CCES 2007 – University of Missouri Team Content
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We'd like to ask you some questions about how you view other people, groups, and institutions.

1. I am going to ask you about how much you trust different levels of government. How much of the time do you think you can trust each level government?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Hardly ever	Don't know
Federal government	□	□	□	□	□
State government	□	□	□	□	□
Local government	□	□	□	□	□

2. Do you think people should trust government officials to do what is right, or is it important for citizens to monitor government officials all the time?

Should trust government
Should monitor government
Depends
Don't know

3. Next, we'd like to ask you about the responsiveness of different levels of government. Please respond whether you agree or disagree, strongly agree or strongly disagree, or neither agree nor disagree about whether each level of government is responsive to public opinion.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Federal government	□	□	□	□	□
State government	□	□	□	□	□
Local government	□	□	□	□	□

4. People have different opinions about how important government is to their lives. For the federal government, your state government, and your local government, would you say that it matters a lot, matters a little, or does not matter at all?

	Matters a lot	Matters a little	Does not matter at all	No opinion
Federal government	□	□	□	□
State government	□	□	□	□
Local government	□	□	□	□

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your state government:

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of each of the following institutions:

	Strongly Approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove
Term limits for state legislators	□	□	□	□	□
Ballot measures and initiatives	□	□	□	□	□
Line item veto power for governor	□	□	□	□	□
Public funding of campaign for state gubernatorial candidates	□	□	□	□	□
Public funding of campaign for state legislative candidates	□	□	□	□	□

6. Next, I would like you to tell me whether your state has the following institutions in place?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Term limits for state legislators	□	□	□
Line item veto power for governor	□	□	□
Ballot measures and initiatives	□	□	□
Public funding of campaigns for state legislative candidates	□	□	□
Public funding of campaigns for state gubernatorial candidates	□	□	□

7. Next, I'd like to ask you about whether you approve or disapprove of the job that different levels of government are doing. Would you say you strongly approve, approve, neither approve nor disapprove, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove in the job that your local government, state government, and the federal government is doing?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove
Local government	□	□	□	□	□

State government	□	□	□	□	□
Federal government	□	□	□	□	□

8. Next, we would like to ask you a couple of questions about your state legislature. State legislatures vary in how often they meet, how much state legislators are paid, and how much staff legislators are provided. As you think about your state legislature, do you prefer:

a. short session length (couple of months a year)	long session length (most of the year)
b. part-time legislative salary	full-time legislative salary
c. a small, part-time staff	a large, full-time, professional staff

[7-point scale]

9. Do you approve of the job that the people who represent your community are doing in the state legislature?

Strongly approve
Somewhat approve
Neither approve nor disapprove
Somewhat disapprove
Strongly disapprove

For the following questions, I want you to think about the kind of representative you would want in your state legislature for each of the situations.

10. Imagine a situation where a legislator sees a conflict between what he or she thinks is best and what the people in the district want. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is a legislator who follows one's own conscience in making decisions and 7 is a legislator who follows what the people in the district want, where would you want your legislator to be?

Legislator who follows one's own conscience	Legislator who follows what the people in the district want

[7-point scale]

11. Imagine a situation where you are of the same party as your state representative. If the state representative and the state party leaders have contrary views on a major policy issue, would you prefer your representative vote for what he or she sees as the best course of action or would you prefer that your representative vote with the party? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is the legislator choosing what he or she sees as the best course of action and a 7 is the legislator who votes with the party, where would you want your legislator to be?

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Representative who votes for own view of best course of action	Representative who votes with the party leaders

[7-point scale]

12. Some people prefer a legislator who focuses mostly on policy issues important to the whole state while others prefer a legislator who is primarily concerned with looking after the needs of your district. And, some people prefer a mix of the two. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is a legislator who is mostly focused on the whole state, and 7 is a legislator primarily concerned with the district, where would you want your legislator to be?

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Legislator who focuses mostly on issues important to the whole state	Legislator who primarily looks after needs of your district

[7-point scale]

13. Some people prefer a legislator who focuses mostly on big statewide budget issues (taxes, spending priorities) while others prefer a legislator who is mostly concerned with making sure the district gets its fair share of government money and projects. And, some people prefer a mix of the two. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is a legislator who focuses mostly on statewide budget issues and 7 is a legislator who is mostly concerned with the district getting its fair share, where would you want your legislator to be?

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Legislator who focuses mostly on statewide budget issues	Legislator who mostly concerned that district gets fair share

[7-point scale]

Next, we'd like to ask you about some questions about the environment.

14. How would you characterize your overall level of concern for the environment? Would you say you are not concerned, a little concerned, somewhat concerned, very concerned, or haven't you thought much about this?

Not concerned
A little concerned
Somewhat concerned
Very concerned
Don't know

15. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the global environment? Would you say that it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good
Fairly good
Fairly bad
Very bad

16. Overall, how would rate the quality of the environment in the United States? Would you say that it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good
Fairly good
Fairly bad
Very bad

17. What about in your local community? Is the overall quality of the environment very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Very good
Fairly good
Fairly bad
Very bad

Now, we'd like to ask you about some questions about the role of government in addressing specific environmental issues.

18. Thinking about *protecting community drinking water sources*…

a. How much effort do you think the government should put into addressing this issue?

A lot less
A little bit less
About the same
A little bit more
A lot more

b. Which level of government in the United States do you think should be most involved addressing this issue, or is this not an issue government should address?

Local government
State government
Federal government
No government action

Replace phrase in italics in Q27 with each of the following [in random order]:

19. Reducing urban air pollution issues like smog
20. Preserving natural areas near where I live

21. Managing urban sprawl
22. Reducing pollution of the nation's rivers, lakes, and ecosystems
23. Reducing national air pollution problems like acid rain
24. Maintaining national parks
25. Preserving national forests and other federally-protected areas
26. Reducing emissions that contribute to global warming
27. Preventing damage to the earth's ozone layer
28. Preventing loss of the world's tropical rain forests
29. Protecting the world's plant and animal species from extinction