

The National Issues Ballot



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Now it is your turn to join with thousands of students around the country and voice your opinion! Think carefully about the questions asked and cast an informed vote!

1. Of the issues listed below, check the box next to the one that you feel is the most important issue facing the nation today.

- Homeland security / the "War on Terror"
- The economy
- Education
- Healthcare
- Other. Please specify _____

2. Check the box next to the issue you think is the next most important issue facing the nation today.

- Homeland security / the "War on Terror"
- The economy
- Education
- Healthcare
- Other. Please specify _____

3. Which of the following statements most closely matches your views on the debate between homeland security and civil liberties?

- Maintaining homeland security in a post-9/11 world is so important that constitutional rights should hardly be considered at all.

It is worth risking some constitutional rights for greater security at home.

Security and constitutional rights are important but maintaining constitutional rights is more important than a greater level of security.

There is nothing more important than defending our rights set forth in the Constitution, even if it means risking some security.

4. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on economic policy?

I prefer Republican policies because they lower taxes and allow Americans to keep more of the money they earn and to spend it as they see fit.

I prefer Democratic policies because they focus on social welfare and use tax revenues, even though they may be higher, to fund government programs and services.

Republican policies tilt toward the wealthy. Democratic policies tilt toward the poor. Neither party focuses on the middle class. I don't like either party's policies.

I prefer neither the Republicans' nor the Democrats' policies because individuals should be totally free from government interference in their economic decisions.

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5. Check the box that most clearly reflects your opinion on education policy.

- In setting standards for educational attainment in the United States, the federal government should focus on only results and whether or not the standing of our students has improved compared to the rest of the world.
- In setting standards for educational attainment in the United States, the federal government should take into account contextual factors such as where the particular school is located, the background of the students in the school, the resources the school has at its disposal, and others. This would allow schools that face some disadvantages to be on a level playing field with other schools.
- In setting standards for educational attainment in the United States, the federal government should play only a limited role and work with individual states to set standards for its students.
- In setting standards for educational attainment in the United States, the federal government should play no role. All the decisions about student success should be made at the local level by teachers in the classroom and the local school officials. This would allow for the most informed judgments because these are the individuals who know the students the best.

6. Which of the following statements most clearly reflects your views on healthcare policy?

- The federal government should spend as much as it has to — no matter how much it costs, no matter how it affects other programs, and no matter how it affects taxation levels — to make sure that all citizens have adequate healthcare.
- The federal government should play a substantial role in providing healthcare to all Americans, but should not have total control.
- The federal government should largely stay out of providing healthcare to Americans - it should be done mainly through the private sector — but should provide a basic level of assistance for those who need it.
- The federal government should completely stay out of the provision of healthcare in the United States. It should be left to each individual to provide for their own healthcare coverage.

