

# GREAT DECISIONS

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## 2019 National Opinion Ballot

First, we'd like to ask you for some information about your participation in the Great Decisions program. If you are not currently a Great Decisions program member, please skip to the "background" section.

How long have you participated in the Great Decisions program (i.e., attended one or more discussion sessions)?

- This is the first year I have participated
- I participated in one previous year
- I participated in more than one previous year

How did you learn about the Great Decisions Program?

- Word of mouth
- Local library
- Foreign Policy Association website
- Promotional brochure
- Other organization \_\_\_\_\_

Where does your Great Decisions group meet?

- Private home
- Library
- Community center
- Learning in retirement
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours, on average, do you spend reading one Great Decisions chapter?

- Less than 1 hour
- 1–2 hours
- 3–4 hours
- More than 4 hours

Would you say you have or have not changed your opinion in a fairly significant way as a result of taking part in the Great Decisions program?

- Have
- Have not
- Not sure

**Background Section:** Next, we'd like to ask you some information about your background.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Although the media often reports about national and international events and developments, this news is seldom as interesting as the things that happen directly in our own community and neighborhood.

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly

Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?

- Very much interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not interested at all

Do you think it is best for the future of the United States if the U.S. takes an active role in world affairs or stays out of world affairs?

- Takes an active role in world affairs
- Stays out of world affairs

How often are you asked for your opinion on foreign policy?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Never

Have you been abroad during the last two years?

- Yes
- No

Do you know, or are you learning, a foreign language?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any close friends or family that live in other countries?

- Yes
- No

Do you donate to any charities that help the poor in other countries?

- Yes
- No

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

With which gender do you most identify?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender male
- Transgender female
- Gender variant/non-conforming
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

What race do you consider yourself?

- White/Caucasian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian American
- Native American
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

Were you born in the United States or another country?

- United States
- Another country

Are you a citizen of the United States, another country, or are you a citizen of both the United States and another country?

- United States
- Another country
- United States and another country

How important is religion in your life?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not at all important

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed?

- Full-time employee
- Part-time employee
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Student
- Homemaker

What are the first three digits of your zip code? (This will allow us to do a state-by-state breakdown of results.)

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Can you give us an estimate of your household income in 2018 before taxes?

- Below \$30,000
- \$30,000–\$50,000
- \$50,000–\$75,000
- \$75,000–\$100,000
- \$100,000–\$150,000
- Over \$150,000
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Did not graduate from high school
- High school graduate
- Some college, but no degree (yet)
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college degree
- Some postgraduate work, but no degree (yet)
- Post-graduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, etc.)

*Now we would like to ask you some ballot questions from previous years:*

**1. From 2007's "International migration in a globalizing economy":** Do you think its a contradictions to support the free movement of goods and services that characterize globalization, on the one hand, and to limit hte free movement of wokers,on the other hand?

- Yes
- No

**2. From 2012's "Mexico: transborder crime and governance":** Who should lead the efforts to combat drug cartels and criminality in North and Central America?

- U.S. alone
- Mexico alone
- U.S. and Mexico
- Central American Nations
- Mexico and Central American Nations

**3. From 2013's "Turkey's challenges":** How likely or not do you think it is that Turkey will join the European Union?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not likely at all

**4. From 2012's "Promoting democracy":** In your opinion, which method of promoting democracy is the most appropriate unilateral U.S. strategy?

- Diplomacy
- Sanctions (includes conditional aid)
- Democracy assistance in the form of funding, training, organizing, etc.
- Military force

**5. From 2011's "Cybersecurity":** Which of the following is the most compelling argument for cyberspace governance?

- The proliferation of internationalized cybercrime
- The incidence of "political" cyber-attacks (e.g. pro-nationalist hackers)
- The impact of cyber activity on foreign and military policy
- The possibility of a cyber "arms race" in the near future
- Other

**6. From 2010's "China looka at the world: the world looks at China":**Given the rising strength and power of China in the international system, what do you expect a future China to look like? (Select one option)

- Replacing the U.S. as the hegemon in a unipolar world order.
- Taking on the role the USSR had during the cold war as a major rival to the U.S. in a bipolar world.
- Becoming one of the "poles" in a multipolar world order
- Domestic issues in China will prevent it from assuming a larger global role.

**7. From 2013's "Trade":** People debate whether the U.S. government should increase restrictions on imports, keep re-strictions on imports at current levels or decrease restrictions on imports. What do you think the U.S. government should do?

- Increase restrictions on imports
- Keep restrictions on imports at current levels
- Decrease restrictions on imports

**8. From 2002's "Alone or together: the U.S. and the world":** Overall, have organizations such as the World Bank, the Inter-national Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization done more good than harm for poor nations?

- More good
- More harm
- Both equally

**9. From 2015's "Sectarianism in the Middle East":** In terms of the political situation in the Middle East, which is the most important?

- Democratic governments, even if there is less stability
- Stable governments, even if there is less democracy

**10. From 2009's "The global financial crisis and its effects":** Which of the following statements best describes the future U.S. role in the world?

- The U.S. will remain the dominant power for the next 10 years
- The U.S. will remain the dominant power for the foreseeable future
- The U.S. is no longer the dominant global power

**11. From 2007's "U.S.-China economic relations":** In terms of the U.S., do you see China's surging economy as:

- A threat, taking jobs from the U.S.
- A boon, providing cheap goods to the U.S.
- Both

**12. From 2007's "Russia and 'Putinism'":** Considering the following, do you believe that, as a matter of policy, the U.S. should:

12.1 Actively seek a closer and more stable relationship with Russia?

- Yes
- No

12.2 Attempt to have friendly relations with the former Russian republics but avoid meddling in Moscow's 'sphere of influence'?

- Yes
- No

12.3 Make strong efforts to establish close ties to those former Russian republics that could be most use to the U.S. for security reasons or to promote stable access to fossil fuels for the U.S. and its European allies?

- Yes
- No

13. From 2014's "Syria's Refugee Crisis": In general, do you support or oppose Western countries sending arms and military supplies to anti-government groups in Syria?

- Support strongly
- Support somewhat
- Oppose somewhat
- Oppose strongly
- Not sure

## Topic I. Refugees and Global Migration

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Refugees and Global Migration?" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on global migration in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on global migration with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on global migration with friends and family
- Followed news related to global migration
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to global migration
- Have or had a job related to global migration
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to global migration?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. To what extent do you think migrants, especially refugees and asylum-seekers, pose a threat to the host country's security?

- Major threat
- Minor threat
- No threat

4a. Do you think global migration has a positive, negative, or neutral effect on the culture of the host country?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

4b. Do you think global migration has a positive, negative, or neutral effect on the economy of the host country?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

4c. Do you think global migration has a positive, negative, or neutral effect on the security of the host country?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

5. Do countries like Germany and the United States with the resources to take in migrants like refugees and asylum-seekers have a responsibility to do so?

- Yes, countries with resources have a responsibility to take in refugees and asylum-seekers.
- No, countries with resources do not have responsibility to take in refugees and asylum seekers.

6a. Do you believe there should be a limit on how many global migrants can settle in the United States per year?

- Yes, migration should be limited
- No, migration should not be limited.

6b. In general, do you believe all countries should limit on how many global migrants can settle in their country per year?

- Yes, migration should be limited
- No, migration should not be limited.

7. Do you believe that migration is a global "crisis"?

- Yes
- No

8. To what extent do you think it is important to consider what country or region migrants are coming from when approving their stay in new countries?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

9. Do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees from Syria into the country, or do you think the U.S. does not have a responsibility to do this?

- The U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees from Syria
- The U.S. does not have a responsibility to accept refugees from Syria

10. President Trump initiated a travel ban for people from seven countries including Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen. The ban also includes restrictions on refugees until enhanced vetting procedures are put in place. Do you think a ban on travel from these seven countries is necessary as a safeguard against terrorism until enhanced vetting procedures can be put into place, is unnecessary because it goes against American principles and travel can become more secure as vetting procedures

are improved, or, do you not know enough about this issue to have an opinion at this time?

- The travel ban is necessary
- The travel ban is unnecessary
- Not sure

11. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about global migration? If so, please use the space below.

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## Topic 2. The Middle East: Regional Disorder

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “The Middle East: Regional Disorder” topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on the Middle East in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on the Middle East with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on the Middle East with friends and family
- Followed news related to the Middle East
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the Middle East
- Have or had a job related to the Middle East
- Traveled to the Middle East
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the Middle East?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. After reading this article, which of these four do you think is the key issue faced by countries in the Middle East?

- Relations with neighbors
- Global Relations
- Terrorism
- War

4. Consider the following, do you believe that, as a matter of policy, the U.S. should...

4.1. Actively seek to benefit ourselves and our allies in the Middle East?

- Yes
- No

4.2. Serve as an outside party to help settle disputes between countries in the Middle East?

- Yes
- No

4.3. Have no role or influence in the Middle East at all?

- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not too effective
- Not effective at all

5. Since the “Arab Spring” in 2011, in your opinion has the Middle East,

- Become More Democratic
- Become Less Democratic
- About the same as it was

6. After reading the article, what is your opinion on how the role of the U.S. has affected the Middle East?

- Positive
- Negative
- Mixed
- Neither

7. To what extent do you agree with the Trump Administration's decision to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. To what extent do you agree that the United States should continue selling weapons to Saudi Arabia?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

9. To what extent do you agree that the United States should pressure Saudi Arabia to end the war in Yemen?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. To what extent do you favor or oppose moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

11. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the Middle East? If so, please use the space below.

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### Topic 3. Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?" topic?

Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on nuclear negotiations in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on nuclear negotiations with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on nuclear negotiations with friends and family
- Followed news related to nuclear negotiations
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to nuclear negotiations
- Have or had a job related to nuclear negotiations
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to nuclear negotiations?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3a. To what extent do you think North Korea's nuclear program poses a threat to the United States?

- Major threat
- Minor threat
- No threat

3b. To what extent do you think North Korea's nuclear program poses a threat to the world?

- Major threat
- Minor threat
- No threat

4. How satisfied have you been with the way the United States interacts diplomatically with North Korea?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

5. Do you think there is a possibility of nuclear war in the near future?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

6. How confident do you feel in the United States' diplomatic ability to negotiate nuclear power and weapons with other countries?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not too confident
- Not confident at all

7. Do you think current nuclear negotiation issues may lead to a new cold war with Russia?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

8. In your opinion, is the development of nuclear weapons by other countries always a negative or malicious action?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

9. At the summit on June 12 between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un and subsequent negotiations, do you think North Korea has agreed to give up its nuclear weapons?

- Yes
- No

10. Overall, do you think that the United States gained more from the summit, North Korea gained more, or do you think both countries gained about the same amount from the summit?

- The United States gained more from the summit
- North Korea gained more from the summit
- Both countries gained about the same from the summit

11. Do you think it is more important to avoid war with North Korea, or do you think it is more important to take away North Korea's nuclear weapons?

- More important to avoid war with North Korea
- More important to take away North Korea's nuclear weapons

12. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about nuclear negotiations? If so, please use the space below.

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## Topic 4. The Rise of Populism in Europe

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "The Rise of Populism in Europe" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on populism in Europe in the 2018 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on populism in Europe with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on populism in Europe with friends and family
- Followed news related to populism in Europe
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to populism in Europe
- Have or had a job related to populism in Europe
- Traveled to Europe
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to populism in Europe?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. Are you concerned that populism is a threat to the European Union?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not concerned at all

4. Do you think that populism in the European Union is a threat to the United States?

- Major threat
- Minor threat
- No threat

5. Do you think the rise of populism in Europe leads to higher incidences of terrorism in the European Union?

- Absolutely
- Somewhat
- Unsure
- Not likely
- Not at all

6. How likely do you think it is that populism will become a dominant ideology in political parties across the European Union?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not likely at all

7. How likely do you think it is that a wave of populism will spread to the United States?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not likely at all

8. How likely do you think it is that a wave of populism will spread across the world?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not likely at all

9. Question: How likely are you to agree or disagree with the following statement: It is very important to have been born in the U.S. to truly be “one of us”?

- Favorable
- Unfavorable

9. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about populism in Europe? If so, please use the space below.

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## Topic 5. Decoding U.S.-China Trade

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Decoding U.S.-China Trade” topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on the U.S. and China in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and China with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and China with friends and family
- Followed news related to the U.S. and China
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the U.S. and China
- Have or had a job related to the U.S. and China
- Traveled to China
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the U.S. and China?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. On September 17, 2018, President Donald Trump announced tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports, totaling \$250 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese products. To what extent do you agree with President Donald Trump’s decision to impose tariffs on Chinese imports?

- Very much agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Very much disagree

4. Do you think President Trump’s tariffs on Chinese imports will protect U.S. jobs?

- Yes, it will protect U.S. jobs
- It might protect some U.S. jobs
- Unsure
- It might not protect some U.S. jobs
- It will not protect any U.S. jobs

5. How do you think tariffs between the United States and China impact the global economy?

- Greatly improve the global economy
- Somewhat improve the global economy
- No effect
- Somewhat weaken the global economy
- Greatly weaken the global economy

6. How do you think tariffs between the United States and China will impact the United States’ economy?

- Greatly improve the global economy
- Somewhat improve the global economy
- No effect
- Somewhat weaken the global economy
- Greatly weaken the global economy

7a. Do you think that tariffs between the United States and China could escalate into a trade war?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

7c. To what extent would you personally be affected by a trade war, either through the prices you pay or the business you work for, or would you probably not be affected?

- Positively affected
- Negatively affected
- Probably not affected



8. To what extent do you think the recent tariffs between the U.S. and China will affect consumers in the United States?

- Primarily positively
- Somewhat positively
- Somewhat negatively
- Primarily negatively

9. To what extent do you support or oppose raising tariffs on products imported from China if the tariffs resulted in China raising tariffs on American products

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

10. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the U.S. and China? If so, please use the space below.

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## Topic 6. Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics” topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on cybersecurity in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on cybersecurity with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on cybersecurity with friends and family
- Followed news related to cybersecurity
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to cybersecurity
- Have or had a job related to cybersecurity
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to cybersecurity?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. How effective do you think each of the following approaches is to achieving the foreign policy goals of the United States?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Which area do you think is under the most immediate threat of cyber conflicts?

- International communications
- U.S. government communications
- U.S. elections
- The U.S. economy

5. In your opinion, what actions should the United States take first to protect itself against cyber conflicts?

- Push to create international cybersecurity laws
- Develop stronger defensive mechanisms against cyber-attacks
- Develop stronger offensive mechanisms to launch cyber-attacks against others
- Nothing, the United States is adequately protected against cyber threats

6. Do you agree that the government’s computer systems and satellite communications, especially in space, should be treated the same as physical territory?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: The United States is especially at risk for cyber-attacks.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. How worried are you that a cyber-attack on US government computers could have a negative impact on you, such as tampering with your Social Security or tax records – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

- Very worried
- Somewhat worried
- Not too worried
- Not at all worried

9. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about U.S. global engagement and the military? If so, please use the space below.

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## Topic 7. The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested” topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on the U.S. and Mexico in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and Mexico with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and Mexico with friends and family
- Followed news related to the U.S. and Mexico
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the U.S. and Mexico
- Have or had a job related to the U.S. and Mexico
- Traveled to Mexico
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the U.S. and Mexico?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. After reading the article, do you think U.S. and Mexico relations have changed for the better, for the worse, or stayed the same?

- Changed for the better
- Stayed the same
- Changed for the worse

4. Do you think Mexico’s most recently elected president Andrés Manuel López Obrador and U.S. President Donald Trump’s relationship will improve or weaken the two countries’ relationship?

- Improve greatly
- Improve somewhat
- Stay the same
- Weaken somewhat
- Weaken greatly

5. Do you think President Donald Trump considers Mexico to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

- Friend
- Enemy
- Not sure

6a. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States has been handling the war on drugs?

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

6b. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States has been handling immigration?

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

**6c.** To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States has been handling border control?

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

**7.** Generally, do you think American foreign policy has a positive effect on South Africa or a negative effect, or does American foreign policy have no effect on South Africa?

- Positive effect
- Negative effect
- No effect

**8.** With regards to the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico, which of the following do you think is the biggest issue testing the relationship? (Choose only one)

- Mass Migration from Central America
- Drug Cartels
- Terrorism and Organized Crime
- NAFTA and Trade
- Other (Please specify)

**9.** Recently NAFTA was renegotiated and the new trade deal is called the USMCA. Do you think the USMCA will have a positive impact on the U.S. economy, a negative impact on the U.S. economy, or not much of an impact on the U.S. economy?

- Positive impact on the U.S. economy
- Negative impact on the U.S. economy
- Not much of an impact on the U.S. economy

**10.** In October 2018, President Trump announced he would send 15,000 U.S. troops to the Mexico border to prevent a migrant caravan from entering the United States. To what extent did you support this decision?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

**11.** To what extent do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

**12.** Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the U.S. and Mexico? If so, please use the space below.

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# Topic 8. State of the State Department and Diplomacy

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “State of the State Department and Diplomacy” topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- Read the article on the State Department and diplomacy in the 2019 Great Decisions briefing book
- Discussed the article on the State Department and diplomacy with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on the State Department and diplomacy with friends and family
- Followed news related to the State Department and diplomacy
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the State Department and diplomacy
- Have or had a job related to the State Department and diplomacy
- None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the State Department and diplomacy?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not too interested
- Not at all interested

3. How satisfied have you been with the foreign diplomacy of the State Department?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not too satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

4. To what extent do you think the State Department’s reputation has been affected on the world stage since the 2016 election of Donald Trump?

- Positively affected
- Not affected
- Negatively affected

5. In your opinion, how important is the role of the State Department in foreign policy decision making?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that federal departments, like the State Department, have grown too big to be effective?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. If you were making up the budget for the federal government this year, would you increase spending, decrease spending or keep spending the same for the State Department and American embassies?

- Increase spending
- Decrease spending
- Keep spending the same

8. Please select which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion:

- The best way to ensure peace is through military strength
- Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace

9. Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the State Department and diplomacy? If so, please use the space below.

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