5 questions survey your opinion on the role of government in establishing moral standards.

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In recent years, some states have legalized same-sex marriage, while others have passed amendments defining marriage as the traditional union of one man and one woman. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion:

- Marriage should remain a legal contract between one man and one woman. Same-sex couples should not have all the legal rights of married couples regarding adoption, tax deductions, and spousal benefits from health care and retirement plans.
  - Marriage should remain a legal contract between one man and one woman. However, same sex couples should have the same rights as married couples regarding adoption, tax deductions, and spousal benefits from health care and retirement plans.
  - Same sex couples should be allowed to marry, with the same rights as male-female couples.
  - I have no strong opinion on this subject.
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Policy makers debate whether teenagers should be taught sexual restraint, or whether they should be provided with detailed information on which to base their sexual choices. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on this matter?

- Teaching sexual abstinence prior to marriage should be the central focus of sex education at school.
- Teaching sexual abstinence until marriage is the job of parents; schools should not teach about sex at all.
- Sexual experimentation is natural, and schools should provide teens with information on birth control.
- Sexual experimentation is natural, but parents, not schools,

should provide teens with information about sex.

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Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on abortion?

- Abortion should be illegal in all cases, because the unborn child is a human being and should be protected under law.
  - Abortion is nobody's business except that of the pregnant woman and her doctor.
  - Abortion should be allowed in only one situation: when the pregnancy threatens the life of the mother.
  - Abortion should be allowed in only three cases: to save the life of the mother, to terminate a pregnancy caused by rape, and to terminate a pregnancy caused by incest.
  - Abortion should not be restricted until the last 3 months of a pregnancy.
  - Abortion should be legal at all times, because the fetus is not a human being and should not be protected under law.
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Today, scientists are attempting to find cures for diseases by experimenting with human cells at a very early stage of development. Some of these experiments destroy human embryos to harvest stem cells. Other experiments, using stem cells taken from adults, do not destroy human embryos. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on stem cell research?

- Stem cell research which destroys human embryos should be forbidden, but other forms of stem cell research should be allowed
- All stem cell research should be allowed because of the potential medical good that may result.
- All stem cell research should be forbidden, because human science should not play God with unformed human cells.
- I am not well enough informed to have a definite opinion on this issue.

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The Bible teaches that creation, including the creation of man, was a divine act. Charles Darwin taught that creatures, including man, could evolve to their current state by natural processes, without divine intervention. How these concepts should be presented to children has been fiercely debated. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on the teaching of human origins:

- Schools should teach solely that human origins are the result of Darwinian evolution.
- Schools should teach solely that human origins are the act of a Creator God.
- Schools should present the evidence for both theories, and let the children decide for themselves.
- Schools should teach neither theory, in order not to offend the values of parents and taxpayers.

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The next two questions survey your opinion on immigration and border control.

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How important an issue is immigration reform? ("Immigration reform" includes border security, illegal immigration levels, legal immigration levels, and the status of resident non-citizens.)

- The most important issue facing America
- Highly important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important

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Under an "amnesty" proposal, current residents of the United States who entered illegally could normalize their status without being punished for breaking U.S. immigration laws. In your opinion, immigrants currently in the country without legal authorization should

be:

- Given amnesty, and recognized as U.S. citizens.
  - Given amnesty as guest workers, with an eventual path to citizenship.
  - Given amnesty, but only as temporary guest workers.
  - Sent back to the country they came from.
  - Incarcerated as criminals.
  - I'm not sure.
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The next 4 questions survey your opinion on law, crime control, and the courts.

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Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on how American courts handle criminal cases:

- Too lenient on both major and minor crimes
- Too tough on both major and minor crimes
- Too tough on major crimes, too lenient on minor crimes
- Too lenient on major crimes, too tough on minor crimes
- Too lenient on major crimes, just about right on minor crimes
- Just about right on major crimes, too tough on minor crimes
- Just about right on major crimes, too lenient on minor crimes
- Too tough on major crimes, just about right on minor crimes
- Just about right on both major and minor crimes

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Which of these statements best reflects your attitude toward the personal ownership and use of firearms:

- The individual right to own and bear fire arms is an important part of the Constitution, and an important deterrent to crime.
- The individual right to own and bear fire arms is out of date, and should be replaced by gun control measures to ensure public safety.
- Neither view reflects my opinion.

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Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion on the correct role of our courts in religious and moral matters:

- Activist judges have gone too far in moral and religious matters, banning prayer from schools, overturning legislated bans on gay marriage, and removing the Ten Commandments from public buildings.
- Our courts have acted appropriately in banning religious displays and practices from the public sphere, ensuring the separation of Church and State.
- I don't know enough about this to have an informed opinion.

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Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion on the correct role of our courts in fiscal matters:

- Taxing and spending are the responsibility of officials whom we elect, not judges. Courts have no business raising taxes.
  - Courts have acted appropriately in forcing legislatures to spend more money on public purposes like education when they refused to do so on their own.
  - I don't know enough about this to have an informed opinion.
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The next 4 questions survey your views on important questions of social welfare issues.

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Instead of sending their children to an assigned public school, “school choice” proposals enable parents to choose schools, and to compel public officials to help fund that choice. Which of these statements about “school choice” is closest to your opinion?

- Parents should be allowed to choose their children’s schools, whether public or private, and this choice should include religious schools, if the parents prefer these.
  - Parents should be allowed to choose their children’s schools, whether public or private, but this choice should not include religious schools.
  - Parents should be allowed to choose the public school their child attends, but not private schools of any kind.
  - Parents should not be allowed to choose the schools their children attend; all available tax resources should be spent on improving local public schools, not on school choice schemes.
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Affirmative action programs guarantee minimal percentages of government benefits to certain groups in order to compensate the members of these groups for historic wrongs. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion about affirmative action programs?

- Government should continue to use quotas to compensate minority communities for historic injustices by giving them a guaranteed share in public contracts and college admissions.
- Affirmative action programs were justified at one time in our history, but have outlived their usefulness.
- Government should be color-blind, and should never use affirmative action quotas to give an advantage to individuals of any group.
- I have mixed feelings on affirmative action programs, and am unsure whether or not they should continue.

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Beyond Medicaid and Medicare, different plans have been offered to provide health care to the uninsured. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on expanding government health care benefits beyond our current Medicaid and Medicare systems:

- The government can't afford Medicaid and Medicare as they are currently structured, so no more government benefits should be created.
- Government should give citizens an ongoing tax deduction so that they can buy their own health care plans tailored to their needs, and the needs of their families.
- Government should subsidize health insurance, but only for those who can't afford health care for themselves.
- Government should provide universal health care for all citizens, regardless of cost, because it is a fundamental human right.

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Most experts agree that Social Security faces bankruptcy later this century unless changes are made. One suggestion is that workers should be allowed to divert part of their payroll tax into Personal Retirement Accounts, consisting of stocks and bonds in mutual funds. Which of these statements is closest to your opinion on Personal Retirement Accounts:

- American workers should be allowed to invest part of their Social Security tax into Personal Retirement Accounts, so that they can accumulate their own nest egg for their retirement, regardless of what politicians do to Social Security.
- Personal retirement accounts are a risky scheme that will undermine retirement security by taking money out of the Social Security system and investing it in Wall Street.
- I don't know enough about Personal Retirement Accounts to have an informed opinion.

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We're almost done! The next 7 questions survey your trust of the political parties on various issues.

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Which political party do you trust most to fight international terrorism?

- Democrats
- Republicans
- Neither
- Don't know

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Which political party do you trust most to restrain government spending?

- Democrats
- Republicans
- Neither
- Don't know

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Which political party do you trust most to keep taxes low?

- Democrats
- Republicans
- Neither
- Don't know

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Which political party do you trust most to halt illegal immigration?

- Democrats
  - Republicans
  - Neither
  - Don't know
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Which political party do you trust most to defend traditional marriage?

- Democrats
  - Republicans
  - Neither
  - Don't know
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Which political party do you trust most to give parents the power to choose the schools their children attend?

- Democrats
  - Republicans
  - Neither
  - Don't know
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Which political party do you trust most to protect the rights of unborn children?

- Democrats
- Republicans

- Neither
- Don't know

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