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Government Omnibus Project
College of William & Mary
Informed Consent Form

The general nature of this study entitled "William & Mary Government Omnibus" conducted by the William & Mary Government Department has been explained to me. I understand that I will be asked to answer a series of questions about myself and my behavior.

My participation in this study should take about 30 minutes and I understand that I must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

Participation in this study may involve risks of boredom, anger, or anxiety. I understand that I may refuse to answer any of the questions or discontinue participation in this study at any time. I understand that my responses will be kept completely confidential and the results will never be associated with my name. I also understand that course credit for participation in this study will not be affected by my responses or decision to discontinue participation. The potential risks of taking part in this study have been explained to me.

If I have any concerns regarding this study, I understand that I may contact the Chair of the Protection of Human Subjects Committee, Dr. Ray McCoy, at 1-855-800-7187 or rwmcco@wm.edu.

Clicking the "Next" button below indicates my voluntary participation in this survey and that I have seen this consent form.


Please enter the unique ID number that was in the confirmation email you received when you signed up for the Omnibus Project:

What is your gender?

〇 Male
〇 Female
Which dorm do you live in? If you do not live in a dorm, please select "Off campus/Other"

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

- Extremely liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly liberal
- Moderate; middle of the road
- Slightly conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely conservative
- Haven't thought much

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

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
- Other party

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- Strong
- Not very strong

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- Strong
- Not very strong
Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- Closer to Republican
- Neither
- Closer to Democratic

Are you registered to vote?

- Yes
- No

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics?

- Always
- Most of the time
- About half the time
- Some of the time
- Never

Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you were very much interested, somewhat interested or not very interested in the political campaigns in 2012?

- Very much interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not much interested

This question is about your family's total income in 2012, before taxes. This figure should include income from all sources, including salaries, wages, pensions, Social Security, dividends, interest and all other income. What was the total income of your family in 2012?

What is your race?

- White
Political Knowledge - from ANES pre-survey

Do you happen to know how many times an individual can be elected President of the United States under current laws? (Please enter a number)

Is the U.S. federal budget deficit - the amount by which the government's spending exceeds the amount of money it collects - now bigger, about the same, or smaller than it was during most of the 1990s?

For how many years is a United States Senator elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator? (Please enter a number)

What is Medicare?

On which of the following does the U.S. federal government currently spend the least?
General Media Use - ANES pre-survey

During a typical week, how many days do you watch, read, or listen to news on the Internet, not including sports?

- None
- One day
- Two days
- Three days
- Four days
- Five days
- Six days
- Seven days

How much attention do you pay to news about national politics on the Internet?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

During a typical week, how many days do you watch national news on TV, not including sports?

- None
- One day
- Two days
- Three days
- Four days
- Five days
- Six days
- Seven days
How much attention do you pay to news about national politics on TV?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

During a typical week, how many days do you read news in a printed newspaper, not including sports?

- None
- One day
- Two days
- Three days
- Four days
- Five days
- Six days
- Seven days

How much attention do you pay to news about national politics in printed newspapers?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

During a typical week, how many days do you listen to news on the radio, not including sports?

- None
- One day
- Two days
- Three days
- Four days
- Five days
How much attention do you pay to news about national politics on the radio?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

**Information seeking**

Did you watch any programs about the 2012 Presidential campaigns on television?

- Yes
- No

Would you say you watched a good many, several, or just one or two?

- A good many
- Several
- Just one or two

Did you listen to any speeches or discussions about the campaign for President on the radio?

- Yes
- No

Would you say you listened to a good many, several, or just one or two?

- A good many
- Several
- Just one or two
Did you read about the campaign for President in any newspaper?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Would you say you read a good many stories, several, or just one or two?

☐ A good many
☐ Several
☐ Just one or two

Did you read, watch, or listen to any information about the campaign for President on the Internet?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Would you say you read, watched, or listened to information on the Internet about the campaign for President a good many times, several, or just one or two?

☐ A good many
☐ Several
☐ Just one or two

Did you visit any Presidential candidates' websites, or did you never do that?

☐ Visited web site(s)
☐ Did not visit

Would you say you visited a candidate website a good many times, several, or just one or two?

☐ A good many
☐ Several
☐ Just one or two
Participation - from ANES pre-survey

Please indicate whether you did any of the following activities during the 2012 elections: Check all that apply

☐ Talked to any people to try to get them to vote for or against one of the parties or candidates
☐ Went to any political meetings, rallies, speeches, or dinners in support of a particular candidate
☐ Wore a campaign button, put a campaign sticker on your car, or placed a sign in your window or yard
☐ Did any other work for one of the parties or candidates
☐ Contributed money to an individual candidate running for office
☐ Contributed money to a political party
☐ Contributed money to any other group that supported or opposed candidates

Please indicate whether you have done any of the following activities during the past 4 years: Check all that apply

☐ Joined in a protest march, rally, or demonstration
☐ Attended a meeting of a town or city government or school board
☐ Signed a petition on the Internet about a political or social issue
☐ Given money to a religious organization
☐ Given money to any other organization concerned with a political or social issue
☐ Called a radio or TV show about a political issue
☐ Written a letter to a newspaper or magazine about a political issue
☐ Contacted or tried to contact a member of the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Which of the following statements best describes you in 2012?

☐ I did not vote
☐ I thought about voting in 2012, but didn't
☐ I usually vote, but didn't this time
☐ I am sure I voted

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Some people think that health care costs for all Americans should be paid for by the federal government. Others feel that health care costs should be paid by individuals through private insurance. Others have opinions in between. On a scale of 1 to 9, where 1 is that the government should pay all health care costs, and 9 is that private insurance should pay all health care costs, where would you place yourself: