

Global Spotlight: Presidential Candidates' Foreign Policy Survey Instrument

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Prior to the Global Spotlight Event participants will be asked the following questions using the real-time polling software socrative by MasteryConnect. Participation is completely voluntary and participants may join in the interactive polling without having their responses collected. Additionally, participants may attend the event without participating in the real-time polling.

1. Welcome to the Global Spotlight Event on the Presidential Candidates' Foreign Policy positions. During this presentation we will use this online audience response system to poll the audience on their opinions. Professors Sievert, McDonald, Michelsen, and Fagan are conducting research to better understand students' perceptions of the Presidential candidates. Your participation involves answering questions throughout tonight's presentations. We are NOT collecting your name, and any information you provide this evening will be kept confidential. Browser information may be collected by the online response software; responses are confidential to the degree permitted by the technology used. No guarantees can be made regarding the confidentiality of the electronic data. Your participation is completely voluntary and you may participate in tonight's event even if you decline to give us permission to use your responses. You may stop participating at any time throughout the presentation.

If you have any questions about this research please discuss it with us at this time. If you would like to discuss this at another time you should contact Dr. Sievert at 828-227-3899 or jmsievert@email.wcu.edu. If you have any questions or concerns about your treatment as a participant in this study, you can reach the Chair of the Western Carolina University Institutional Review Board through WCU's Office of Research Administration at 828-227-7212.

In order to participate in the electronic polling, you must be 18 years old. By submitting responses you are indicating your consent to participate in this research and that you are at least 18 years old. Will you participate in tonight's survey?

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No.

2. Please enter the last four digits of your 92#. If you do not have a 92# please enter a random four digit number.

3. What is your gender?

- (a) Female
- (b) Male
- (c) Prefer not to answer.

4. What is your age?

5. What is your major? (If not a student, answer N/A)

6. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat,

an Independent or something else?

- (a) Republican
- (b) Democrat
- (c) Independent
- (d) Something Else
- (e) I don't know/ Haven't Thought About It

7. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- (a) Very Liberal
- (b) Liberal
- (c) Slightly Liberal
- (d) Moderate, Middle of the Road
- (e) Slightly Conservative
- (f) Conservative
- (g) Very Conservative
- (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

8. If the election were held today, which candidate would you be most likely to vote for?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Marco Rubio
- (c) Ted Cruz
- (d) Ben Carson
- (e) John Kasich
- (f) Hillary Clinton
- (g) Bernie Sanders
- (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

9. From what you know about the candidates for President, whose foreign policy do you think is most in line with your own preferences?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Marco Rubio
- (c) Ted Cruz
- (d) Ben Carson
- (e) John Kasich
- (f) Hillary Clinton
- (g) Bernie Sanders
- (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

10. How important are the candidate's foreign policy positions in your choice of who to vote for?

- (a) Very Important
- (b) Somewhat Important
- (c) Not at All Important
- (d) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

11. Generally speaking, how knowledgeable are you about foreign policy?

- (a) Very Knowledgeable
- (b) Somewhat Knowledgeable
- (c) Middle of the Road
- (d) Somewhat Unknowledgeable
- (e) Very Unknowledgeable
- (f) Don't Know / Haven't Thought About It

12. We would like to gauge your feelings toward the seven remaining Presidential candidates. For each candidate, we would like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. The feeling thermometer ranges from 0-100. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you do not feel favorable toward that person and that you do not care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you do not feel particularly warm or cold toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you do not recognize, you do not need to rate that person.

Before we begin, do you understand how to use the feeling thermometer?

(a) Yes

(b) No

13. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Donald Trump?

14. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Marco Rubio?

15. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Ted Cruz?

16. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Ben Carson?

17. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate John Kasich?

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18. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Hillary Clinton?

19. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Bernie Sanders?

Presentations on the Presidential Candidates' positions on foreign policy will be given by Professors Sievert, McDonald, and Fagan. During each presentation participants will be asked the following question.

20. Based on what you have just heard, which candidate's foreign policy is most in line with your own preferences?

- (a) Candidate A
- (b) Candidate B

- (c) Candidate C
- (d) Candidate D
- (e) Candidate E
- (f) Candidate F
- (g) Candidate G

After all presentations have concluded participants will be asked the following questions.

21. If the election were held today, which candidate would you be most likely to vote for?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Marco Rubio
- (c) Ted Cruz
- (d) Ben Carson
- (e) John Kasich
- (f) Hillary Clinton
- (g) Bernie Sanders
- (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

22. From what you know about the candidates for President, and what you have heard tonight, whose foreign policy do you think is most in line with your own preferences?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Marco Rubio
- (c) Ted Cruz
- (d) Ben Carson
- (e) John Kasich
- (f) Hillary Clinton
- (g) Bernie Sanders
- (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

23. How important are the candidate's foreign policy positions in your choice of who to vote for?

- (a) Very Important
- (b) Somewhat Important
- (c) Not at All Important
- (d) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It

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Before we begin, do you understand how to use the feeling thermometer?

- (a) Yes

(b) No

25. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Donald Trump?

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29. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate John Kasich?

30. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Hillary Clinton?

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Students will be asked if they are willing to be contacted for a follow up survey. If they would like to volunteer to be contacted their email address will be collected in a second Socrative classroom so their email addresses will not be linked to their responses.

Questions to be sent using Qualtrics to participants that volunteered to be contacted for a follow-up survey.

32. Thank you for participating in the Global Spotlight Series on the Presidential Candidates' Positions on Foreign Policy positions. Professors Sievert, McDonald, Michelson, and Fagan are conducting research to better understand Americans' perceptions of the Presidential candidates. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary and your responses will be collected and stored anonymously. You may stop participating at any time by closing your browser window.

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In order to participate in the follow-up survey, you must be 18 years old. By submitting responses you are indicating your consent to participate in this research and that you are at least 18 years old. Will you participate in the follow-up survey?

(a) I agree to participate in this survey.

(b) I decline to participate in this survey.

33. Please enter the five digit number you entered at the Global Spotlight Series event on the Presidential Candidates' Positions on Foreign Policy.

34. What is your gender?

(a) Female

(b) Male

(c) Prefer not to answer.

35. What is your age? If you are under 18 years of age you may not participate.
36. What is your major? (If not a student, answer N/A)
37. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?
- (a) Republican
 - (b) Democrat
 - (c) Independent
 - (d) Something Else
 - (e) I don't know/ Haven't Thought About It
38. Where would you place yourself on this scale?
- (a) Very Liberal
 - (b) Liberal
 - (c) Slightly Liberal
 - (d) Moderate, Middle of the Road
 - (e) Slightly Conservative
 - (f) Conservative
 - (g) Very Conservative
 - (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It
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 - (c) Ted Cruz
 - (d) Ben Carson
 - (e) John Kasich
 - (f) Hillary Clinton
 - (g) Bernie Sanders
 - (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It
40. From what you know about the candidates for President, whose foreign policy do you think is most in line with your own preferences?
- (a) Donald Trump
 - (b) Marco Rubio
 - (c) Ted Cruz
 - (d) Ben Carson
 - (e) John Kasich
 - (f) Hillary Clinton
 - (g) Bernie Sanders
 - (h) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It
41. How important are the candidate's foreign policy positions in your choice of who to vote for?
- (a) Very Important
 - (b) Somewhat Important
 - (c) Not at All Important
 - (d) Don't Know/ Haven't Thought About It
42. We would like to gauge your feelings toward the seven remaining Presidential

candidates. For each candidate, we would like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. The feeling thermometer ranges from 0-100. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you do not feel favorable toward that person and that you do not care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you do not feel particularly warm or cold toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you do not recognize, you do not need to rate that person.

Before we begin, do you understand how to use the feeling thermometer?

(a) Yes (b) No

43. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Donald Trump?

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45. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Ted Cruz?

46. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Ben Carson?

47. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate John Kasich?

48. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Hillary Clinton?

49. Using the feeling thermometer we just introduced (1-100 with the higher number reflecting more positive feelings), how would you rate Bernie Sanders?