

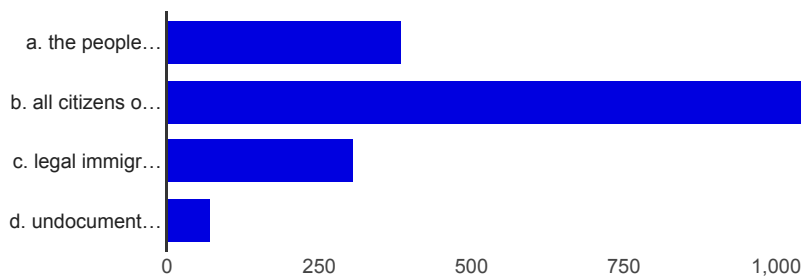
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## Summary

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#### 1. The phrase “We the People” refers to



a. the people who wrote and ratified the Constitution.	<b>385</b>	32.7%
b. all citizens of the United States today.	<b>1048</b>	89%
c. legal immigrants to the United States.	<b>306</b>	26%
d. undocumented immigrants to the United States.	<b>71</b>	6%

#### What comments, if any, do you have about this question?

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

none

We the people means citizens of the United States

no comment

This sentence refers to "...the people of the United States..." which implies that it includes all citizens. If it wasn't everyone it would say we the people who are writing the constitution. This includes everyone in the U.S.

Is it, everybody that lives in the United States? or just the people that have power in the United States?

In this phrase "we the people" I believe it means that we as a union come together.

I understand

It is sad that our current government can't seem to realize this; they want to apply to all people-- even those who "sneak" into the country yet are granted things that common citizens could never hope to get. The whole phrase should have been used for this question; not just the first three words.

Undocumented immigrants do not have the opportunity to participate fully in the government, although we grant them rights and privileges.

Some people believe that immigrants (even legal ones) shouldn't be included in the rights of Americans. Citizens are people who have legal rights in America.

wouldnt C be included in B?

If you have not certified or legally become a part of this country then the laws of this country dont apply to the people who dont live in the country.

I think it was our founding fathers at the time.

Legal immigrants, if they plan to become citizens. Our government is so politically correct that prisoners and illegal immigrants have more rights than working, law-abiding citizens of the United States. There is no such thing as an undocumented immigrant, only an illegal immigrant.

Since the Constitution was written quite a while ago, I believe that "We the People" refers to the people who wrote the Constitution at that time.

I feel that it means all citizens of the united states regardless of the time period.

Later in the statement it say we establish the Constiitution.

The only reason I don't select 'a.' is because what I believe is meant is "rich caucasian men with strong political ties". They are referred to as individuals, not as a privileged niche.

It's very specific and I like that it is. It showa the We the People of the nited states know what and who we are representing.

Government have lost, their way. Some of the government, think what is best for them alone not of what the people want.

i think if youre coming here illegally and living off our land, food and money then i shouldnt have to learn your language and you shouldnt have the same rights as those of us who have to work for what we've got. No one else would tollerate it. and they seem to being doing a LOT better then the U.S. right now...

I think we the people means everyone in the United States, cause if everyone read, "We the People" they should be able to see that it says WE the PEOPLE. So that means everyone.

my comment is that all people should be free.

What

it's true we are te people and we need to stay there

All citizens of the US today so long as they are here legally.

because

"We the people" is a broad statement that gives the citizens of the US rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution.

The people who wrote and ratified the constiution are part of "we the people"

The writers meant for the Constitution to speak for all the American people.

All the people are combined as a nation.

I think "We the People" means that every legal American citizen has rights protected under the Constitution.

didn't refer to blacks, mexicans, or women. it meant the citizens which were white property owners.

"We the people" is a vague statement, and implies who the "people" are, what that entitles.

Legal immigrants, all citizens, and the people who wrote and ratified the Constitution all are included in "We the People".

We the People, as mentioned in the constitution, refers to all citizens, past and present, of the United States.

The phrase "We the People" applies to the citizens of the United States. Undocumented immigrants are not citizens of the United States, so I don't believe that phrase applies to them.

This phrase referred to white, usually wealthy, men.

I don't think the founders who wrote the Constitution thought about illegal immigrants, women or slaves when writing it.

undocumented workers would be illegal, they need to be legalized

We are all immigrants to the US.

I think this is very important for everyone to understand....WE are the people....not just the folks in Washington D. C.

In my point of view i think that anyone that legally lives in this country is who the we the people refers to.

I think anyone who lives in the United States legally deserve these rights.

We the people is refering to us the citizens of the united states that we are united as

Everyone who lives in the United States legally can have our rights. the people who wrote the constitution also have these rights.

f

Our ancestors wanted everyone to know that they give power to the government.

All of the people that are here legal can change the goverment.

we the people are talking about the people in America legally.

The people who come here illegally should not have rights.

Illegal immigrants don't deserve rights.

"We the People" refers to all legal U.S. citizen no matter what their race or ethnicity is.

I believe that those here legally should be getting the rights.

people who violate laws lose right and they arledy violated rights and have no rights

I think that all the illegal immigrants should be shipped back to their own country.

It refers to the people that are in the united states

This refers to people who legally live in the US.

no

i dont really get this homework

Except the people under 18yrs old.

easy

i feel what this question is referring to is all the free people of America and all the people that deserve to be free.

This is a country made up of immigrants. Legal immigrants who have paid a price, joined the team, chipped in, etc...

We the People are mostly immigrants or ancestors of immigrants. Legal immigrants. Get a social security number, learn to speak English, chip in. Welcome.

Should undocumented immigrants be included since the first Americans, not of native extraction, were "undocumented"?

No Comment.

n/a

none

People without classification by race and other judgmental ways- jobs; money; gender

To be perfectly clear I think that "WE THE PEOPLE" I think that they were referring to only Caucasian males. During this time period women had to simply follow their husband's lead, black people were slaves, and the natives were not part of their colonies so they were excluded. Even the first president George Washington I believe supported slavery for completely racist reasons. i think the legal immigrants should not have to refer to this because they are not a united state citizens.

this is trying to say that know matter what color of your skin you have the right to a free life and have the right to vote.

I feel like if they were referring to just the citizens of the United States, they just totally disregarded other people who aren't originally from United States but are residents and their opinions don't matter on the subject the "Preamble to the U.S. Constitution".

It's by the people for the people.

Everyone living in the u.s

Although they say "we the people" represents all the citizens of the United States today, they don't always represent every person from the USA.

It says "we the people" because they are the representatives of the people and they are acting upon the peoples wants.

"We the people" means the people of the free country. It represents all the citizens of the United States.

FTP

N/A

People not included in "We the People of the United States" - guests and undocumented immigrants - still have rights, just not voting rights. They aren't somehow less people than citizens.

I am not illegal.

we are all immigrants

None.

The phrase refers to everyone who is a part of the United States and want to better their society.

I don't have a comment.

We = ALL OF US

The us is a unified country

only citizens should be under this phrase

i think it could be looked at as both a. and b.

we the people refers to the united states constitution

the people of the us

its not just the citizens it can be anyone

This phrase has been used many times and i think it gets thrown around a bit too much.

i dont have any comments

Merica

they were referring to everyone.

We the people has many different meanings but it is a famous phrase from our constitution, and is well known because of that.

I think the united states is united still as a country

it means that all people that are part of these united states are establishing this government and that this governments acts on half of the people

We the people refers to anyone who is living or acquainted with the U.S. and shares the same ideas and values as everyone else.

That the phrase "We the people", is timeless, and refers to all American citizens.

We the People means the citizens of the US now and then.

"We the people" means that all citizens in the United States who follow the Constitution.

Could the people control the government?

It was written for all the people living in the United States.

I think that legal immigrants should also be included if they have become a legal citizen.

Although I think that "we" in this sentence is refering to the people of the united states, but I also think that it is refering to all people who have similar beliefs as well as moral values and that believe in our documents and the pursuit of life liberty and freedom.

it only refers to the citizens of the united states but it should apply to everyone in the united states regardless of their status as a citizen

We the people are everyone in America.

"We the People" refers to all documented citizens which includes answers a, b and c but with an exception of d because d is the only answer that doesn't include documentation.

"We the people", doesn't refer to the undocumented immigrants in the U.S., even though they are also still people.

The statement should pertain to undocumented immigrants, but I can assure that was not their intentions when the preamble was written.

The constitution is a document by the people for the people so when it says we it includes everybody.

We the people should refer to all people in the united states of america. Anfortunately, people feel that they should be able to determine whether or not someone can enter the country.

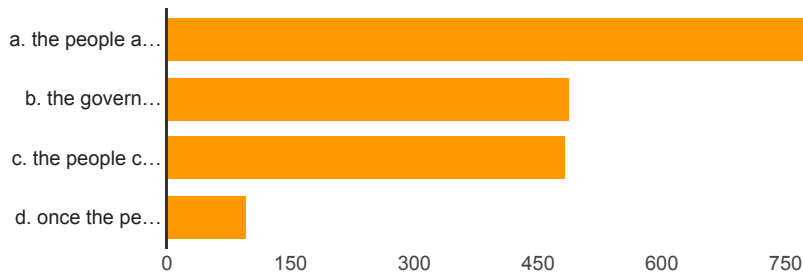
I haven't read the constitution, so i don't know the rules on the undocumented.

NO PEOPLE OF COLOR OR WOMEN WEIGHED IN ON THIS!?!?!?!?

Illegal and undocumented immigrants should NOT be in the United States

If the undocumented people have been living in the United States for a long time they should be able to stay. They're causing no harm.

## 2. The fact that “We the People” established the U.S. Constitution means that



a. the people are the source of the authority of their government.	<b>774</b>	66.3%
b. the government is supposed to be the servant of the people, not their master.	<b>488</b>	41.8%
c. the people can change their government if they wish.	<b>482</b>	41.3%
d. once the people delegated power to their government, they cannot take it away or change it.	<b>98</b>	8.4%

### What comments, if any, do you have about this question?

The people are the group of delegated power of servant of people in government.

none

We vote for government so everyone has a say

none.

by saying "we the people" it will make other people feel like they are apart of what is going on and make them feel like they have a say in things when the say that they have is very little.

This means that many officials in the government like to keep the constitution rules the same from when it was written and not change the rules for anyone or anything.

Yet we keep allowing little bits of our rights and freedoms to be chiseled away by this current government.

I think A could also be correct

Both B and C are possible answers

There are too many citizens that do not take voting seriously and give away their rights by not voting. Government and the current administration is too tyrannical and bullyish. We the People is becoming quickly, we the government know what's best for you unlearned simpletons.

We are a democracy not a monarchy so we choose our government. Though after many centuries I think that it has been a bit twisted and blurred.

i think thats how its set up to be run, but its clearly not

I really am confused on this question.

my comment is that the people should always vote for there president as they are now and when they choice one to choose the one that can help are country more.

But not every one knows all this so we should improve the standard of education so that they will This is totally different than "I am the State" (Louis XIV)

This seams weird

we need to stick together

The people by way of the vote.

I think that this was an important concept in the minds of those who wrote the Constitution, because they had lived their lives under the rule of a tyrannical king and wanted to ensure that no such power could arise in the new United States.

i said so

a., b., and c., can be good answers

The government is supposed to be run by the people however most of the time we see only a small group of well-off politicians.

The people can change their government because we are a "free" country and a democracy.

The people are the foundation of the country adn tehrefore the government as well.

This is stating that the people of the United States wrote the Constitution not the government.

It is providing for a true democracy.

democracy and the constitution only have power if the people it governs respect it and give it authority.

Since the people created the government, the government is for the people.

People can always propose to change a power. If an official gets elected that someone does not like, he/she can always vote the next election to get them out of office.

The United States' government gets its power from the people. The government must work to maintain a healthy relationship with the people to accurately represent the citizens supporting it. While the government must exert power over over the nation, the citizens are the foundation for such power.

The Constitution established a democracy (or a republic) and in a democratic republic, the people are the source of power and hence the government must respond to the people who give it legitimacy.

they should always be able to withdraw power if enough people think it is being abused

Yet, we should respect their authority rather we individually agree with all their decisions.

Actually, I think I could have answered this a couple of ways....we can chabge our government if we wish.....but it was talking about establishing a government so I chose that answer...

We the people established the constitution means that the people are the source of the authortiy of the government

We the people means that the people control the government and are the ones who choose things about the government.

It means that we are the one who are in control of our own government

Our government is the people. we have the choice to change it if we want to.

f

We the people made our laws and chose our government.

If people are treated unjust the people can change it.

I believe that the people are what makes a government not the other way around.

Everyone can vote and have voices. The people are a big part of the government.

The people have a say in the decisions the government makes.

We must elect those who share our views and beliefs to lead our country.

People should have the right to change their government.

The people of the U.S. own the country.

We wrote the constitution for our own country means that we should have a say in what goes on.

The people elected the government officials

People should have a say in the government

no

All people have a personal opinion about the government and the fact that the citizens of the United States established the Constitution empowers the people more so than before

Can we change the government if we wish? Can we really because I see so many things that some people want but others who don't what would this come to to make the people of the United States happy

I'm afraid we're trending towards b.

No Comment

no comment

no comment

n/a

The government should be there to help the people, not just rule them without any democracy.

The Preamble states that the people have a choice to alter or get rid of their government and are able to elect their officials in order to benefit them.

Not all people exercise their rights to be involved, to create change until after laws have been established- Action should be done before.

I say that the people are correct because the government is not supposed to tell them what to do if they don't want to.

Because the people bill the United States. So the people have every right.

I don't understand that if the people had a say in the government why did the government go ahead and legalize things that the citizens didn't agree with?

We are the government.

Without people, there would be no government

It isn't that easy to change the government and you have to have logical reasons but it can be done.

The government is only the voice of the people in a republic, the people wouldn't vote for kings and queens they vote for representatives.

Government is run by the people for the people. The people have the biggest impact on government.



Chaos

N/A

We the people give you POWER!!!!

i am groot

None.

The people have a say in what goes on in the government and have the ability to change it if they feel it's necessary.

We are the people who can change the constitution and government if we see like it would be better.

People have a say in the government

the people can change the people in the government but not the whole government.

we the people is the beginning of the us constitution

we the people is now a more time ready statement

The phrase "we the people" is thrown around too much.

i dont have any comments about this question

this helps keep 'Merica fair

it is giving people the power

The people of the united states helped form their government by voting and giving their personal opinion to the president to make the place they live a better place. Without the peoples opinions the government would be more of totalitarian view.

I think it would also be a little bit of letter C. because the Constitution also gives us the right, as the people who established the government, to alter it in changing times. The part I believe in, in letter B. is that we created the government to help us live a prosperous and efficient life.

We are a democracy. We vote on the government we want.

the people are granting the power to the government, and that the government acts on behalf of the people.

The people are the government

The government is supposed to protect us, and make our own lives easier, not harder.

Democracy is the structure for this government.

I think that "We the People", which refer to citizens of America, means that everyone played some role in how our government was formed and how it protects America.

What happens when the people are no longer loyal to America? What if American Government falls is it up to the People to rebuild the nation or those who once lead the nation.

I do know that people have the power/ authority over their government.

I agree that the government should not be the peoples' master, but it should not be their servant either.

I would not phrase it as a master vs. a servant I would say that it is more of a people with a central figurehead. Due to this I think that the government is more reliant on us then we are of them, but saying a master vs a servant makes it sound like one is bowing down to the other but it is much more of a mutual thing compared to a complete governmental ruling.

Why?

We the People have rights and the government should help, not hurt us.

"We the People" means that the citizens of the United States have and always had the authority to control the government as a whole.

We elect the people into power, but we do not lose all the power in doing so.

The people are suppose to have a first-hand say in what goes on

The public has the opportunity and power to choose the leaders and also to take away there power.

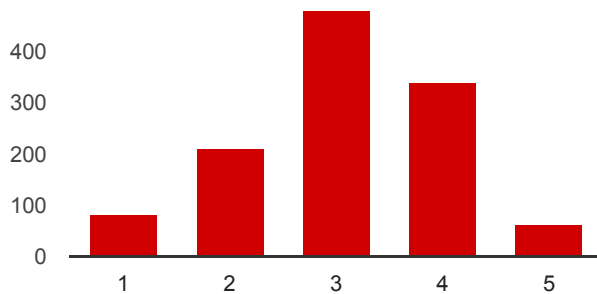
The purpose of the statement "We the people,"was to convert that the people were pretty much in charge of what their government would become.

The people should be in charge, but we're scared to be.

The government is intervening at a level higher than ever today, especially with so many people living off of it.

## Section 2 of 8

### 1. To what extent do you think the United States today is “a more perfect Union” compared to what it was in the past?



Low extent: 1    **82**    6.6%

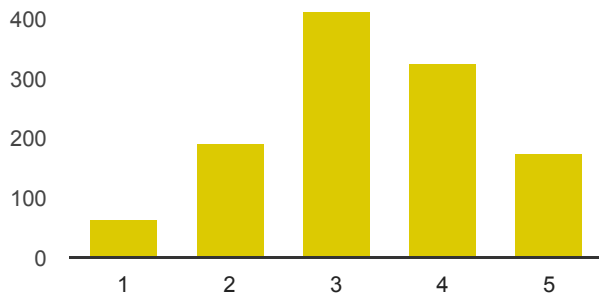
2    **209**    16.9%

3    **479**    38.7%

4    **340**    27.4%

High extent: 5    **61**    4.9%

### 2. To what extent do you believe that United States' society today is divided in an unhealthy way?

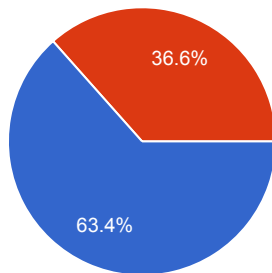


3 **413** 33.3%

4 **326** 26.3%

High extent: 5 **176** 14.2%

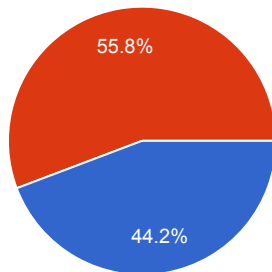
### 3. If the nation could be perfectly united in all ways, would this be a good or bad thing?



Good **739** 59.7%

Bad **426** 34.4%

### 4. Would an absolutely united nation be a free country?



Yes **515** 41.6%

No **649** 52.4%

### What comments, if any, do you have about these questions?

none

If the nation was perfectly united there is a 50/50 chance that I could be united in a bad way, they way it is now helps keep the balance

if we were all united we would all be the same and without free choice

A lot of these questions are talking a lot about freedom and what it means to live as a perfect union. to me the US is not living in a perfect union. If we lived in a perfect union then we would not have so much racism and laws towards other ethnicities or races.

For number 4, if we were all absolutely united as a nation we would be the same and have no debates or arguments to make the country better and that is not the freedom and diversity that America promises.

To many people these days are looking out for their own interests. This includes those who are in government--they make promises to people because it is what people want to hear, but they only fulfill the promises that are convenient for them to keep. The government officials have completely forgotten they are public servants. They act more like the kings of the country our early citizens bled, and died to keep us from being ran over by.

No because what would happen to those who are against this united country--would they be forced and if so then they can not be free.

Q3: Hard to answer this with the two choices available. I choose both answers as it depends on what "perfectly united in all ways" means. Good if this means equality for ALL in regard to basic human, political, and civil rights. Also, if discourse and debate of the issues and opposition to government policy would still be protected as under the current Constitution. BAD if it means government controls everything w/out regard to the above mentioned. Also, if discourse and debate are muffled by government=VERY BAD

It would prohibit free thinking. We would be like robots. We are united in ways that are necessary. We are loyal to our government and its laws, but we still have the right to free speech, religion, etc.

because some would want to ruin that and that would not be perfect

In a perfect world yes, united seems awesome. But the reality is there is no perfect world. Everyone is different. Personally, It seems impossible that all Americans would agree on everything - hence not "perfectly united"... I think a "perfectly united" nation would be absent of checks and balances.

People need to be free to express divergent opinions.

In some ways yes and some ways no, people need to have their rights but be able to be united as they wish. But, they need to have the choice to differ or oppose a united nation.

Today, liberals are tolerant to immoral ideologies. Conservatives, who believe God must be a significant part of our government and life, who believe that the Bible is a standard of living to be upheld, are labeled terrorists. United could mean tolerance for all. It could mean that we can have our own opinions and speak of them without being haters and racists.

If you think of absolutly united as thinking the same on all topics then we would not have a free country because only one thought pattern would exist and any one with a different thought would not be free to express it here.

Even though the United States in general is a united country, there are still individual people who are prejudiced about others.

People must be free to disagree if a country is truly to be free.

It is dependent upon the way that the country is united. For example, if it were to be united economically, as a communist government, it would not be free.

4 isn't explained well. it depends.

I like the fact that the states have their own governments and can make their own laws.

A perfectly united country would be a communist country. Which is sort of good, but we all know it would never work out.

In regards to question 3: If the nation could be perfectly united in all ways, would this be a good or bad thing?: For starters, I do not believe in perfection. For 2 simple reasons: 1) For the obvious reason that nothing or no one is perfect 2) If everything was perfect, although in this case the nation, then people would quite possibly kill each other trying to prove "who's better" and claim bragging rights of being the over all "perfect one" and end up developing a complex that would spawn an ego proportional to the size of their head, thus in turn knocking everything back into imperfection, thus, resulting in the nation reverting back into what it is now.

Like I've said before the way we do our government now seems a bit blurred. The Government, in my opinion, has more power than ever before in history.

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If we were all united there would be no "individual people", since we would have to all like or dislike the same things.

I don't understand number 3 very well.

there always will be some more pressed by the laws than others in all societies.

Productive debate can be healthy

Seriously wrong

same rules still apply it could be but we still have to follow the rules

I felt that this question seemed kind of tricky

it wouldn't be a free country because everyone would be the same

If everybody cared enough to learn about the government and our political system as much as some, we'd all be well informed and make better decisions for our country as the people. So then maybe we could form a more perfect union as a nation.

#3 it depends

I think if we all unite we shall achieve victory

You need to have different ideas, opinions and values to be a strong and independent nation.

If absolutely, meaning everyone agrees on politics then yes. If there is a minority that is not heard then no

I believe our country will never be "perfectly united." If it was then there would be no need for improvement. That would mean our country settled for a government that was okay even though it could be better.

If it was perfectly united in all ways there would be no diversity and everyone would have to believe and support the same things. If it were united in some areas but not in others, that would be okay.

If there was a perfect united nation I think that there would be no freedom. When I think of a perfectly united nation I think of one body, one soul. Everyone has the same religion, morals etc; No one could be different. An individual would be the same as the other. But that's also not a bad thing. There would be no arguments and everyone would content with the government etc;

The answers to 3 and 4 are not simply black and white answers. For the country to be united would be good because we would have a common goal yet if we were all united, no one would be

challenging the norm which can be a good thing and makes us the free country that we are.

The United States is not a perfect Union, there are many different types of opinions and political parties that also have an effect on the ability of the country being a "perfect" union.

If it was absolutely united, it would probably be due to a dictator or a more powerful leader than a president. This would make it the opposite of a free country.

thomas jeferson said something to the effect of needing revolt in a democracy to keep it a democracy

2. Divided how?

Being perfect is not possible, especially in government. Many opinions counter act government being perfect.

Today, the United States of America is certainly a "more perfect Union." In a literal sense, we have changed from being these United States to the United States. A collection of states has become a nation comprised of states. However, we are divided over the simplest of issues; political parties which George Washington warned against are playing a major role in the government and boxing citizens into "definable" categories. Overall, I think that if the nation was perfectly united, we would lose a lot of our individuality. With no unique opinions, the country would be a society without freedom or expression.

The U.S. is a more perfect union today because more groups (women, African-Americans) are now citizens with equal rights under the Constitution than there were in the past. Today's society in the U.S. is unhealthily divided in a primarily economic way. The nation could never be perfectly united and never should be because this would remove the important voice of dissent which can call attention to injustice that should be corrected. For this reason, and absolutely united country would not be a free country.

number three, i feel like if everything was absolutely perfect, it would be boring. human beings strive for intensity and interest in the life so to have a little bit of discord wouldnt cause the world( the united states im referring to) much bad. So for that quesrtion, i'm in the middle.

I think those questions hint at the importance of majority rule, not dominating minority opinions. I think that if there was a perrfectly united U.S. there could be a tyranny of majority.

I think you should be able to choose both on number three because it would be good in the fact we aren't fighting, but bad in the fact that there are no different opinions or people to oppose against what they believe is right or wrong.

I believe that respectful differences and opinions is the fuel of democracy. It is extremely beneficial for people to have varied opinions, cultures and choices as it drives freedom, competition and a sense of independence.

united nation is not necessarily a free country

Though I state YES, the truth is that a united nation is a pipe dream that our founding fathers had. Our reality is with the freedoms we enjoy, a united nation is hard to achieve since we support freedom of speech, right to bear arms, assembly, etc.

Abstract questions that are difficult to reconcile with nuance of actual civil life

Question #1 is a bit vague...when exactly is "the past"?

would be nice to be united in all ways but not everyone would do their part and play nice.

therefore, you can't have an "absolutely" free country -

Do not have an answer for #4 without a definition of "free country" but program would not give me any options =(

I think if we were 100% united it would be a dictatorship...and we wouldn't really be united...we would just be unable to speak our mind.

Having to choose "good" or "bad" if the nation were united is not a fair question. If the nation were completely united in doing evil, that is obviously a bad thing. Dissent can be a healthy thing. Good and bad cannot objectively be applied to the question.

I believe that the United States is a less perfect union than it was before. The United States society is divided in a very unhealthy way. And if the nation could be perfectly united in all ways this would be a bad thing.

A totally united country would make decisions easier to make decisions but it would also limit the freedoms of the people and take more power away from the people.

In a perfect union there would be no conflicts or crimes so it would mean we would have to be exactly the same there could be no competition nor could there be anyone who is better than another so we would have to find a way to handicap anyone with great talent that would not be freedom at all

Our country is never going to be perfect. Society will never be perfectly divided either. If the nation was perfectly united, then we could all work together. If the nation was absolutely united, then we wouldn't have state rights so it wouldn't be a free country.

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I think if we had a free nation that there would be less fighting and I think the money that our country owes would slowly go down instead of getting higher every year.

The government is not that good.

We have become a more perfect union, because now our country has more teamwork, less discrimination, and better laws.

Question 2. Our government has not been fair for most of its people. The government always takes care of the rich first, then the middle people second. But they never take care of the people that really do make a difference. The people who don't have much because they are busy helping others.

The US could never be a "free country"

I don't think an absolutely united country would be free because the government would force the people to be completely united as opposed to letting the people do what they please.

We must be united but if we are completely united we will lose our individuality.

A nation that is perfectly united then we would have no use for a gov.

We must have some limits of being free

I think that the nation is united, but that we could work to be more united.

Not really because the country has to rely on other countries for resources the US does not have

To be perfectly united would mean that all people could agree on what "perfectly united" actually means. Since it's impossible for everyone to have the same idea of a perfect union, then

imposing one group's idea of an absolutely united nation, goes against the freedoms we are built upon.

the citizens of a country should be united in their desire for freedoms. However, because of education or religious beliefs, citizens are going to feel differently about different things. It is healthy for people to have differences of opinions. One of the challenges of a free society is for people to work out their differences.

#3 & #4 I believe are badly worded.

Nations are only united under dictatorships, when the dissenters are killed or silenced.

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2. We seem to be divided to extremes. No ground wants to be given, no compromise. Society does not function well when there is no compromise...it may not function at all. 3. If we were united in all ways we would never see our faults. Not being completely unified allows us to see our weaknesses and problems and allows us to address them.

i think?

if this were an absolutely united nation we would all be free from everyone's judgement about other people and it would be a good thing if the nation was perfectly united in all ways because i feel all this turmoil and chaos would end

would an absolutely united nation be with no laws or more laws on top of the ones we have already? how did things run in the past when the Constitution was written?

Depends on what you mean by united. If it means united in the goals of this country which is freedom. At the core of our economy, political system, religion, is freedom. I think diversity of thought is important though and if united means uniformity of thought and opinion, that would be a bad thing.

No comment.

no comment

no comment

n/a

I believe the US is a more perfect union compared to the past, but it is also heavily divided in an unhealthy way.

3.) Unsure 4.)Probably We are a diverse melting pot of people and have values and sense of justice.

if the united nation was free then we could do what we like and not get away with killing anyone.

that the united state is a good and bad country and unfair laws in this country.

I mean I don't know, they might be forced to be united when one might want to be independent and live their life and follow their religion and support themselves.

Why wouldn't we still be free?

Yes, we would still be a free country

It feels that for number 3, it could be very good but there's a possibility it could go very bad because no one person is the same. Also, for number 4, it wouldn't be free because everyone would have to agree and that's never the case so some people will be going against what they believe.



If a nation is completely united, it would be all too easy to manipulate it into giving up its freedoms and such. Like what Hitler did with Germany, or the Japanese empire during WW2, or soviet russia.

If this country is supposed to actually be a free country than being united should also be free as well.

N/A

This is all dependent on what is really meant when asking these questions. They're loaded and unspecific, making the responses easily manipulated according to one's political agenda or views. I think being "perfectly united" would be neither good nor bad, neither more or less free. I do think we could be better if we weren't so deeply divided in the political arena - the gridlock is not helping.

True unity comes from a level playing field among all people. This means economically and even education system. Unfortunately these divisions are ever present in our society along with divisions in ideology, religion, and race. As long as people fight and kill over these issues we will never be a truly united nation.

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Power in authority and protection is greatly mis-managed and handled poorly. Citizens who have greater resources and connections also have greater freedoms and capabilities, compared to citizens who have less resources and connections. Being said, those who have greater resources also have the ability to rise above criminal charges and receive far lighter sentences or punishments, than that of an ordinary middle class citizen.

If it was absolutely united I think that that would mean everyone believes the same thing and that is not possible. Beliefs and ideals would be forced on some making their decisions no longer free. Yes because everyone agrees but no because they could be forcing people to agree.

The nation is better divided into multiple states where each state can have their own regulations and laws.

For number four, being united doesn't necessarily mean you would be free. It just means that everyone agrees on everything.

Cause like then you like wouldn't get to like do like everything you wanted to do ya know?  
no not really.

If our country was absolutely united it still wouldn't be a free country.

It could if we all changed and worked together.

North Korea is united but they are not a free country.

To be completely united we would not be completely free

to have all people together it is not always a good thing

if we were all perfectly united there wouldn't be anybody to have a different view than what the government thinks and we could get controlled

if everyone in the United States could come together for an agreement, I think we would live better for the good of the people

These questions are kind of vague. They don't really have a focus point for people to focus in on, they're too general in my opinion.

they are interesting

being completely unified can end up restricting some free right as citizens of this awesome country and that's just not 'Merica

i don't know where the line is between united and free

I don't think that it would be a free country because depending on where you are and the way the area works around you it might not be.

If the nation was perfectly united in all ways chaos could become a problem because of sudden outbreak in behavior. Also people could form ranks and things could become unfair.

Things can go terribly wrong when everyone "believes" in the same things. Everyone cannot believe in the same religion, lifestyle, or even type of government. It isn't an opinion it's a part of human nature. Look what happened to the Puritans, or Martin Luther and the Catholics. People are bound to change.

People need their individuality

a free country has division and contradictions. without these contradictions there would be no difference of opinion and therefore no alternate opinion besides the majority rule.

Complete unity would not create complete freedom in the country, but it would result in equality of laws to everyone.

I think it is impossible to have a completely united government, and our nation may be called the "United States," but we are also popular for our freedom. Most people want to be "free" to make their own decisions, and most of the time, people wouldn't make the same decision.

If everyone agrees on everything it is not a free country.

I think that the United States is a perfect union in some ways. We wouldn't have differences in some ideas that could help shape our government if we were a totally perfect nation. Differences can cause fairness with certain types of social classes.

America is great because of the individuality of the states! If I wanted my children to marry at a young age I would go to Alabama so my children can marry at age 16. States like California have law to prevent that giving a sense of choice to the people and individuality

I'm actually not positive if an entire united nation would be free.

Being a perfectly united nation would be a good thing, but every single person would have to be on the same page in order for conflict to be avoided.

I would say that if everyone was totally united it would not be the best thing, because then everyone would be agreeing and we would potentially have no growth as a country. The things that put us or our government in hard times. Also if we were completely united we wouldn't be very free because we would all have the same views. Therefore we would not really be expressing our own opinions because we only have one opinion.

Did this work????

It is not possible to have an absolute free country within the constraints of a government

I think the phrases "perfectly united in all ways" and "absolutely united nation" are unclear in specific meaning, making these questions too difficult to accurately answer based on my beliefs.

The politicians and media encourage us to be divided in order to keep us from uniting and exercising their power as citizens. Identity politics is bad, idea politics is good

These questions are hard to answer because I believe that there are shades of gray, and that the answers are not just black and white.

What did they mean about "absolutely united"?

Yes and no because if your free you don't have to be united or if you aren't free you don't either so i think either or.

freedom is the ability to do what you want all equality is not do what ever you want that not any crime

Its really a yes and no to me.. some people will like this but others wouldn't and would like to be a country that has a ruler/government.

If the nation could be perfectly united in all ways, would this be a good or bad thing? How would you be able to tell if it would actually be good or bad? We'd all be unified, which is good, but what unifies us could be bad. If we're unified we all think the same way, but what if that way isn't the right way? Then we'd be unified, but it could be a terrible thing to be unified over. Would an absolutely united nation be a free county? That one's tricky as well because if we were all unified, if somebody, just one person, were to step out against what everyone else thought true that could strike up something bad. You wouldn't really be free because unless you thought the same as everyone else, you were against them and you would be the enemy.

If you are all united, that means you would have to all agree to the same rules. Someone could not agree to those rules, but the majority would win. So, that wouldn't be free; you would be kind of forced to agree with other people's thoughts, and just have to go along with them.

When?

A nation unified completely is not good because everyone having the same views and all working together perfectly does not promote diversity and creativity.

I think the steps that differentiate the US today from how it was made the current United States a "more perfect union".

A nation can be united on slavery, so that nation wouldn't be free. A united nation doesn't make a free country, their ideals and beliefs executed are what helps to make a country free.

If every single person is the same and treated equally it would result in a bad country to live in.

There needs to be some diversity to keep the peace

i hope so because we do not really need to enforce rules to be united.

I was a little unsure what the question meant by being divided in an unhealthy way. I took it to mean the division in party affiliation and the economic disparity amongst the nation.

I don't exactly get what this is asking

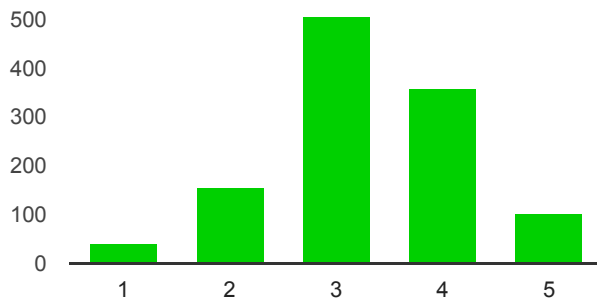
Racism/discrimination is still a huge factor in today's society.

Absolute conformity (unitedness) prevents freedom.

For question 3 my answer would be more in the middle. I could see both good and bad ways

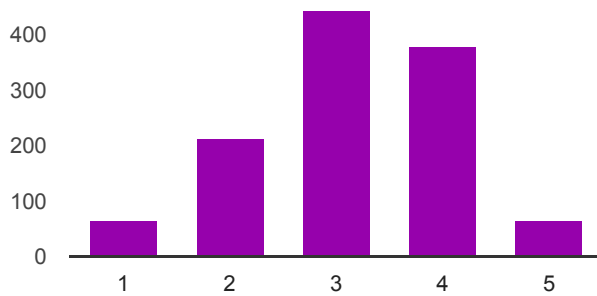
## Section 3 of 8

### 1. To what extent did the Constitution establish a just society after it was put into practice?



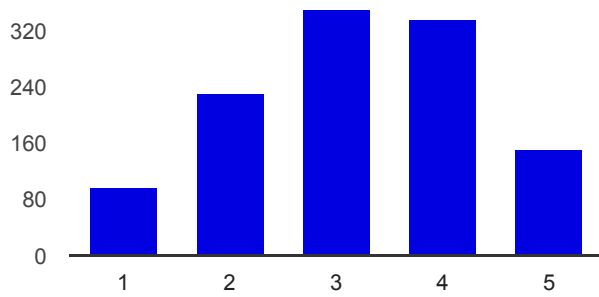
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3	<b>505</b>	40.8%
4	<b>357</b>	28.9%
High extent: 5	<b>103</b>	8.3%

### 2. To what extent do we have a just society today?



Low extent: 1	<b>64</b>	5.2%
2	<b>213</b>	17.2%
3	<b>443</b>	35.8%
4	<b>378</b>	30.6%
High extent: 5	<b>65</b>	5.3%

### 3. To what extent do all people have equal opportunities today?



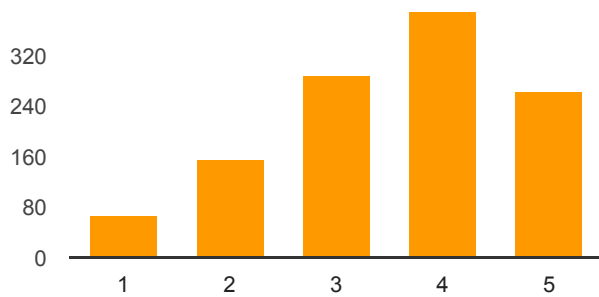
4 **337** 27.3%

High extent: 5 **150** 12.1%

#### 4. To what extent are the benefits and burdens of society distributed fairly among people?

##### a. To what extent is each of the following benefits of society distributed fairly?

###### education



Low extent: 1 **68** 5.5%

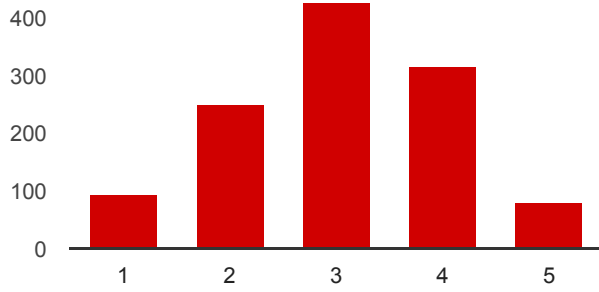
2 **154** 12.4%

3 **289** 23.4%

4 **390** 31.5%

High extent: 5 **264** 21.3%

###### housing



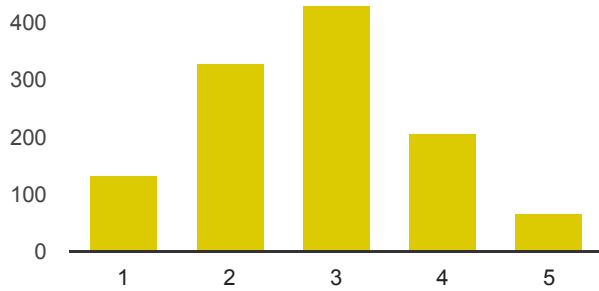
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4 316 25.5%

High extent: 5 79 6.4%

## employment



Low extent: 1 133 10.8%

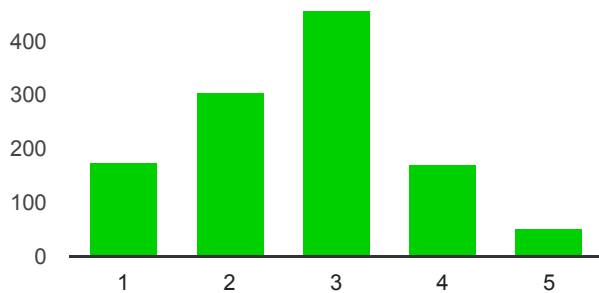
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3 430 34.8%

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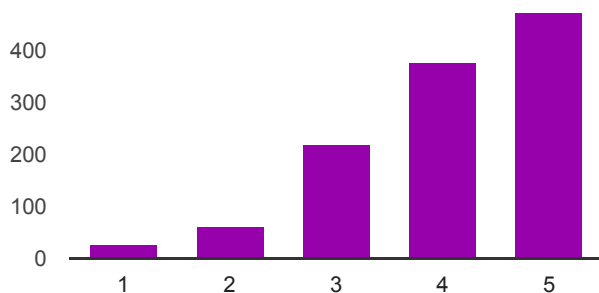
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## income



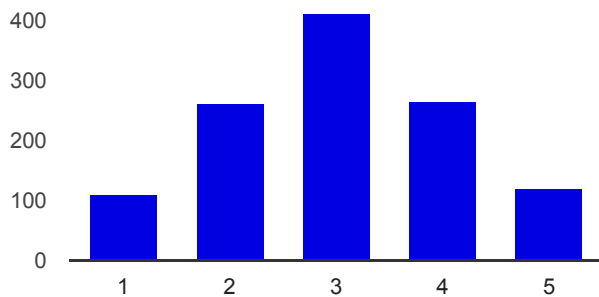
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2	<b>304</b>	24.6%
3	<b>457</b>	37%
4	<b>171</b>	13.8%
High extent: 5	<b>53</b>	4.3%

### political rights (such as voting)



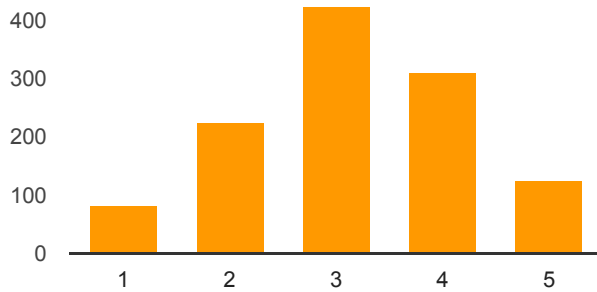
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2	<b>63</b>	5.1%
3	<b>221</b>	17.9%
4	<b>376</b>	30.4%
High extent: 5	<b>474</b>	38.3%

### health care



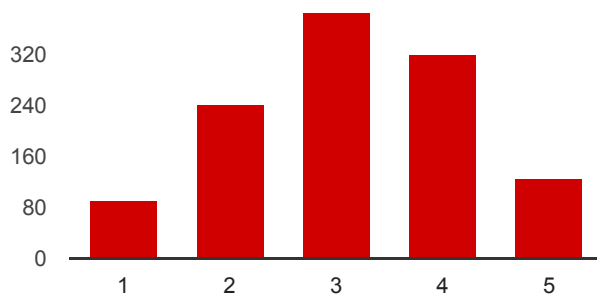
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2	<b>261</b>	21.1%
3	<b>410</b>	33.2%
4	<b>264</b>	21.4%
High extent: 5	<b>119</b>	9.6%

## child care



Low extent: 1	<b>84</b>	6.8%
2	<b>222</b>	18%
3	<b>423</b>	34.3%
4	<b>310</b>	25.1%
High extent: 5	<b>124</b>	10%

## elderly care

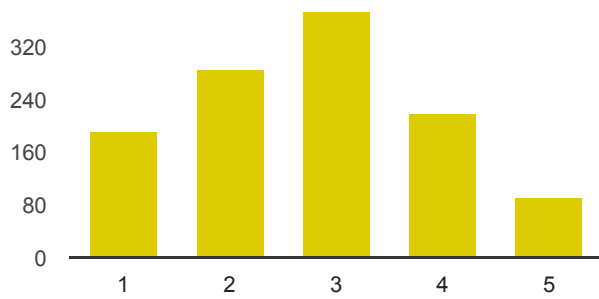


Low extent: 1	<b>90</b>	7.3%
2	<b>242</b>	19.6%
3	<b>386</b>	31.3%
4	<b>319</b>	25.8%
High extent: 5	<b>126</b>	10.2%

## b. To what extent is each of the following burdens of society distributed fairly?

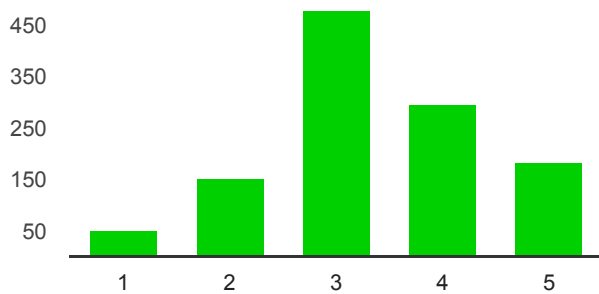
taxes (such as income, property, and sales taxes)





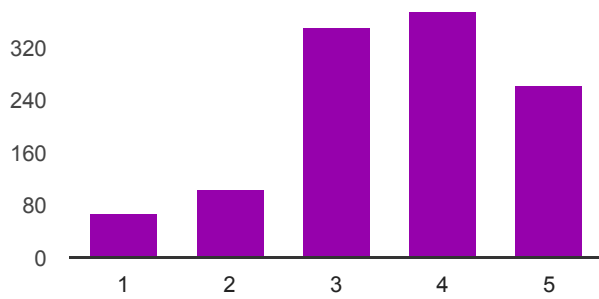
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3	<b>374</b>	30.3%
4	<b>218</b>	17.7%
High extent: 5	<b>91</b>	7.4%

### jury duty

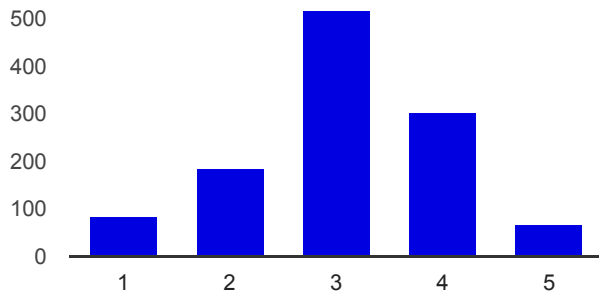


Low extent: 1	<b>52</b>	4.2%
2	<b>151</b>	12.2%
3	<b>478</b>	38.7%
4	<b>295</b>	23.9%
High extent: 5	<b>184</b>	14.9%

### military service

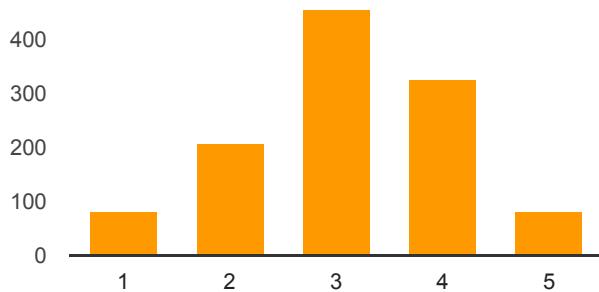


**5. To what extent are the procedures used by government to gather information and make decisions reasonable and fair?**



Low extent: 1	<b>84</b>	6.8%
2	<b>185</b>	15%
3	<b>517</b>	42%
4	<b>301</b>	24.4%
High extent: 5	<b>67</b>	5.4%

**6. To what extent does the government respond reasonably and fairly in dealing with people responsible for wrongs or injuries?**



Low extent: 1	<b>81</b>	6.6%
2	<b>208</b>	16.8%

3	<b>457</b>	37%
4	<b>328</b>	26.6%
High extent: 5	<b>81</b>	6.6%

### What comments, if any, do you have about these questions?

none

The government could do better but it is doing ok

Our judicial system is skewed. Too many are ready to sue rather than take responsibility for their own actions. It is too easy to get government assistance these days. It is given to immigrants (legal or illegal) and many others with "cash businesses" within days of arriving in this country, but taxpaying citizens can barely afford healthcare for their families.

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freaking NSA

I believe that the constitution is outdated and its time for a new one because things are not the same as they were back then. and we have more rights as people to become who we are and were we want to be in life.

Government officials dispense increases in taxes on a whim and spend money such as social security that does not belong to them. Once they have done this they tell the regular citizens they will just have to do without; while they have a complete separate health care and pension plan than the regular citizen. The court system is arranged for the criminal not the victim.

Our welfare system enables people and does not encourage them to better themselves. There is a sense of entitlement among certain minorities and socioeconomic classes. This needs to change in our country. Let's put people back to work. All Americans have the same opportunities if they choose to take advantage fo them.

theses quetions are kind of fast, like all at once kind of over whelming

N/A. no comment,

The Constitution states we have a right to PURSUE happiness...not demand or obtain it.

Government has become the parent to too many people. Taxes are too high, the rich do pay their fair share and more. They are trying to divide the nation and control it too much. They need to get back to the original powers given in the Constitution. Churches and communities need to step back up to take care of those in need. People need to take responsibility for themselves. Work for a living and for their family. Get back to family values not anything goes.

Electoral college seems kind of unfair at times

I believe that people who are wealthy and don't have to pay a lot of taxes should. The lower class people should not pay more then them.

There seems to be an idea going around that since the rich have more taxable income, they should probably pay less (at least in proportion to their income) While I feel the government, federally or otherwise, has absolutely no right to tax individuals for living on land that can't be owned by any power, if everyone is to be taxed, it should be in proportion to their income. No 'caps' or some kind of inverted parabola-type curve.

The question about the fairness of income is two pronged. In one way, income is very unfair in that some people make huge quantities of money daily while other people have chosen careers that do not pay as well. For instance, a doctor makes much more money than a college professor, however, the amount of schooling required for each career is about equal to each other. In another respect however, income is very fair. Also, people are not always given the same opportunities. It is much more difficult for someone born into poverty to go to college and medical school than someone born into a well privileged family. However, in another respect a person chooses their own career, taking into account, the income, and the the reward of that career. It is that person's choice to choose a well paying career or not. Their job choice takes into account their personality, their willpower and their drive. In that respect, because income is relative to a career, income becomes fair. I think, that in general, the government is fair about the how they gather information. However, in the case of the accused Soviet Union spies, I think that the government unfairly collected information.

6. the governmet does not really care for the people, all they do is worry about how they dont want to lose their pay.

These last questions are so. Un fair

well they are tryin to help us and it's cool because all you can do try

for once in this country, i would like to see the minimum wage increase, and not everything else..

what you guys dont relize is it does no good to raise minimum wage, if products do to.

Every has the same basic oppotunities, but when you sit around on your butt all day through your schooling, not preparing to have a future and planning at a young age to depend on the government to take care of them all their lives, it's not fair to those of us who have worked our whole lives to earn what we have. Instead of looking for a handout from the government.

I blieve that the government is not greedy and will do the responsible thing.

By looking at my own answers, I realized that, (at least in my opinion) the government is not doing well in many of the areas addressed.

I don't like the way these are worded, because it doesn't really tell you how people feel. I don't think things are divided fairly, but it isn't that I think the wealthy should share more. Rather, I feel that it would be divided more fairly if people were allowed to reap the consequences of their choices. In other words, if you don't want to "earn" it, you shouldn't have it.

It seems that the average Americans are taxed more. People are living paycheck to paycheck. Taxes on teh wealthy are lower than for average Americans. It is not fair. I also think that employment and income are not distrubted fairly.

Im not exactly sure if taxes, jury duty and health cares is distrubted or not.

All of the answers above are subjective to what one thinks is fair. Some say everyone should have equal education, but if everyone receives the exact same education, what would seperate us from the education of socialist countries? There are also those who believe that those with higher incomes should be taxed much more than others but if those who earn more wages have to pay more taxes, how are they being rewarded for their hard work? Isn't that what capitalism is about?

The Judical system of the United States has a good platform with the right idea but over time there have been some downfalls of this system. There are many cases that get thrown out and

the right to a fair and speedy trial is not "very speedy" as the courts are backed up. Education in the United States is semi fair. It has room for improvement along with the Healthcare system. Employment in the United States is going through a rough patch where the American citizens are struggling to find jobs and the government is lacking in some aspects of this situation.

I don't know enough about some of these topics to know whether it is a high extent or a low extent. Numbers 5 and 6 are examples of this lack of knowledge.

not everyone has fair or equal things given to them. if we did we would be the "S word"... and the same race

I am not too familiar about all the subjects stated above. However, these questions do make me realize how unfair of a society we have.

Voting is always distributed fairly to citizens of the United States.

Our education programs help give everyone equal opportunity; it is up to the people to take their opportunity and grab hold of the "American Dream." However, some problems are having unnecessary amounts of money thrown at them. Especially with our national debt rising, we need to make sure that programs we are financing are the most fair and reasonable way to spend our money and help our fellow citizens.

While we have a more just society than when the Constitution was put into practice because of expanded rights to formerly marginalized groups, we as a nation have still not achieved at least what I perceive as justice. The ideal of the equality of opportunity has still not been realized today. Perfect equality of opportunity (which will never be achieved on Earth) would be radically different than our society today. Taxes on inheritance would be set at 100% and education, childcare, healthcare and income would be distributed perfectly among children to ensure the equal distribution of opportunity early in life that is so important to later life outcomes. In addition, ensuring equality of opportunity would require some degree of the equality of outcomes because outcomes often dictate future opportunity. Obviously, this has not and will not happen in our country or any other. Education, healthcare, employment, childcare, eldercare, and political rights should all (ideally) be perfectly distributed in society. The distribution of income and housing (to some degree) should not be as compressed in order to reward effort and merit, but they too should not be allowed to diverge drastically to maintain social cohesion. Individuals should, however, have perfectly equal opportunity to achieve income and housing status. Taxes are distributed somewhat fairly in our society because the progressivity of the federal tax system somewhat offsets the regressivity of state and local tax systems, achieving a roughly equal distribution of taxation (which is ideal). As for the rest of the questions, I don't have much of an opinion, and if I did, you are probably tired of reading this, so you got lucky.

none.

The persons responsible for the Housing debacle on Wall Street have not been held accountable these questions are difficult to judge and so can be difficult to answer.

Give illegals work permits. So they can pay taxes n help this country. Lord knows there's enough of them here!!!

Again, our freedoms allow for differences within our country. Those differences oftentimes lead to unequal treatment due to our perceptions about one another.

In a capitalistic society, it requires inequality of its members. This inequality is what drives people to achieve better for themselves and not for the society in general. Any pure government in theory is good but when you introduce human nature which is not pure it can make a government in theory better and worse. Some members of government will try to enhance the government while others will do items for their own gain.

when the economy is in a better position, the government offers too many "freebies" - generational welfare families, undocumented aliens, etc are become less likely to help themselves or their own families - too quick to turn to government handouts which were originally created as a helping hand - not a means to exist

I take issue with opinions that refer to "fairness". I feel there are too many variables in play for any ONE person to declaratively pronounce all is "fair". I do not feel qualified to judge other people's lives. I understand how the environment, neural connections and genetics effect an individual persons destiny. I also feel focusing on "fair" creates generations of egocentric societal views. One that doesn't celebrate generosity or successes instead promotes envy and lack of compassion. Some of the questions were just too general with out reference to specifics soooo I rated these questions with a 3.

There are things that are broken....like our tax structure....but I think our government only works as hard as we do....We don't vote...we don't get the results we like....we don't speak...no one hears us

its changed a lot since the past. but there still in unfairness involved in some parts.

I think all of these are on the higher side. Education is definately equal, the government dealing fairly with injuries is equal, and military service is pretty equal.

The government has its good and its bads. It has makes many things equal for all people no matter of race or economic situation, but the government can't do everything.

The government does their best but there are a lot more of us than there are in the government they cant bend over backwards for my every whim they have to think about what is most important

The government isnt perfect yet, and it will never will be.

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I think our government gathers information well and responds quickly when dealing with people responisble for wrong/injuries.

The government is really slow.

Government i believe could do more

People are treated poorly in this government.

Our government is fair and we can vote for people that i think would run our country the right way. But some of the houses, money, education is falling apart.

In the past, there has been quotas which makes the employment rate unfair and discriminating.

our burrdens are bery spread out but over all our military service is a big one for the people since we are in a conflict over seas.

Question 4. Our employment rate is not very good. Most of the people dont have jobs today. If they do have a job, than they do not have a very good one.

I think the elderly need better care because some elderly cannot do things on their own.

We are a great and powerful nation but we are all human, we all won't agree with some laws and decisions.

These questions are very interesting.

the government is over all a good government

The child care is distributed very fairly because we have mi child.

The debate behind these questions, is by what method should these benefits/burdens be distributed. For the benefits: I feel the opportunities are there, and the amount of work / effort you put towards the benefit determines the level of benefit you receive.

I believe that the government has made great strides insuring equality of opportunity in education and employment. However, the tax system is tilted towards the wealthy, since they benefit most by our government. they should have to pay more in taxes.

Criminals are not punished, and money gets you out of anything. Rich people can be as criminal as they like and very rarely pay the penalty for it... frequently they are rewarded instead.

nnn

u treat the people in prison like kings and qeens

4b. Military service is considered a burden? Don't follow the question... I just put in an answer because the survey stupidly wouldn't allow for a blank. (That is an inherent problem of surveys) taxes are high as well as gas prices i mean come on!

the society and nation is mostly just and fair to everyone

anytime "income" and "distributed" are used in the same sentence, it makes me nervous.

Capitalism is not perfect, but it benefits the most people fairly. Socialism has such a blatant record of failure, only an intellectual could ignore it.

Whenever "income" and "distribution" are used in the same sentence, it makes me nervous.

Capitalism is far from perfect, but it involves freedom to choose and benefits the most people.

Socialism has such a blatant record of failure, only an intellectual or a liberal could ignore it.

Furthermore, 1% of the people pay 67% of the taxes. The top 50% pay 90% of taxes.

th

no comment

No comment

blahh

no comment

n/a

We don't have a government now. Most of the programs have been cut expecially athose that are dealing with children such as wick which gives babys milk and headstart with is preschool for children. and babys.

I have no comments

People unfortunately, make judgments and donned their judgment to seek the truth. The rich has power and control things and most working pay more taxes and has less opportunity for benefits.

Jury duty isn't really a burden

As far as crimes go, government does a good job

No comments.

Some of them are hard to answer, like the Jury Duty one or the military service. Neither of those can be answered without a slight knowledge on their statistics.

The government is fair on some things, but they are very inconsistent when it comes to being fair in all circumstances.

N/A

Poverty is an ever-growing concern because: poor people have less access to good schools and quality educations, good food, good housing and safe neighborhoods, health care of every sort... secondary education, with the heavy financial burden it represents, is increasingly necessary for access to good jobs that would secure the benefits that poor people are lacking.

Race and the socioeconomic positions of one's parents have far more impact than they should on how much opportunity one has.

People of extortionate wealth are able to skirt around the law and abuse the tax system. for example people born in lower income areas are not given access to newer technology in education. many text books are out dated though providing all schools with equal funding and access to learning tools our collective knowledge as a people will know and understand more. overall, abuse of economic policy affects us all, and stiffer punishments should be imposed on the criminals who helped create economic disasters such as the 25008 housing crises.

See comments on Section 2 of 8.

illuminati

Some of the burdens in the United States are not distributed fairly.

Welfare is too high, too many people getting money, not enough paying taxes.

They could deal why law breakers and other more carefully

i dont know about all these topics so i couldnt give accurate answers on all of these.

i would say that the burdens that the burdens that have been put on our country, our fairly distributed by our government

the burdens are not fairly distributed the goverment taxes till and after we die and give it to people who cant work and are here when they shouldnt be

Some issues such as education and employment opportunities are only available to the families who have money. Of course up until high school is free but college is very expensive nowadays and with just a high school diploma you cant get a very good job.

these make you think a lot about america

i believe that the benefits of society are for the most part distributed fairly but the burdens are not at all distributed fairly in 'Merica

the government has done a fairly good job

I believe mostly everything is fair.

Things always happen. There has never been a case in society where life was completely fair to everyone. The U.S. is a money driven country and if you don't have the money to "pay" for such a great country, you can get left in the dust. (Don't get me wrong, I do love my country but this is true.)

Even though we strive for fairness, very little is fair.



all are permitted equal grounds in life except in wealth distribution and the power one has to vote. the wealth disparity in the United States is one of the worst out of modernized countries and the fact that corporations can legally pump money into politics show an unjust system.

For the most part, many benefits and burdens are distributed evenly among the population.

I think all people should pay the same amount of taxes if they live in America.

Most burdens of society are distributed fairly.

I think the government now is pretty fair with being able to give certain types of people the things they need, such as housing and an income. It is illegal for children not to go to school and they can be protected by Child Protective services if they do not live in a fit environment.

How is it possible to balance the greedy money that the people/government want with the needs of the few. To be fair without a lower class there is a higher class

Again, I'm not sure that the government pays much attention to dealing with people responsible for wrongs or injuries.

the government does not always listen to the people or treat them fairly

i think that overall we are very good in giving people opportunities. it whether people take those opportunities or not is what makes them successful.

Too many innocent people/minor offenders in prison when rapists roam free without fear of incarceration

things like health care and child care should be free, if someone gets hurt and it is not their own fault they shouldn't be expected to pay for it. Some people are born with expensive diseases that limit their ways to make money but are still expected to pay for it and that is extremely unfair

It half and half because to me it seems like it depends on how serious the injury is to like have the government involved.

What?

There are many stereotypes and prejudices still evident in society.

Our country is not great at something they claimed they would be; establishing justice. In a country where everyone is supposed to be equal, there is no equality.

A lot of times, especially currently, if you were to look at the news it is clear there are severe injustices in society today.

There has been a lot of issues with police brutality and being unfair among certain cases.

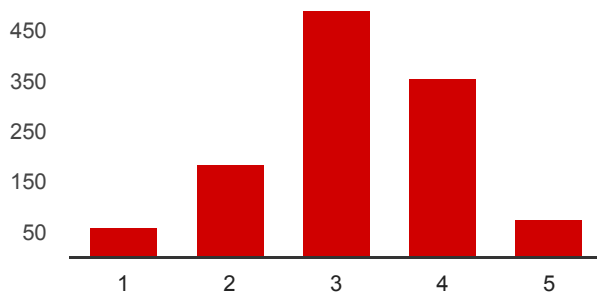
The United States is having a hard time making things fair for all the people in the nation. healthcare being one of the biggest problems, this is because only certain companies provide healthcare while other people have to buy their own.

I feel very passionately about many of the situations discussed above. America promises a lot but very often falls short of what is promised.

Recently the government is being way too lenient on jail time.

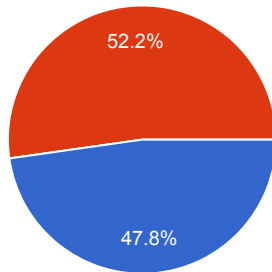
## **Section 4 of 8**

# 1. To what extent do you think the government has succeeded in ensuring "domestic Tranquility"?



Low extent: 1	<b>58</b>	4.7%
2	<b>182</b>	14.7%
3	<b>489</b>	39.6%
4	<b>353</b>	28.6%
High extent: 5	<b>77</b>	6.2%

# 2. Would you expect a perfectly tranquil country today to be a free country?



Yes	<b>554</b>	44.9%
No	<b>606</b>	49.1%

## What comments, if any, do you have about these questions?

none

Perfect tranquility is not free

People are always going to disagree on some topics, it's part of human nature. If there was no conflict in the entire country than it would not be, in my opinion, free. There are many examples of this in current times for example police brutality. In cases like Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown.

In a perfectly "tranquil" country we would probably be forced to be that we.

If we lived in a country that didn't have any wars or fighting i believe that we would be living in a safe environment.

Perfectly tranquil is not what the constitution tried to establish. Insuring domestic tranquility is providing ways for citizens to express them selves and be heard without having to resort to violence to get results. What is frightening about that thought is the current government is so deaf to the people who elect them that I wonder how long it will be before "the People" will make sure they are heard and by whatever means available to them.

To make a country tranquil it might require the people to be controlled therefore their freedom could be limited.

Tranquility does not mean "peaceful". What I think it means is stable, in that the people know exactly what to expect from their government.

Some people's perspective on "tranquility" can be defined differently. If someone is being untranquil, it could be their own tranquility; causing unfairness.

some people find peace in weird ways

As much as I try to live my life free, liberties can be compromised anytime by random acts of violence, terrorism, or just plain crazy people. Are my feelings a result of the Gov't or lack of thereof? I do think our Gov't really is trying to promote domestic tranquility by thwarting terrorism, but, it has to be a very hard, expensive, political practice.

Nothing is perfect. But, there can be tranquility and freedom. This begins with bringing God back into our lives and government and live by Biblical standards instead of anything goes. We need to get away from Political Correctness and be truthful. Terrorists came into our country illegally and murdered thousands of people on September 11, 2001. It didn't matter what our policies were. They were hateful people, driven by hateful ideology. Radical Muslims kill their own every day. Abortionists kills thousands of unborn babies everyday and call it choice. Illegal aliens come into our country and take our jobs, send money back their mother countries and kill our citizens.

I do not believe that this country has enough domestic tranquility because there still are riots, gangs, school shootings, etc.

There needs to be some difference of opinion

Dissent must be tolerated. This includes peaceful protests that might disturb "peaceful tranquility".

Not necessarily. It is all dependent on the circumstances of the tranquil country.

2. That should be the goal but it;s not always the case, and isn't today,

I think we as a nation need to learn some humility. We are way out of line when it comes to dealing with foreign affairs. The US is part of the United Nations to participate equally with all the other nations involved. We are not the planet's bouncer. We also need to drop the whole anti-red campaign. Communism, though it fails often, is as valid a political ideology as democracy, and we should learn to respect it.

not that id expect it, but if we we're truly free and equal then the tranquility should just happen

I really don't know what tranquility is.

there has to be a balance between freedom and order to have a tranquil country

people is not all the same theres some stuff we can get things we want but some people tranquil and completely controlled are different things, although people can't do whatever they want the should be able to do what they need.

we should stay a free country

Perfectly tranquil would probably mean there is more control.

I do not think there is any such thing as a PERFECTLY tranquil country.

I have an idea of domestic tranquility but i dont know the exact definition.

For a country to be tranquil throughout, the people must have restraint put upon them because none of us are perfect and therefore cannot have tranquility at all times if we are doing as we

choose, which is a must in a free country.

If the country was "perfectly tranquil" it would not be a free country. Everyone has their own opinions and beliefs; if we would be like robots if we were all tranquil.

Domestic tranquility is not being well insured in today's society. The crime rates are increasing by the day and the world is not safe. If it was perfectly tranquil though, I do not think it would be free because like before there would be a dictator or powerful leader, more so than the president.

everyone has opinions and not everyone will agree. that people can debate their ideas and beliefs is a freedom and if humans had "tranquil" debates it wouldnt be humans

I do not even know what domestic tranquility means.

Being tranquil means one of peace. a free country could still be peaceful in my opinion.

To live in a perfectly "tranquil" country would imply that citizens would either be denied the right to speak out or too scared to speak out.

I suppose our government has done a decent job of ensuring domestic tranquility. I mean, we haven't had any Civil Wars recently. A perfectly tranquil country would not be a free country because, well, a perfectly tranquil country would not even exist.

none.

again, tranquil does not mean free

Perfect tranquility is gained only through imposing restrictions and boundaries on our freedoms.

The best item that our society offers to the people is diversity. Thru the diversity each member brings to the society and to the government, hopefully we recognize and celebrate the differences. By allowing and encouraging these differences, we might realize a better means of achieving a greater society.

Sorry, I need a definition of "free country".

We will always have people who break the law.

there still is wars going on. there would be peace among the country.

I think the government has succeeded in ensuring domestic tranquility with high extent. I also think that if there was a perfectly tranquil country it would not be a free country.

America's government does a good job of making people feel safe, but there is always fear and with fear comes problems. Also it is impossible to have a totally tranquil country in this day and age.

yes

there will never be perfect tranquility

a perfect tranquility country will be peaceful.

i think that the government shouldnt try to make us equal

I think it'd be a "free" country but I think that it would still be run by someone/government.

Because without a government it would be no where near free.

I don't really understand what this means, honestly.

Because there will all ways be problems.

No country can be perfectly tranquil.

This country may be free but we have alot of rules that need to be followed.

We have many kids getting abused everyday, and every single one of those kids are helped by being put into safe environments.

I think our domestic tranquility is in the middle.

I wouldn't expect anything to be perfect in our free country for a while

The government forces the people into doing things they do not want to do.

With freedom comes instability, you can't have one without the other.

Domestic Tranquility is very good to have in your country.

nothing is ever perfect in anything.

I believe a country can never truly tranquil

every country needs domestic tranquility

I think the government has done a pretty good job at trying to provide domestic tranquility.

Perfectly tranquil is unrealistic.

no way that would make it all too easy

people will not feel tranquil, if they are not secure in their homes.

The tranquility in American society is the tranquillity of apathy, not of domestic peace. People are satisfied with the status quo, and too lazy to speak out about injustice or inequality in our society.

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2. a perfectly tranquil country is impossible in a "free" country or democracy. It can achieve a domestic tranquility, a relative peace, but to achieve perfect tranquility society would have to have no say in their governing. "Perfect tranquility" would most likely be achieved only by a dictator forcefully enforcing a silence of his ruling. Total peace would be created by fear.

i think if this were a perfectly tranquil country today someone in some type of governmental power would try taking over and making this an enslaved nation and use our own power against us

No comment

nooooo

no comment

n/a

I have no comments

The government has not succeeded in ensuring domestic tranquility because the branches of government is always at battle; Congress.

Peace has to be obtained for some treatment to all people not by their power or ability to pay to protect themselves.

Why wouldn't we still be free?

If we were perfect we would be a free country

If it is a perfectly tranquil country then yes I believe it would be a free one. But it would be hard to be perfectly tranquil.

I'm not sure what kind of context tranquil is being used, but I think it means there are no secrets.

No comment

N/A

This is a loaded question.

I don't know what that means

A "perfectly tranquil" country would be neither good nor bad, neither more or less free.

conflict is human nature.

Enforcers and peace keepers have, as of lately, been poor in handling proper measures to insure safety and justice. Many as of late have been taking advantage of their power to force fear and malicious intent onto certain social classes and races.

I think there is still racial profiling used especially by police that are unfair judgements and often incorrect. To me this is disturbing domestic tranquility.

For the most part, the government has done a good job of keeping peace within the nation. The people within a peaceful country should get along with each other.

many restrictions would have to be made for a country to become crime free

if we weren't free no one would live here.

Tranquility, while very nice to have and ensures peace, peacefulness doesn't mean that everyone is completely free. Usually laws are put in place to keep things tranquil.

no bc liek u cant b free if u all agree like no u gotta take sum stuf away

Its impossible to hvae a comletey tranquilant soceity

A country that works together says together

i think if were were completely tranquil people would feel more free and would do more things

domestic tranquility establishes our protection and when we are protected, sometimes we aren't free. so being protected, doesn't make us a free country

no there is always someone stirring up trouble

This second question is a very bad question because either a country could be calm on its own because people are all content with what they have, or it could be a tranquil country because they have a strict government that allows "freedom" but has some unfair laws that no one dares to go against.

tranquility is a necessity

even though 'Merica is trying to insure domestic tranquility i think that they go to far especially in the past couple of years

freedom of everything causes conflict

I don't have any comments.

I think peace as a whole has been distributed equally, but there will always be a few disgruntled people.

In my opinion, to achieve domestic tranquillity there would need to be more discipline and that does not make a free country

the governmet has prevented major insurrection along with keeping the union together (The Civil War)

Just because there is peace in the country does not mean it is a completely free country.

No matter how great the country seems to be, it will never be a perfect one. But our goal is to get pretty close.

Some things, if they are 100% can be bad.

Domestic Tranquility protects how we live and the people we live with.

My definition of ,tranquil is peaceful, so not all countries that are peaceful have much freedom. I think this because this would mean that everyone understands that their rights are EXACTLY the same as everyone else's

i think that i would be very boring and there would be no differences.

Mike Brown did not get to experience a tranquil, free country. Nor did slaves, Native Americans, many Chinese laborers, Italians, Irish, orphans etc.

I believe that they could stop reminding us how different we all are in order to divide us and encourage common values.

Define free.

Not really because nothing's perfect

Would you expect a perfectly tranquil country today to be a free country? That, like some of the previous questions, is not so easy to answer as one or the other until it's put into practice. I feel that if the country were to be perfectly tranquil, there wouldn't be a democracy. Democracy would cause arguments which is not tranquil. Democracy is about the people voting for what they want, but if people don't all want the same thing, that could cause arguments and that would not be tranquil, which means that a perfectly tranquil place would not be a democracy.

How?

If everyone is at peace, problems will not arise.

The country had some work to do on domestic tranquility because in some parts of the United States there are severe protests/riots that are completely preventable.

Well I would expect this, I know there are circumstances in situations where this does not occur.

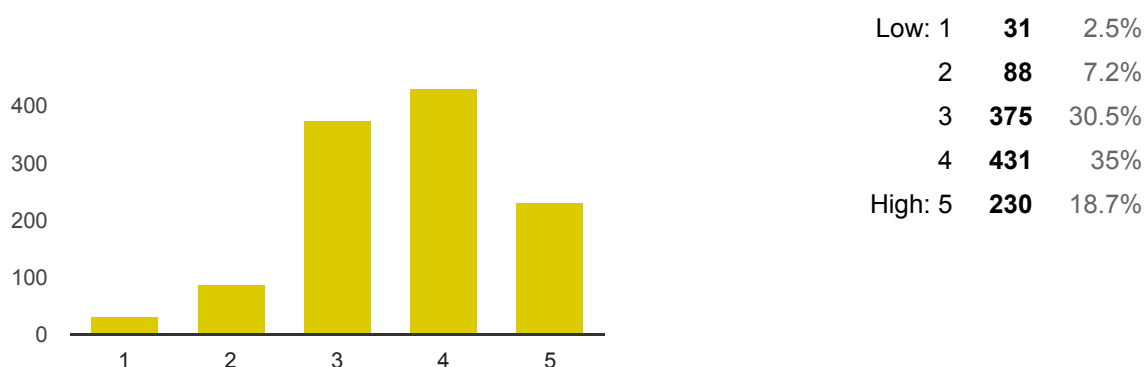
I don't think domestic tranquility is a huge issue for us as a country right now

yes, because people are allowed to do what they wish and try not to disturb the peace.

A perfectly tranquil country would probably not be a free country because the entire country would have to be homogenized.

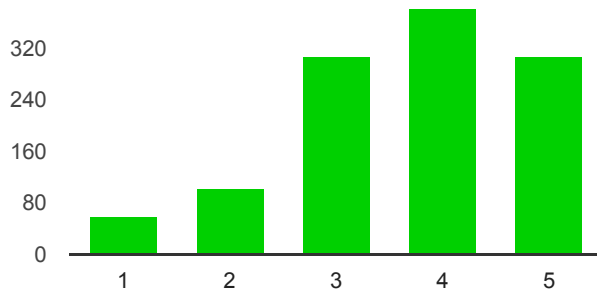
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### 1. To what degree do you think the government has succeeded in providing for the "common defence"?



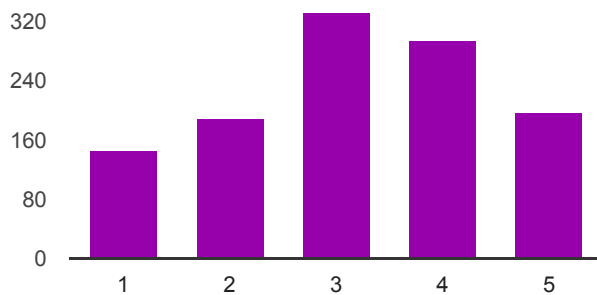
## 2. To what degree do you think the government's involvement in the following actions is necessary to provide for the common defense?

### a. the war on terror



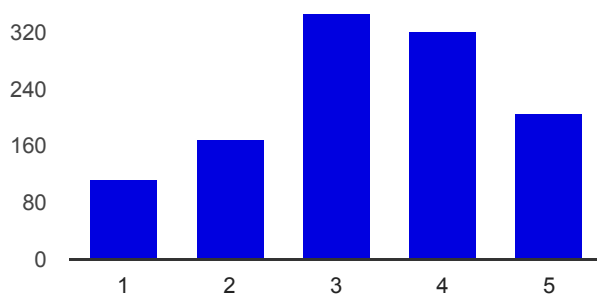
Low: 1	<b>59</b>	4.8%
2	<b>103</b>	8.4%
3	<b>307</b>	24.9%
4	<b>382</b>	31%
High: 5	<b>307</b>	24.9%

### b. Iraq



Low: 1	<b>145</b>	11.8%
2	<b>188</b>	15.3%
3	<b>332</b>	26.9%
4	<b>294</b>	23.9%
High: 5	<b>198</b>	16.1%

### c. Afghanistan

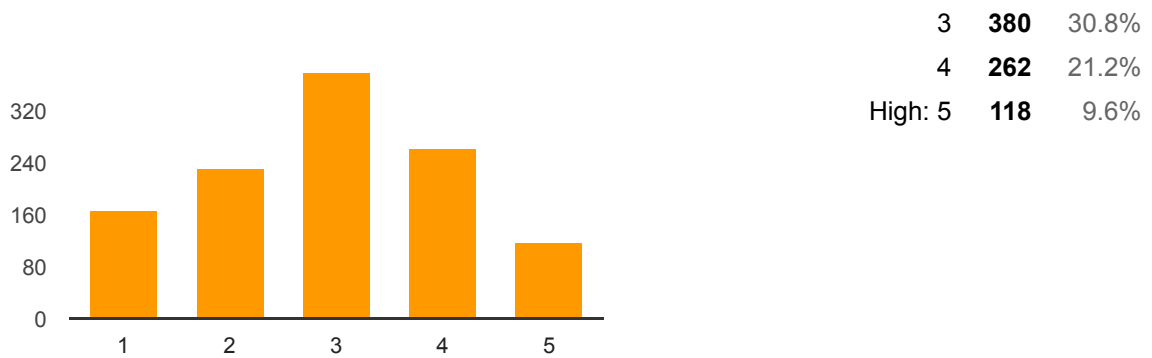


Low: 1	<b>112</b>	9.1%
2	<b>170</b>	13.8%
3	<b>347</b>	28.2%
4	<b>322</b>	26.1%
High: 5	<b>206</b>	16.7%

### d. Libya

Low: 1	<b>167</b>	13.5%
2	<b>232</b>	18.8%





### What comments, if any, do you have about these questions?

none

Some wars are not completely necessary

Many countries have there own way of enforcing laws and I feel that we all have different mines but we should definitley work together as one.

I'm not sure about the Libya one, didn't even know it was a war

We are not the keepers of the world, if these countries want to blow themselves to bits then we need to pull back to our borders and let them take care of each other.

I really don;t know much about what's going on in the war or in these countries so i can't make an educated response

i dont understand really

we should just kill all of the bad leaders of the different countrys and make them free!

I have to say that what I see and hear in the news, from our Gov't. is sometimes hard to digest as I don't know enough to know if what is being "put out there" is correct.

We, as a Republic and free Country, must watch out for those who wish to kill and dominate their own citizens. Our government must do the same for our citizens. Close the borders. Make English the National language. Make sure US citizen rights and safety is considered over other country's citizens. We spend too much money on people here illegally. Many have no intent to become citizens or assimilate to our Republic. Many come here to make a better life instead of helping to better their country. Many come here for a better life and start trying to change America into their former country that they left behind. Americans should be the salt and light of the world. We should be proud of our Country, never ashamed that she is a shining example of how others could be free.

9/11 happened because we overstepped the boundaries of what we have the right to do, and what we feel we are entitled to because we are privileged Americans. If you can't take it, don't dish it out. It was a result of American ignorance, arrogance, and our constant need to police the world. If we focused our powers more on defense than offense, it wouldn't have happened. Now people can't enter or leave our country with more than a peanut-butter sandwich without receiving a cavity check.

i think in the beginning it was necessary to take action, but its gone on way to long. it should have been over a LONG time ago. we're only making a bigger mess and more enemys

evrything is comin to order

just leave Libya alone. its there problem

I think that the U.S. Military should rethink their ways of winning wars... They didn't have "War Crimes" back when my grandfathers were in, Vietnam, Japan, France, Turkey, Germany, ECT.... I'm not saying that it's right to kill innocent people. And I understand that it would make us just as bad. But, if we're just going to let our sons, daughters, fathers, and mothers, be massacred in battle and terrorist attacks, and not do anything about it. Then who are we? As Americans, we are supposed to stand up for one another, and not just let someone knock us down...

We must fight terror with terror if their religion is to kill every single United States citizen, so be it. That doesn't mean we are going to let them. I personally favor a strong government and military. They provide safety and protection. I think Get rid of the threat before it accumulates into something we can't handle.

I think that these wars in foreign countries are harmful to the nation's defense, because we create enemies around the world.

I believe that being a worldwide deterrent to terrorism is important and became a necessity with the advent of the nuclear era of weaponry. It is unfortunate, but a fact that if we are not internationally diligent, we could ultimately be destroyed.

War is not the answer to preventing terrorism. Education and humanitarian efforts will decrease recruitment of terrorists.

War is inevitable however maybe we should think more about the needs of our country before we get involved in everyone else's business.

We don't need to involve ourselves in every other war. We need to think about ourselves and how the war will affect us after.

I believe that the War on Terror, Afghanistan, and Iraq are necessary to provide common defense because if we hadn't shown that Al-Qaeda couldn't get away with attacking us, others would've attacked us too. Libya, on the other hand, was not threatening us in particular so it wasn't necessary, but they were helping terror organizations so I guess it's not a bad thing either.

The government does the best of their ability to keep our country safe, I feel that this is one aspect that the United States excels at.

I don't think some of our military involvement is necessary, but in terms of protecting our country as a whole common defense is pretty well provided for. That is excluding however all the lives being lost from those fighting to protect the nation.

The wars aren't necessary, but they are a good thing I think. I don't want anyone to be in harm's way, but the wars kind of stop protecting America and instead protect humanity.

The government could provide more to the common defense, just common courtesy.

I think it is necessary to provide common defense in all of the wars and countries listed above.

Protecting our country from terrorists is a high priority. And where it is righteous to aid other countries in their quest for freedom, our own safety should be our top priority.

I'm not too much on foreign policy. I guess war is not the preferable response to our problems, but I have (some) faith that we've done the right thing.

I think it's a more complex problem than can be captured in a survey like this. All those questions about Iraq and Afghanistan are highly complex.

Some wars need to be fought. Some wars we do not have all the info to judge

Look after your own people n country. Why worry too much about others. Do they care about us!! This country is going down in all aspects n they spend trillions on whats going on outside their land. Fools I say. Endorse pro American manufacturing and stop letting the chinese control USA. They're laughing all the way to the bank. Common sense is lacking in this country. This is a united state?? All I see is division, not so great in my eyes. Back to basics u don't need a degree to have common sense n see this country is falling apart year by year!!

Of questions b, c and d, the United States government brought these governments into existence. As a nation we used our influence (military, money, technology, etc) in these nations many years ago (Hussein in Iraq to oppose the religious extreme in Iran, Northern Alliance and Taliban in Afghanistan to oppose the Russians, and Kadafi to oppose the military might of Egypt) to force for our own benefits. Instead of supporting the people of the world for an unselfish means (as almost all religions require), the United States government provides support to those that provides benefits to the United States or those individuals in charge. As humans, we live in terror everyday. The terror has many different forms and as a government it should help its citizens realize and overcome those fears, not thrive on the fear. Looking at current headline news, the government and media directly feeds on our fear of terror but also indirectly suggests fear of financial ruin. Instead of doing items for the benefit of society, fear is an easier means to push individuals (and in turn society) to think and do something.

These questions should involve world wars

The United States learned nothing from the Vietnam War. You can't go into countries that have been at war since creation, blow up a couple key targets, then tie the hands of the men and women who are "fighting" for foreign freedoms. Spending trillions of dollars that we don't have to spend more importantly losing soldiers - for what - will any of those countries support the United States if the need ever arises. Nope -

I really question our governments involvement on 9/11. I choose not to waste my time trying to concretely decide and would rather focus on the aftermath of humanity. Sooo again with the 3's. I don't like war...but I know we need to be places to help weed out terrorists....or they will continue to get stronger...

we havnt had terrorist attacks in a while. those places are needed of the governments help. libya hasnt had much problems.

I think the government has done a good job for the common defense. They have put us through a war in Iraq and have started a war on terrosim.

America has done a good job of protecting herself, but she shouldn't have to protect the whole world.

i think they need to be punished for everything they did

the military needs to protect our country so they should be out there making sure we dont get attacked.

I'm not always confident that getting involved in all these wars in other countries are worth Americans lives.

They are all a very high extant because they are really involved

i think they could have done better in some ways such as protection for the troops and taking care of there mental issuse after they return home

I think they did a good job and helped when they needed to, But I don't think they needed to stay over there as long as they did.

our gov needs to see that there is more need for them here so that this gov can prosper instead of begetting itself into even deeper debt than we are now.

I think that we need more defense in Iraq.

Our country is very high on terrorism. We don't want them.

Our Gov. should try to stay out of other countries. It doesn't have to get involved with everything.

We all need to protect our country.

Our troops have been fighting for us over in Iraq and Afghanistan for a long time.

I believe our conflict and involvement is important but it's not the highest thing in our world.

I personally think the military should stop messing around and start meaning business with the wars and that

I think they should get involved, but not too much.

We must eliminate the threat of terrorism not only for us, but for every freedom loving nation.

We don't need to go into Libya because the Rebels got it covered.

Libya does not need help they are trying to make people happy.

I believe that we need to have a high defense on terrorism.

I think the U.S has no reason to be in Iraq or Afghanistan. They were only there in the first place to capture the people responsible for 9/11

I think that we do have good common defense we try very hard and support what the people in the army do.

Our war in Afghanistan and Iraq were very important to our common defense. We needed to catch Al Qaeda leaders in these countries and succeeded.

I think the world should stop fighting

the government can't protect our common defense because they can't protect the people at home but they try in other countries

I think that we did as much as we can because there is always going to be some one who disagrees and wants something done their way.

I think our involvement needs to be high in all areas of potential terror. However, the methods and dollars associated, need to be analyzed individually.

war is never a good thing

I think we should focus on where our troops are being stationed.

Sept 11, 2001, we were attacked by al-Qaeda. They were given sanctuary in Afghanistan. We were justified in attacking Afghanistan to capture and kill the terrorists, so that America would be safe from them. In Iraq, we were told by President Bush, that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. These weapons were never found, yet we attacked Iraq. It appears to most informed citizens that the war in Iraq was not provoked by Iraq and we were not justified in attacking Iraq. We're busybodies! We need to focus on local problems, and stop trying to be the global police.

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We need all the assurance on this we need the government needs to take this to the highest degree of actions to protect our nation

i totally oppose the war, yess its a very terrible thing going on in the middle east but we have to think about our people our boys on the front line dying everyday for a country that's not even there dying in their fellow soldiers arms when they really want to be home fa r away from the violence and death, if the war were on American soil then should defend to the hilt but how can we when our soldiers are way across the Atlantic

Pacifism is the short road to a world with no pacifists.

Pacifism would be great....if everyone would cooperate. As it stands, pacifism is the short road to a world with no pacifists.

No comment

noooo

no comment

n/a

I have no comments

While it is necessary to provide for a common defense, that does not mean the US has to get involved with every countries' battles.

Way too long involved in places not necessary our business- Americans have needs that are so, unattended.

I really am uncertain.

I put 3 because I'm in the middle. I don't really know what happened in those countries or what the common defense is.

Libya not so much

We are all over that

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For number one I believe it is good but, only for certain races, not all of them.

I'm not too sure what these wars are about exactly, I only know that they are unpopular.

Very important.

N/A

Don't we ever learn?

we no longer fight for just reasons. and to quote general Smedly Butler, "war is a racket!"

None.

dont know wha these are

honestly I suck at politics

I dont have any comment

war could me more exposed to the peoplw

we must fight against terror. i am not as educated on why we were in iraq to fully understand. to my knowledge though i think we should have been there.

when men join the military there is no doubt that they are putting themselves in that situation to go serve our country but for the right reasons. we should not be getting involved in wars that are not in our place to be involved in

i beleive we should fight theese people before they do something unfogivable

Why did you single out all these countries? I think it wasn't very polite.

i dont know why we are talking about getting involved with other countries

Merica is the best country obviously, and some other groups/ countries are just haters trying to shut us down. But we are the worlds police! And if you mess with us to much youre cruising for an epic bruisin. 'Merica

i don't know much about specific countries

I dont have any comments.

The U.S. has the man power and the strength to fight these wars, but (I'm not a war buff but i believe.) over half of these "wars" are not ours to be fought. The war on terror is an essential war we need to fight, but some of the others do not need our involvement or assistance.

We have definitely accomplished things from these, but we tend to take things too far and butt in where we don't belong.

The situations in iraq afghanistan and libya are to complex to answer based on this single one sided question. since the start of globilization the united states must thimnk of more than its own general welfare, but beyond to the welfare of all.

I don't follow the U.S. involvement in wars often so I don't have enough information to chose a side.

The war on terror is a tough topic because many times the people of the country where terrorists live don't want them there.

The government doesn't let war go when another country declares war on us. They make a plan and defend our troops to protect our country.

I'm not keeping up with the news on the world, so I think that I need to.

some of the government's actions are not exactly necessary

i do not know much about any of these battles or wars. but i do know that we are very safe and i trust in our safty

Salaam Alaiwalikum does not seem to be a concept in the military, but it is in the Middle East

i'm not as educated as I would like to be on the subject of our current wars but from what i've heard there is no real threat in a few of those countries and its a waste of innocent lives and other resources to be fighting in countries that don't pose a real threat.

I chose those answers because Iraq and Afghanistan seem to be the most affected and important war on terror and Libya are too but those just seem to be the most government involved.

Where?

Creating wars in the Middle East are making people earn purely profit or deaths.

Terror is a real threat in America.

They want to provide for the common defense yet they're starting wars over things that were previously handled or unnecessary.

We focus way too much on war as a country, as apposed to peace.

It is slightly important to have common defense for our safety

We have one of the best Armed forces in the world and they are amazing, though there have been some bad choices in where to fight wars, are number one now is and should be the War on terror.

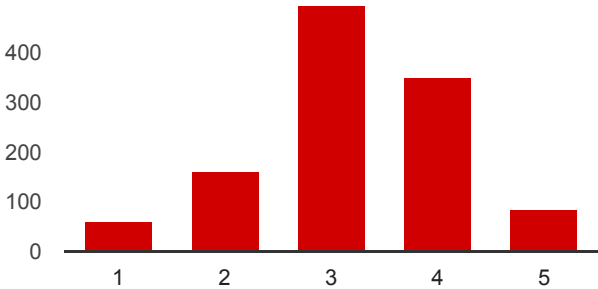
THE WAR ON TERROR IS NOT VERY NECESSARY FOR COMMON DEFENSE THE COUNTRY HAS ONLY BEEN ATTACKED ONCE IN THE LAST 15 YEARS.

More so about the section 4, about in different states have more or less just.

All that causes and results in terrorism needs to be destroyed at all costs.

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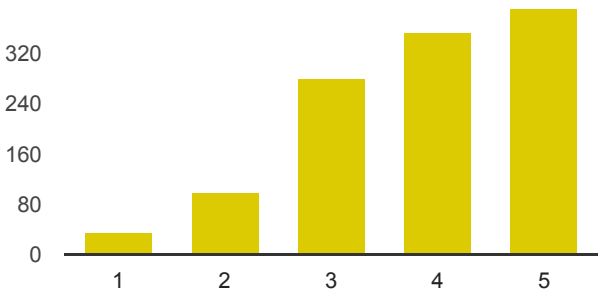
**1. To what extent do you think the government has succeeded in promoting the general welfare?**



Low extent: 1	<b>60</b>	4.9%
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4	<b>351</b>	28.5%
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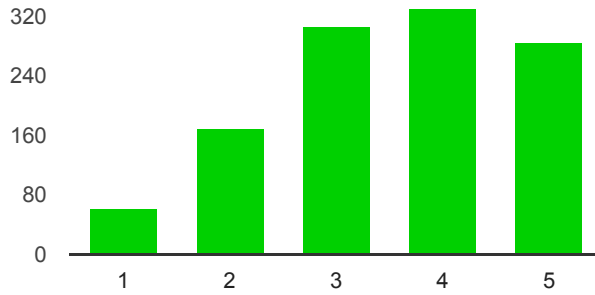
**2. To what extent do you think the following are related to the general welfare?**

**a. education**



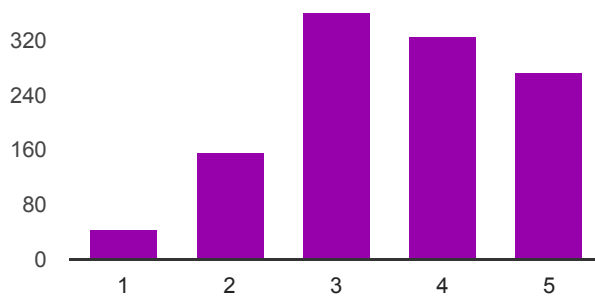
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3	<b>280</b>	22.7%
4	<b>353</b>	28.6%
High extent: 5	<b>392</b>	31.8%

### b. employment



Low extent: 1	<b>61</b>	4.9%
2	<b>169</b>	13.7%
3	<b>308</b>	25%
4	<b>331</b>	26.8%
High extent: 5	<b>285</b>	23.1%

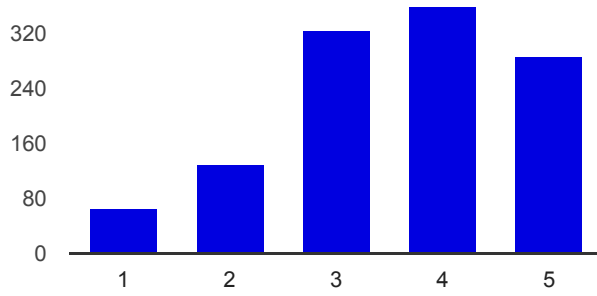
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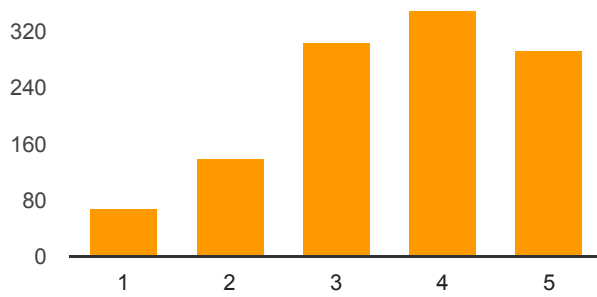


#### d. pure food and drugs



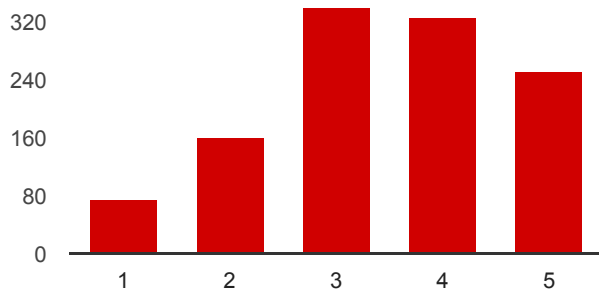
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#### e. health care



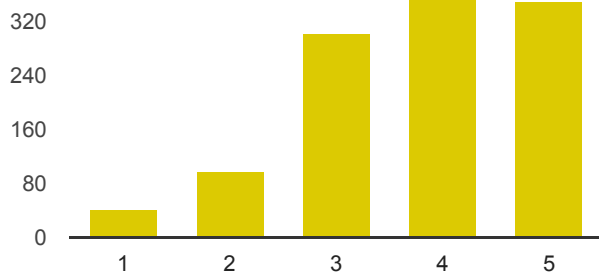
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#### f. environment



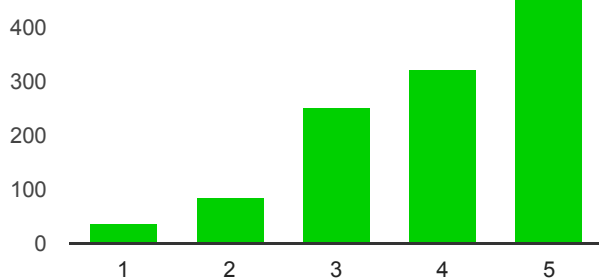
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### g. security



Low extent: 1    **42**    3.4%  
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 3    **302**    24.5%  
 4    **365**    29.6%  
 High extent: 5    **351**    28.5%

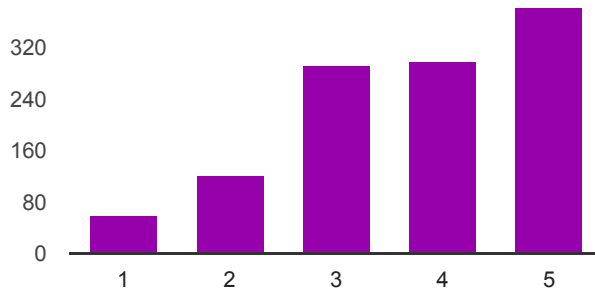
### h. freedom



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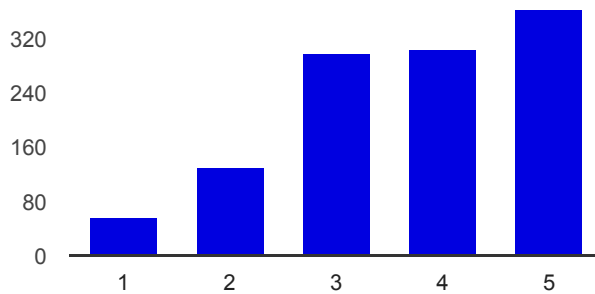
2	<b>86</b>	7%
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### i. equality



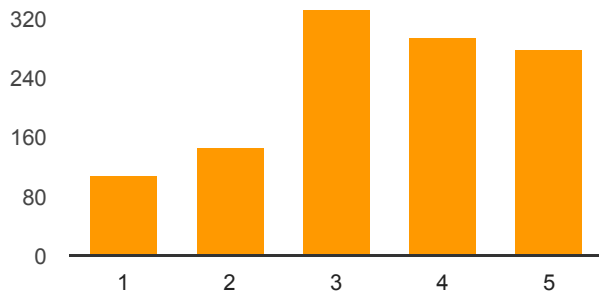
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### j. justice or fairness



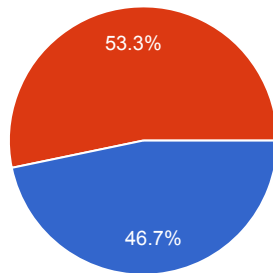
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3	<b>299</b>	24.3%
4	<b>306</b>	24.9%
High extent: 5	<b>364</b>	29.6%

### k. privacy



Low extent: 1	<b>107</b>	8.7%
2	<b>145</b>	11.8%
3	<b>333</b>	27%
4	<b>294</b>	23.9%
High extent: 5	<b>279</b>	22.6%

### 3. Should Congress have the power under the Constitution to adopt all public policy that it believes promotes the general welfare of the nation?



Yes	<b>538</b>	43.7%
No	<b>613</b>	49.8%

### What comments, if any, do you have about these questions?

none

General welfare is important to keep our country looking good

not sure

no comment

They could then just say that it was in the promotion of welfare

We should all work together to live in a peaceful environment.

This congress should not have that much power. They proven time and again in the last months that they don't have the brain power to get themselves around the block in a logical manner.

The power of Congress should be limited.

It has a duty to promote the general welfare of the nation. It must also determine ways to implement programs for the benefit of all people. It should inspire the people to work towards goals - not make them feel entitled. These programs must consider the dignity of man and help to build up self-esteem and a work ethic.

because the people would have a choice

It is their job to promote the general welfare of its citizens.

Pure food and drugs should not be in the same statement

The Federal Government has taken on responsibilities that are not theirs Constitutionally. They have separated church and state to the detriment of our society, when they are simply not given the authority to set up a certain church. They have taken away authority that should be local government's responsibility. The federal government should not be in the business of healthcare, education, environmental policy. The current administration is working against the current law by not upholding laws it doesn't like and suing states siding with foreign countries. The behavior of our federal government borders on treasonous!

The elastic clause would allow congress to adopt these policies if they were necessary. Many of these welfare programs are necessary at this point in time.

Yes. If it promotes the general welfare, why don't we start allowing unwarranted searches of our houses and house soldiers in residential areas that 'possibly' could be attacked. Why don't we add to this already ridiculous amount of paranoia we possess as a people.

Congress should have the power, they don't, however, need to adopt ALL policies.

Congress should have the power to do pretty much anything.

All this costs money, though....which will come from taxes (which no one loves & that don't win reelections!)

Even though we as the people did elect Congress to office. just look at some of the people who voted. Now Congress is worried about staying in office and protecting the rich. Not the hard working middle class people. The lower class people, that are living off of unemployment, a lot of them just want to vote for the one that will give them a greater hand-out.

There is a degree where I think congress should have a public vote on these laws. When congress starts doing things behind people's back, that's when the people know that they can't trust the government anymore if they do now

Only if it is the will of the people. Sometimes congress misinterprets the will of the people

I think Congress needs to think more about the GENERAL Americans to promote the GENERAL welfare

Mostly everything is related to the general welfare.

If the government needs to adopt public policy that would protect the nation, I believe they should do so because the people elect them and if they don't like their decisions they can elect someone who will do what they want.

I believe, that the government sometimes fails to promote healthy foods and also the pharmacy industry of the United States needs major work.

I don't think they should have the power to adopt public policy that promotes the general welfare of the nation without the checks from other branches. What Congress believes to be the general welfare of the nation may not be what the people want.

Though the questions above are related to welfare I don't think all of them are particularly necessary for the whole to fare well. Sometimes to protect the whole you must intrude upon the privacy to insure security for example.

The government is made by the people, therefore the people can change the government.

Health care is a very important issue involved in the general welfare of the people.

The general welfare has been well protected, upheld, and nurtured. The citizens of the United States live much better than citizens of many other countries around the world. However, I personally object to our country's stance on food. Having travelled abroad, I was deeply impressed by the quality of food in Europe. I eventually realized that this was not due to the unique style or flavors, but because of the lack of preservatives and unnecessary additions! Food in America is overloaded with unneeded additives, bogging us down with substances which cause a higher obesity rate and worse health. Our food standards need to be slowly reformed for our health and the health of our children.

Our government has certainly succeeded in promoting the general welfare over the governments of the 19th century, but we still have a ways to go. All of the areas listed above are equally essential to the general welfare.

As for question three, I believe the people should have some say as to that question and how congress should be involved. It is the people's privacy, after all.

I think the Constitution guarantees the authority of states to pass laws governing certain issues.

Number 3: They should have to power, but only if the people approve it.

too much power without checks is dangerous

No!! Because if congressmen actually were true for the people they represent then yes. But people say a lot to get to power then they don't serve the people.

You cannot give Congress absolute power because of basic politics. There should be less Republican / Democrat voting only because of the political party one states they are a part of. Somewhere the will of the people and the best interests for all get lost in useless debate that usually results in the adoption of a law as originally presented along party lines --- when the "other" party gains control of the House - the rules change again.

We never want to give our government too much power....it should remain with the people.

we've gotten a lot over the past years.

All of these incorporate highly into the general welfare. Including education, privacy, justice, and employment.

General welfare is about the good of all not the good of just a few. If Congress got power to adopt all public policy that it believes promotes general welfare they could start thinking of "general welfare" as something that they can use for themselves.

I think congress should have the power to do any thing to make our job easier

The general welfare of the nation is not very well distributed.

In my opinion the general welfare means providing people with equal opportunities. Also it means helping people out when they really need a little help.

Education is very important to our welfare, as is our health as a nation and our security as a nation. Having privacy is a very nice thing, but sometimes to maintain order we have to give up that freedom.

I think they could be doing a better job of privacy and justice and many other things

No, because then the states wouldn't have control over anything and they wouldn't be able to have their own laws.

the gov trys its hardest when there is no way that there is any garente that what they say is the truth.

All the policies should stay the way they are.

That would be braking the constuation

The people should have all the power not the gov.

the people in this country can live freely and have housing and food and stuff to keep them alive.

They give them heath care and food and drugs and everything else but they give them the least of what they can do and it doesnt always cover everything. their housing is usually in a shelter too which isnt equal to what the rich could get.

i just dont think that the congress should do that.

There shouldn't be needs for welfare

The government doesn't do anything to help take care of the enviornment.

No, if we let one group take control of every aspect of our lives our we any better than a dictatorship?

The people should have the choice about General Welfare.

sometimes the goverment has to make laws for the best on their own

I believe that they should only adopt the policys that help out the people.

I think alot of things have to do with the general welfar of people, such as housing, employment, and privacy.

I think Congress has done an ok job promoting the general welfare but they need to figure out how to get more jobs in our country.

General Welfare is very good. It helps us get homes and food. It gives us equality and freedom. It gives us good health care and keeps our enviornment clean and healthy.

All of these Factors Are important for General Welfare for all people

the government should do what that say they was goin to do.

without general welfare the counry would be more broke than it already is

I don't think that they sould get the power to do anything that the constitution won't allow them to do.

Governement should be able to adopt all public policies that it believes promotes general welfare because then people have to pay more taxes.

good questions

General Welfare has a lot of effects on many different things and I think equality has a lot to do with it,

#3 No because every counties is different and has different customs and if they changed that then all counties would be the same

All public policy is too broad. how an individual congressperson feels about public policy will be diferent for each congressperson.

Congress shouldn't have the power to do anything as Congress. They are representatives of the people, and their decisions should never reflect what they "believe" is in the people's best interest. They are not in a position to adopt any policy that the people have not consented to.

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I didn't really understand what it was asking for number 3 or 2 d

i think the congress shouldn't have any more power than it does now because it seems to me that congress has more power than the president

I believe that anyone who is accepting aid from the government should be required to undergo an audit. Lots of people say they can't afford things. I'd like to see what they CAN afford. Cell phones, designer jeans, big screen TV AND no healthcare?

Often Public Policy is someone else telling you how they think you should live your life.

We have three branches of government, not one.

the people should vote on all policy

n/a

PEOPLE SHOULD GET A JOB ERMEGERRRRRR

I have no comments

Not much privacy

Congress shouldn't be able to have that kind of power

Yes because things and people change. The people who wrote the constitution don't see how things are today. So I think it should be ok.

This is confusing but I think it's saying should congress be able to make decisions it believes makes the country more healthy

Congress should have the power to do what is right and if adopting all public policy that promotes welfare than so be it.

N/A

Congress isn't representative of the people. Not only do they represent the wealthy minority of Americans, by dint of the education necessary and cost of securing a seat in Congress, they have rights that Americans don't enjoy (they are paid for life, and are allowed private trading...)

there are three branches of gov't that need to make that policy.

The Question is , 'To what extent are the above not part of General welfare?' They are all important, some more than others, like Pure food, equality and Freedom.

Congress has been bought and sold for political favors and corporate money. securing that power for congress releases power to the people who have paid for the elections. for example corporations are now considered people.

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The Government should not be trusted. The only fair and just way to make laws and changes would be to ask the citizens of America for their input in such matters.

Often times, the Congress is wrong, and should NOT have that kind of power.

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i dont have any

congress does not need to know what is happening with every person every moment

general welfare is the most important thing because it includes so many different things.

the general welfare is something our nation needs to be more aware of and promote more

no comment



The people with higher power sometimes abuse it and because they are of that power they don't get the regular punishments like the rest of us would.

I have no idea what this 3rd question is asking.

The NSA needs to give us privacy

I don't know enough about this topic in order to give a good response so 'Merica

I don't have any.

General welfare to me is, anything that will keep the peace in the nation, and work towards creating a better life for every American.

Sometimes what it believes isn't always best

The general welfare of the people is how to provide for all walks in life in a society

The general welfare of the nation should always be considered when enacting new laws and policies.

All American citizens deserve general welfare.

Public property should be for the people.

The government makes sure to protect the general welfare as well. For example homeless people are given food by Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

I think the government is doing well, but they need to popularize the environment.

General welfare is very general so it includes very general subjects

The Preamble simply states what the Constitution is meant to do. It is NOT giving additional powers to the government.

3. As long as the Congress is acting in the interest of its constituents and not lobbyists.

What does it mean by Employment ?

The government could do a better job of controlling the media such as news outlets, to erase inequalities like racism and sexism

I think they shouldn't because the citizens who don't agree to that would have a problem and that would cause more violence and problems and we really don't need congress to have power to adopt all public policies maybe some....

For?

Congress and the government have done a poor job in making the common people feel safe and happy.

Then it wouldn't be for the people if the people can't decide, it would be for the congress.

People should be making those decisions, not Congress

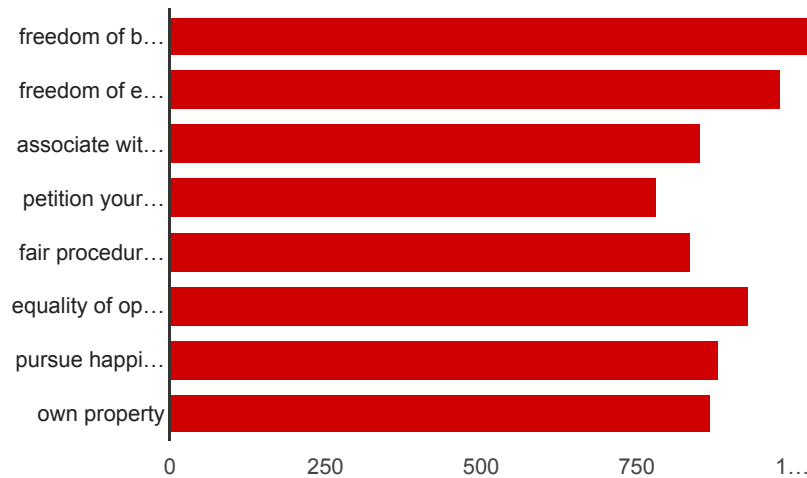
There recently have been issues on the US and equality and I think we need to work on that.

THE UNITED STATES HARDLY EVER TAKES THE ENVIRONMENT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN MAKING DECISIONS

Our government is not a dictatorship, but if they start forcing their idea which not everyone will agree with they will become one.

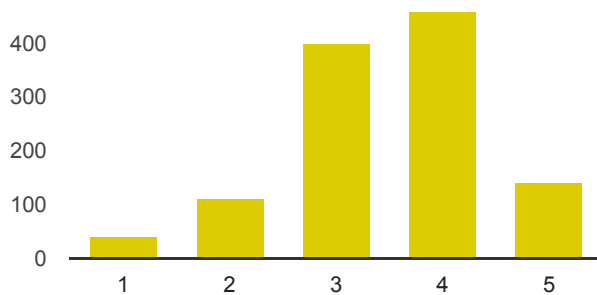
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**1. Which of the following would you consider to be a blessing of liberty? The right to**



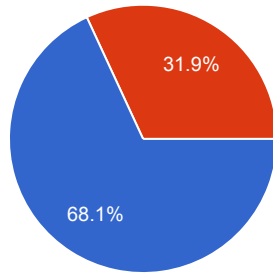
freedom of belief and religion	<b>1026</b>	88.9%
freedom of expression by such means as speaking, writing, or demonstrating	<b>982</b>	85.1%
associate with whomever you wish	<b>853</b>	73.9%
petition your government	<b>780</b>	67.6%
fair procedures in the making of decisions	<b>837</b>	72.5%
equality of opportunity	<b>929</b>	80.5%
pursue happiness as you wish	<b>881</b>	76.3%
own property	<b>868</b>	75.2%

**2. To what extent do you think the government has succeeded in securing the blessings of liberty?**



Low extent: 1	<b>42</b>	3.4%
2	<b>111</b>	9%
3	<b>399</b>	32.4%
4	<b>458</b>	37.2%
High extent: 5	<b>141</b>	11.5%

### 3. In your opinion, are Americans today too concerned with their own liberties and not concerned enough with the liberties of future generations?



They are too concerned with their own liberties.	<b>807</b>	65.7%
They are adequately concerned with the liberties of future generations.	<b>378</b>	30.8%

#### What comments, if any, do you have about the above questions?

none

The government is trying to take our guns and that is unconstitutional

no comment

A blessing of liberty is a good thing that comes from being free. For example in the United States we have freedom to own property. It is very evident, perhaps the most out of those listed, that it is included in your liberties the right to own property.

We have all these laws but i feel like they are hidden in a time of justice.

In the past, people did things so they could have a better future, they did things that would majorly enhance and make us a better country all around, and it wasn't even people of the government it was normal citizens of the United States Of America. Today I haven't seen any changes like they did in the past ( exp - race equality, women rights, etc.)

They are very concerned that the future generations will inherit a bankrupt country thanks to this president and congress

Poor assumptions made in this question! Only two choices?!?

Q 3 has inadequate choices. It should also have a category for "The American people have sold their birthright of liberty for the mess of potage that is the temporary illusion of security." The choices provided assume that an extraordinarily straightened conception of liberty is the only valid choice. I love my country. It is my government that doesn't like me.

such a long survey

I feel it is sometimes had to say yes to all freedoms as everyone in America has different morals.

We want to have rights. But, the government can't set up a level playing field through taxation and regulation.

In the world today you have to be concerned with your own liberties to a certain extent, you can't just worry about others.

i think, now espically with this "go green" movement, we are MORE concerned then we used to be

With rights come RESPONSIBILITIES

for question 3. ... i think Americans today are WAY to self obssessed. i dont want my baby brother groing up in the aftermath of a group of undermining and overexaggerating citizens who have not set for the cleanpath the generations before them have.

on question 3, they are to concerned for the furtur that they aren't noticing that our government is falling apart in the present

it dosnt matter that we have liberties the gov will find a way to still make it wrong what you did Even at my age, (15) me and my younger siblings, it will be an amazing thing if we ever get to retire as adults. Because we'll be stuck paying off the national debit all of our working lives. so will our children, and most likely our children's children.

liberty to me is a lot of things some can only bring good while some if provided to the wrong people can be bad, but that doesn't mean no-one should have that chance. Liberty is to be provided to everyone unless, decided by just measures, is taken away to some extent.

they not thinking about the up coming generations at all.

I think that a lot of people today are too concerned with their own liberties but there are also some people that don't.

The people of this century are very selfish. Look at how large the hollywood business is, that is because of the want of fame and attention. that is greed. I do very much dislike the fact that I was born in this time. But i guess all the world's time has been bad, but still, yeh know?

Americans are worried about themselves in this economic crisis.

Many believe that freedom of belief and religion and expression adn equailty are the most importsant blessings of liberty.

the government has done a good job of securing the liberties of the American people. we have more freedoms than anyone else in the world.

As a citizen of the United States, I believe that we have a great number of liberties and that we handle them well. The generation now ,I feel is a very vocalized generation.

All of the options for number one should be covered under a person's rights.

Everyone cares about how everything effects them and doesnt care about everyone else. who cares if someone else reads and email. what matters is that because the gvt is reading emails, people arent dieing!

These questions are helpful.

The liberties of future generations may be in jeopardy.

Our liberties have been carefully preserved. However, many people are not thinking about the future and living only for the now.

All of the things listed above are equally blessings of liberty and should be protected. Our government has done a fair job of securing these blessings, but yet again we still have a ways to go, especially in the equality of oppportunity department. As for concern for the liberties of future generations, I believe that we have adequate concern for the liberties of future generations.

I think that it's difficult to answer the last question in an absolute way because I think there are some areas where they are too concerned about their own liberties, but some where they are adequately concerned about the liberties of future generations.

Number 3. I'm in the middle of the two.

people think and behave short term

too much government and not enough private enterprise for people to make independent decisions that affect their own lives. too many regulations in all daily life situations.

There is no unity in the united states. Too many people are concerned their own needs only. Each to their own is what I'm seeing. Yes there are good people out there but not enough. If the core of a good solid upbringing is not instilled to a child from birth to 12 years or more. Then that foundation is usually going to have imbalance. Such is the way of our world... Indecent television, media, social standards create lack of respect to others. We are creating social failure in our world. Bullying lack of respects for elders or even people with disabilities. If the method of teaching whether at schools or home lacks goodness in all aspects then what do we expect. I am truly sadden with the way, this world is becoming. Hatred, lack of care for others less fortunate, rascism, the mere lack of interest by government for the people. Because they are too busy taking caring of other countries issues than their own. Very sad, very sad indeed.

Sometimes we get caught up in our world and forget about others.

they arent thinking itll change later on.

I value all of these blessings of liberty and i think they will remain for future generations.

Today's Americans do what they think is right for not just themselves but for those of the future.

ppl need to think past themselves and look at a bigger picture

Every citizen of the U.S. has liberties and they need to protect them so futer generations can have them.

Americans seem to be concerned for everyone not just themselves

Many people want their welfare and other government money programs, but they are not to concerned about the debt we will have to face because we are the youth.

Americans are thinking about the future. We are thinking abuot alternative energies for cars, and how certain groups are going to effect the way we can live our life in the future. all of the liberties that this survey listed are a blessing that we have.

i think they dont even care anymore because to them it doesnt feel like they have much choice in anything anymore

They are helping with the future generations too. Such as rights. All rights help with future generation, if they didn't the future generation would still have to fight for what they want.

the gov did a good thing creating our liberties and we are forever forgiting that they are created by man, and could be taken away if not carful.

We have a lot of freedoms. More than any other country,

People should think about others, not just themselves,

We are all very worried about are futoure generations.

The only things American's are focusing on right now is themselves.

the liberty is the most important thing of all we have the right to what we please except kill

I think we have all the liberty and freedom we can get.

Everyone cares about freedoms and nobody wants them to be taken away.

US has many freedoms

They don't think of the future, they are primarily focused on themselves.

The blessings of liberty are granted to us but they have been twisted and modified from their original meaning.

All the time I hear this, 'If we don't do something then the next generation will have to fix it!' we need to help the future

I believe that today's Americans are in a good position with their liberties, and have gained much ground in the previous years.

I think there are a lot of liberties. We have the right to own property, pursue happiness as we wish, freedom of belief and religion, and to fair procedures in making of decisions. Americans are not thinking of future generations. They are only concerned about themselves and their liberties.

I think the government is doing a good job with securing our liberties but most Americans today are too concerned with themselves to think about other people.

Liberty involves many things such as to pursue happiness and the equality of opportunity and many other things. However many Americans are too concerned about their own liberties to care about many of the other liberties

All these Liberties are important to a degree.

I think that we can make the path that we want they are more concerned about themselves

The people today are way too focused on their own liberties and are hurting the future generations because what they want won't always help in the future.

I believe our government has done pretty well securing most of our liberties, but they've also restricted some, such as associating with whoever you want to. Also, I think Americans today are only worried about themselves so they don't really care about future generations.

Liberties are important for today but they set the basis for next week, next month, next year and so on.

I feel that today's society is doing everything it can to help itself, but not nearly enough to aid with the future generation.

I think Americans should really focus on what we are going to have to do in the future because that is going to be all left up to us. We should all work together and make good choices for the future.

I think that the government has been doing a good job on securing the blessings of liberty

They are too concerned with their own generations because they think that things will change in the future and then people will not really have to be involved with liberties

There are many ways you can achieve your blessing of liberty

Americans are too content to sit back and not care as our liberties are eroded, bit by bit, by an overreaching federal government, increasing bureaucracy, and pandering to special interest groups.

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we need to worry more about the future

Freedom comes with a price and a great deal of responsibility. Too few people understand this Liberty comes with a price and a great deal of responsibility. Too few understand this

Question 3 doesnt offer an option I'd like to choose. Americans are both too negligent of their own liberties and too unconcerned for future generations

n/a

I have no comments

People deserve to have unalienable rights and have the rights of the first amendment.

America is still far from being an equal country

People are living in today

Americans want so much freedom, etc that it's too much and they become greedy and selfish.

There is a lot of debates and such, as I have seen, about more current legislature then future.

Our generation is way too concerned with themselves and not future generations that have to deal with what we have done to the world.

N/A

Humans are naturally selfish, it's not about what country they live in. We're all just born that way.

rights do not end where feelings begin

If the environment has been destroyed by corporate interests in the name of easy money, then there's nothing of value being left future generations...and poverty means something more unhealthy and deprivation without equality, in time.

If the Federal Reserve is around still then I expect that our liberties and future generations will succumb to dept and forgo the very lands their grandfathers fought and died to secure. We shall fall to dept and most Americans wont know until too late. DOWN WITH THE FEDERAL RESERVE -!!!

We humans are a short sighted lot.

YES!!!!

none.

i think everyone wants whats best for their lives now but mostly, for the futures of their children everyone cares about themselves

They do not allow you to associate with whom ever you wish in some cases.

american need to become more aware of what future generations will have and not just theirs.

people now are too worried with their lives and not taking care of the world for generations to come.

some people don't think of their future and their children's future and they just care about themselves

I do feel that America is too concerned with their own liberties, but i feel like that is okay because we shouldnt have to worry about other countrys problems.

Many older people i talk to do acknowledge that the younger generations to come are more important than them right now but there are others that pay no attention and focus on themselves.

Although there's nothing wrong with that i don't k now they realize the more time they put into themselves the less they spend bettering the future of america and probably the world.

we need to think about future gnereations more

i think 'Mericans are perfect so that question doesnt need to be answered

we dont care about the generation ahead of us because we only want the now and we don't care about what the now could do to us later.

To many Americans, being "free" is just not being a slave. But really its relatively complete freedom of rights, all of which included above.

People don't want the next generations to be wronged, even if they themselves have been wronged

they only focus on personal gain

Many people take into the account of their freedom now as well as the freedom of future generations to come.

I think we are doing good when it comes to equal oppurtunites for all and liberty.

Many people in the world are mainly concerned for themselves and the ones closest to them.

Americans don't care about other liberties and sometimes don't follow the rules about how others have the same liberties as they do.

I think that the government is paying attention to our freedom presently and the futures.

many older generations are concerned with their children

I believe they are to involved of the futures liberties and upgrades and don't even take advantage of the liberties we have now that can be easily taken as fast as we got them.

From?

the government needs to take into count all people and strive to make decisions in everyone's best interests.

I have no comment.

We should start focusing on the liberties of future generations because that was what was done for us

People really just care for themselves.

AS STATED EARLIER THE GOVERNMENT HARDLY EVER TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF THE COUNTRY.

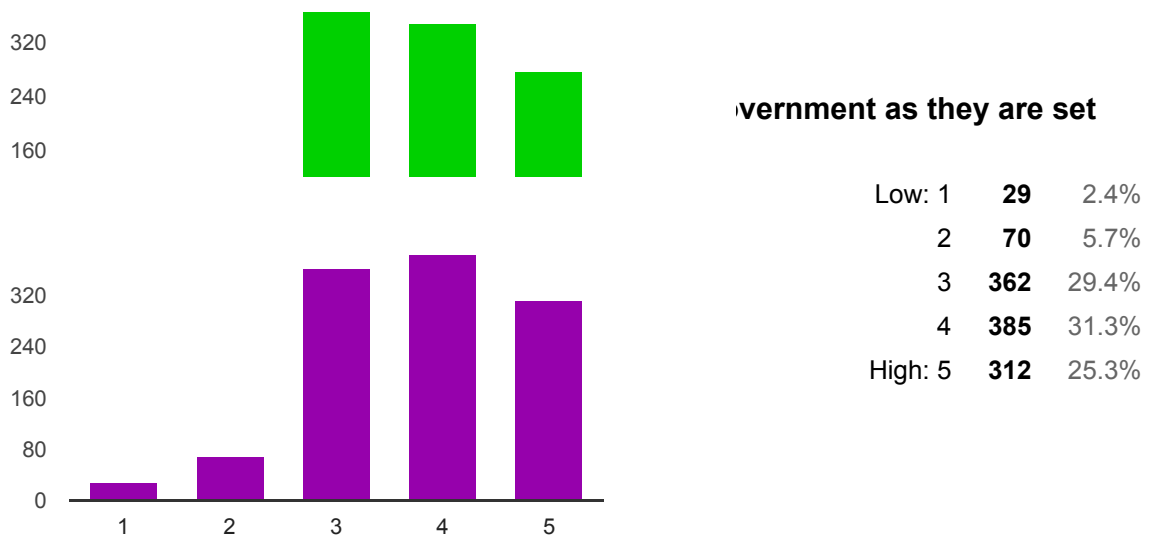
I think that the "pursuit of happiness" could cause people to get in trouble because things that make people happy, or what they THINK makes them happy, may get them into serious trouble.

## Section 8 of 8

### 1. To what degree do you feel you are a part of "We the People" who support the Constitution?

Low: 1	<b>59</b>	4.8%
2	<b>108</b>	8.8%
3	<b>366</b>	29.7%
4	<b>348</b>	28.3%
High: 5	<b>276</b>	22.4%





**Would you like to add any comments about the questions we have asked about the Preamble?**

A like a agree is about a help the colony in freedom or others.

none

The government doesn't listen to the constitution like it should

no comment

no.

no

The whole preamble talks about how Americans will be protected with this. The only intention of the constitution is to protect the people of America.

We do understand the laws and orders but we may not like them or agree with them.

I wish our government would quit acting like the constitution does not exist. And on the occasions they do acknowledge its presence I wish they would not trample on it.

I agree with the original intention of the Constitution. I do believe that today's government has distorted the intention meaning and have put in their own opinion of how the government should be ran when they should just stick to what is strictly stated in the Constitution. For example, today's government has totally flipped the idea of separation of Church and state. The original intention of this is for states to not get involved in the church but it is okay if the church is involved in the state. The original intention was to have prayer, worship, and devotion among things in the state such as meetings or schools but now the government is trying to get it out of it. We, as a nation, need to go back to the original intent of the Constitution and stand once again as one nation, UNDER GOD!

How sad that anyone who suggests that the American people are or ought to be capable of setting their own personal courses without the guiding hand of government is in some way a fringe radical. Jefferson, Madison and Adams might be offended by the diction of the Tea Party

but they would be horrified by the curtailment of individual rights and responsibilities inherent in today's highly centralized state.

yaaay the end

The Founding Fathers took great care to set up this Republic like no other country in the world. In the last 100 years, government began overstepping its authority until we are in the dire predicament that we are in today. Allow God back in to our government! Free our country from the chains that shackle our citizens.

People are not born equal. They do, however, deserve equal rights.

i love the U.S.

times is hard

The best 52 words ever!!!

1.; i dont feel like my opinion matters much anymore. as a mass the citizens arent as smart as they could be, and i often go against what the crowd does because of that. a group of votes cant argue with the entire population's however. 2. i agree with everything the preamble says, i just feel it could be enforced a little better.

I just really dont like the fact of a government, but maybe thats because I know nothing about it.

The preamble is worded perfectly and sounds great! However, sometimes our government does not do a great job in carrying out the preamble.

I feel like we are part of we the people.

i agree with the purposes given by the preamble to the government.

I feel as if I am part of the "We The People".

I do feel like "We the People" because my rights are protected under the Constitution.

i am not one of "the People". The governments purposes sound legit... but is that how it really is?

I'm glad we have a constitution.

I feel that i am part of "We the People".

The Preamble does an effective job laying the groundwork for our governments duties and goals.

I may be a lefty, but I still support Constitution, no matter what anyone might think about those of my political persuasion.

I don't feel my vote counts!

oh yeah, constitution yeah

the constitution is good as long as we follow it in everything we do. Problems arise when we change it too much

we the people should be heard and government should not promote a socialistic society , one which the original immigrants ran from and decided to start a free world here in USA.

I can't believe how our founders were able to think so far ahead and identify ideals that we can still promote today...

i think the purposes is made what we have now.

I think that the government is out to protect its people which is what the constitution set out for the government to do.

I think that the Preamble is correct in its creation and brilliant as a whole. The Constitution has been used by the United States for many years and it still stands.

Everyone is given rights to the constitution.

I agree with the governmental purpose of protecting the freedoms and wellbeing of the people of America

I believe the Preamble sets up a good base for our country.

The Constitution applies to all of us. Not just the wealthy, the poor, or the people in high power. It covers everyone and everyone should be given the rights set down in it.

don't really know much about the preamble

Everyone is part of the constitution because it goes to everyone who is living in the U.S or was born in the U.S

the gov is a great creation when there are the right people in power.

Every citizen of the country is part of we the people. We hold the power of the government.

What does preamble mean?

Government plays a huge roll in our country!

We need the gov. to help guide us.

if you are a citizen in our country you are "we the people" so act like it.

i think that "We the People" is more the government than the citizens.

I like and wanted the freedoms that the constitution and preamble have given to us, and would not have wanted to give up any of these rights and freedoms that we have here in the united states.

Not many people are trying to stay involved with the government

I am not old enough to get involved with the government, so I feel like I don't have a say in anything.

The government seems too concerned with economical problems more than actual social problems..

I am part of "We the People"

Does the preamble get taught to every student

I think that the purposes of government are very necessary.

I believe that I am included in the we the people of the constitution.

I agree with what the constitution said about being created equal. We also have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The purpose of government is to make sure we keep these rights.

I think I am a part of the "we the People" but i don't feel like a huge part of it because i can't vote yet.

Everyone agrees with the Preamble and what it says.

I am a part of the people spoken of in the opening phrase

i think that we the people should stick together

they really don't follow the preamble that much

I think "we the people" support the constitution because they people make the decisions and if they wanted to change anything on the constitution they could.

The purposes of government that are set in the preamble aren't set into motion and followed as much and as often as they should be.

I believe our founding fathers did a great job at establishing a good government and the Constitution, but our government today needs to live more by our Constitution.

The preamble is the introduction to the constitution and grants the country equal rights between every citizen.

no the concerns are fine

I think that the questions in this survey were asked very well. It really made you think what your constitution is and how it abides to you.

The Preamble really breaks down Americanism in my opinion.

I think that they do not let people get involved in making the decisions that effect us most and to listen to us the people who live in the real world

We the people stands for everybody in the United States so I know I am part of We The People

I think you should include questions about whether people feel that they are being represented in the manner originally set forth. Those who were in office used to be servants.

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Well, i am just a 12 year old so i did not completely understand most of this, but after the discussion with my mom and dad it was really good learning for me!!!:)

im ify on being in the we the people because im a minor

no

I think if our founding fathers saw what the role of government is today, they would say, "Uhhh..that's not what we meant."

I think if the founding fathers saw what government has become, they would say, "That's not what we meant"

Government has become a roadblock for progress with the advent of the two party system..We should eliminate the two party system and start all over with the people truly voting for the candidate..not the electoral college

Our government has drifted SO FAR from its orgins that its unrecognizable!

n/a

I have no comments

Spent two hours filling out the form. Attempted to print. No luck. Able to print first page only.

Many of our basics rights have been impaled and redefined .

Again, I'm in the middle because I don't know what it's asking.

Not really.

I agree with the purposes of government

I'm not American so I don't feel like I'm under the category "we the people"

I think that, relatively, the constitution has been followed.

N/A

We all interpret things differently. Just as I read these questions with a very different perspective than those who took the time to formulate them. We all lead different lives and come to different conclusions when confronted with life's myriad events that we are left to interpret. Jefferson once said it is our duty to cast off the irons of injustice should our government cede to corruption and reform a new government. There is no need for a philosopher to decipher his meaning, he means

exactly what he says. Just as clear as "the tree of Liberty need to be watered from time to time with the blood of Patriots and Tyrants."

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none.

i do not have any

The preamble was written to help us not to hurt us.

the preamble hits all the major goals of our government.

nope :)

I have no idea with that 2nd question.

i dont have any comments

the preamble is a part of what 'Merica is built on and it seemed to work so i dont think anything needs to change 'MERICA

I think the Preamble is a founding document that based the wonderful life we have now, and so we need to learn more about our own individual rights, and honor the sacredness of our constitution.

I think the preamble is a very nice document, whether or not we follow it.

i support the ideas of the preambble

I am proud to say that I am an American!

The preamble sets many important rights for a free nation.

I think that everyone has the appropriate freedoms that they should get from the Constitutions.

Has it been modified at any slightest bit from when originally written

They should be more hands off and have absolutely zero jurisdiction over Native land, and also should give way more land to Natives because the Government seems to forget we have a presence in this nation, when in fact, we started this nation.

The Preamble is meant to be just that, a Preamble. The Constitution is where the government gets it powers. The Preamble alone is entirely too broad and could be used to set a monarchy or dictatorship as well as a republic. There have been individual leaders throughout history that promised to do these things for their people: establish justice, promote the general welfare... In fact, as a leader, the most effective way to do such things is to have complete control over your people. This is not the intent of the Preamble. It's intent is to inform the readers why such a Constitution was set up. Any powers not given to the national government in the Constitution should not be taken. It is illegal. The people just have to have the guts to do something about it.

No

To what degree do you feel you are apart of "We the People" who support the constitution? How can you feel apart of "We the People" if you don't get a say in what happens here? As a kid all you can do is sit back and watch and you really can't do much since you don't have the power to choose what you want. I don't get to vote for who I want to be president, or mayor, or any of that. The older people do and most of the time they over look what a big mistake that could be if someone got into office who shouldn't be. Just one wrong move and our country could be in shambles faster than ever. We don't get to choose, just obey what the older people decide.

Please?

The Constituion had good intentions but has not always been followes.

We don't involve the people in decisions as much as we should.

THE PREAMBLE PROMISES A LOT BUT THE COUNTRY DOESN'T FOLLOW THROUGH

## Number of daily responses

