

The Ballot

Now it is your turn to voice your opinion!

Below, you will find several questions that you can vote upon.

Think carefully about the questions asked and cast an informed vote!

- There are 5 issues listed below, check the box next to the issue that you feel should be policymakers' top priority over the other 4.**
 - a. the environment
 - b. education
 - c. the economy and corporate ethics
 - d. homeland security
 - e. healthcare
- Check the box next to the issue you feel should be a second priority.**
 - a. the environment
 - b. education
 - c. the economy and corporate ethics
 - d. homeland security
 - e. healthcare
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on economic policy?**
 - a. I prefer Republican policies because they lower taxes and allow Americans to spend money as they see fit.
 - b. I prefer Democratic policies because they have more concern for social welfare and use tax revenues to fund important government services.
 - c. Republicans are too concerned with the welfare of the rich. Democrats are too concerned with the welfare of the poor. I don't like either party's policies.
 - d. I prefer neither Republican nor Democratic policies because individuals should be totally free from government interference in their economic decisions.
- Which of the following statements most closely matches your views on the debate between homeland security and civil liberties?**
 - a. Maintaining homeland security is so important that constitutional rights should hardly be considered at all.
 - b. It is worth sacrificing some constitutional rights for greater security.
 - c. Both are important but maintaining constitutional rights is more important than greater security.
 - d. Defending and pursuing our Constitutional rights is the best kind of homeland security our nation can have.
- Check the box that most closely reflects your opinion on the following statement:**
 - a. Government-funded school vouchers should be used so that students in failing schools will receive better educations at better schools.
 - b. Government-funded school vouchers should not be used. They could result in troubled schools with less-talented students and fewer resources when students who can leave do leave.
 - c. Some form of school choice is needed, but tax dollars should not be used to fund private or religious schools.
 - d. Leave the present system as it is. Everything considered, it is pretty good as it is.
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on healthcare policy?**
 - a. The government should ensure that prescription drug costs come down, even if it means raising taxes or allocating less money to other programs.
 - b. Prescription drug costs should be lowered, but market competition can be more effective at doing so than government regulation.
 - c. Individuals should be responsible for their own healthcare services, free from government interference or help.
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on environmental/energy policy?**
 - a. Since business drives the U.S. economy and world leadership, the government should impose minimal environmental regulations on business.
 - b. In the current international situation, sustaining domestic energy sources is more important than environmental conservation.
 - c. More emphasis should be placed on energy sources that are sustainable and environmentally friendly, such as solar or wind power.
 - d. The government should provide tax incentives to Americans who buy alternative-fuel or fuel-efficient cars, even if providing those tax incentives requires raising taxes on traditional fuels such as gasoline.