

2016 CIVICS BATTERY

For the next questions, if you aren't sure of the answer just give me your best guess

Do you happen to know any of the three branches of government?

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2011
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	77	74	72	75	73
No	21	22	25	24	22
Don't know	2	4	3	1	6
Refused	*	*	*	*	*
N →	1,021	1,012	1,416	1,302	1,230

Would you mind naming any of them (the three branches of government)?

Based on total sample

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2011
	%	%	%	%	%
They know all three branches	26	31	36	38	38
They know two branches	12	12	16	18	13
They know one branch	31	24	13	15	16
They do not know any branches	31	32	35	29	33
Refused	-	*	*	-	*
N →	1,021	1,012	1,416	1,302	1,230

To the best of your knowledge, who is the Democratic presidential candidate?

	Hillary Clinton %	Any other specific name %	Don't know %	Refused %
8/15/16	87	3	9	1

To the best of your knowledge, who is the Republican presidential candidate?

	Donald Trump %	Any other specific name %	Don't know %	Refused %
8/15/16	84	4	11	1

To the best of your knowledge, who is the Democratic vice presidential candidate?

	Tim Kaine %	Any other specific name %	Don't know %	Refused %
8/15/16	22	7	69	2

To the best of your knowledge, who is the Republican vice presidential candidate?

	Mike Pence %	Any other specific name %	Don't know %	Refused %
8/15/16	37	6	56	2

According to the U.S. Constitution, which of the following is true? (READ LIST)

	The president has the power to declare war %	The Congress has the power to declare war %	The Supreme Court has the power to declare war %	Don't know %	Refused %
7/18/16	39	54	4	3	*

According to the U.S. Constitution, which of the following is true? (READ LIST)

	The president has the power to raise taxes %	The Congress has the power to raise taxes %	The Supreme Court has the power to raise taxes %	Don't know %	Refused %
7/18/16	9	83	7	2	*

According to the U.S. Constitution, which of the following is true? (READ LIST)

	Congress can prohibit citizens from attending a church if that church holds positions that a majority of the public considers dangerous %	Congress can outlaw atheism because the United States is one country under God %	Congress cannot establish an official religion of the United States %	Don't know %	Refused %
7/18/16	6	9	77	7	1

If the Supreme Court rules on a case 4 to 4, does this mean...? (READ LIST)

	The justices must vote until the tie is broken %	The case is sent to the Federal Court of Appeals for resolution %	The decision of the lower court stands %	Don't know %	Refused %
7/18/16	21	32	33	14	*

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. Congress forbidding the news media from reporting on any issue of national security without first getting government approval? (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE ASK: And, do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?)

	FAVOR %			OPPOSE %			Don't know %	Refused %
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose		
7/18/16	40	19	21	55	21	33	4	*

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

ANNENBERG CONSTITUTION DAY CIVICS SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The Annenberg Constitution Day Civics survey was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center via telephone (CATI) by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **July 14-July 18, 2016 (where noted)** among 1,021 U.S. adults, aged 18 and older, drawn from a national probability sample in all 50 states, and from **August 11-August 15, 2016 (where noted)** among 1,475 U.S. adults, aged 18 and older, drawn from a national probability sample in all 50 states. In the July survey, the dual frame sample, included 620 cell phone respondents and 33 respondents who completed the survey in Spanish. In the August survey, the dual frame sample, included 913 cell phone respondents and 55 respondents who completed the survey in Spanish. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The adjusted margin of error for total respondents in the July sample is +/- 3.64 % at the 95% confidence level and +/-3.63 for the August sample. The response rate was 7% for the July sample and 9% for the August sample (AAPOR RR 3).

For more detail on the methodology, including sampling, within household respondent selection, weighting variables and procedures, please visit [SSRS Omnibus](#).