

American Citizenry and Government Survey

We welcome you to participate in completion of this survey as part of our shared learning experience for our book club at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ambler. We have recently read as a group *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens* by Richard Haass. In order to better understand the opinions of a wide breadth of our American citizenry, we are inviting you to participate in our survey. While we believe this book is beneficial to all citizens to read, it is not required for completion of the survey.

- 1) In the above-referenced book, Mr. Haass identifies the following obligations of being a good citizen. Please indicate what you view as the top 3 obligations for American citizens.

BE INFORMED

GET INVOLVED

STAY OPEN TO COMPROMISE

REMAIN CIVIL

REJECT VIOLENCE

VALUE NORMS

PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD

RESPECT GOVERNMENT SERVICE

SUPPORT THE TEACHING OF CIVICS

PUT COUNTRY FIRST

If you have any comments about any of your selections or regarding any of the topics above, please feel free to indicate them below.

2) With regard to some of the most pressing issues currently facing our nation and the world, which of the following 3 issues do you feel are most important in the upcoming election cycle of November 2024:

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

EDUCATION

ABORTION/WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

FOREIGN POLICY (AS A GENERAL CATEGORY)

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT

IMMIGRATION

EQUALITY ISSUES (LGBTQ, RACIAL, GENDER)

CRIME

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS

BIPARTISAN COOPERATION

MAINTAINING DEMOCRACY

TERRORISM (FOREIGN AND/OR DOMESTIC)

CLIMATE CHANGE

GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL

ECONOMY/INFLATION/TAXES

OTHER (PLEASE INDICATE) _____

If you have any comments about any of your selections or regarding any of the topics above, please feel free to indicate them below.

3) Is there a political party that you feel best represents your beliefs? If so, please indicate below:

REPUBLICAN

DEMOCRAT

NEITHER (INDEPENDENT)

OTHER (THIRD PARTY) Please indicate: _____

Please feel free to offer any additional comments here (such as whether you have always been affiliated with that party, whether there is a particular candidate which gave you an affinity for that party, whether you strongly identify with an elected official or candidate currently within that party, etc.).

4) What beliefs, if any, do you hold or have that do not fit with those of your party affiliation?

5) Do you believe there should be upper level age limits established for presidential candidates in elections after 2024 (Theoretically, such as 68 years at time of election if potentially seeking two terms, age 72 years at time of election will limit to one term)?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

Please feel free to offer additional comments below.

6) Please indicate what are the 3 most important characteristics to you in an elected official/public servant.

<input type="checkbox"/> COURAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS
<input type="checkbox"/> STRENGTH	<input type="checkbox"/> DECISIVENESS
<input type="checkbox"/> INTEGRITY	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCOUNTABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> JUDGMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPASSION
<input type="checkbox"/> KNOWLEDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> SELF-AWARENESS
<input type="checkbox"/> VISION	<input type="checkbox"/> ABILITY TO COLLABORATE
<input type="checkbox"/> RESILIENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Please indicate below if any other quality/qualities not listed:

Also please feel to comment on any of the characteristics in the space below.

7) Do you believe there are any substantial threats to our democracy at this time, and if so, please describe below

8) Rate the following three institutions on the amount of confidence you have in them (1 being little confidence and 10 being very strongly confident):

THE US SUPREME COURT

THE CONGRESS

THE PRESIDENCY

9) In general, what do you think most often motivates the Supreme Court Justices' decisions:

MAINLY POLITICS

MAINLY THE LAW

10) Do you favor or oppose a proposal to increase the number of justices on the US Supreme Court?

FAVOR

OPPOSE

11) Should justices of the Supreme Court ignore or consider public opinion about a case when making decisions?

CONSIDER PUBLIC OPINION

IGNORE PUBLIC OPINION

12) Should justices of the Supreme Court follow previous decisions whenever possible or should the Court overturn previous decisions if a majority of the Court believes the case was wrongly decided?

FOLLOW PREVIOUS DECISIONS

OVERTURN IF A MAJORITY THINK IT WAS WRONGLY DECIDED

Are there any recent Supreme Court decisions with which you strongly agree or disagree? If so, please feel free to comment below.

13) What is your view of the current US Congress (House of Representatives and Senate) in their ability to achieve legislative goals?

FAVORABLE

UNFAVORABLE

14) With regard to members of Congress, do you think members of Congress should:

COMPROMISE WITH THEIR OPPONENTS TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN GOALS

STAND UP FOR THEIR PRINCIPLES NO MATTER WHAT

15) If there are any other statements you would like to make concerning American citizenry or on topics not addressed above, please feel free to make them below.

Thank you for participating in our survey. We look forward to gaining insights from our family and friends who have participated.