

National Survey: Voting Systems Comparison 1; July 2015, N = 204

[Note. "Question1" is the Introduction; this survey was set up on SurveyMoz; fielded using Mechanical Turk. **How satisfied are you with our voting system?**

This survey is to obtain your feedback from four common alternatives of how we might improve our candidate s

Our voting system is generally one vote per candidate per race and the winner is the person who receives the most votes. Evidence shows th candidate does not win because spoiler candidates split up the vote resulting in a lesser preference in public office. Studies of alternatives sugg outcomes and lower voter remorse. In this survey we ask for your reaction to four voting methods. We've tried to make the choices realistic us election primaries. Apologies for our creative discretion of candidates listed.

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M-turkers: You will also receive your completion code at the end of the survey.

Note: An asterisk beside a question means an answer is required to proceed to the next page. Candidate listing order is random

At the end of the survey we provide you a link to view the results of the survey in case you are interested - if you are early in the survey there wil you may wish to return to the results page a bit later.

We sincerely appreciate your participation; your views can make a difference.

The PolicyInteractive Team

2. What is your gender?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
Male	57.84%	118
Female	41.67%	85
Prefer not to answer	0.49%	1
	answered	204
	skipped	0

3. All in all, are you dissatisfied or satisfied with the way things are going in this country today?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
Very Dissatisfied	23.53%	48
Somewhat Dissatisfied	51.47%	105
Somewhat Satisfied	23.53%	48
Very Satisfied	0.0147	3
	answered	204
	skipped	0

4. Some people feel our political system works pretty well, while others think it's broken. Which of these choices best represents your view even if the statements aren't your view exactly?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
A. Feel Strongly: Our two party political system may not be perfect but works pretty well as-is.	1.96%	4
B. Lean Towards: Our two party political system may not be perfect but works pretty well as-is.	28.43%	58

C. Lean Towards: The two party political system is broken and really needs to be fixed.	38.24%	78
D. Feel Strongly: The two party political system is broken and really needs to be fixed.	31.37%	64
	answered	204
	skipped	0

5. Please indicate how you are registered to vote. If you are not registered to vote, mark your preferred affiliation.		
	Response Percent	Response Total
Republican	30.88%	63
Democrat	47.55%	97
Independent	12.75%	26
Unaffiliated / No party preference	6.86%	14
Green Party	0.00%	0
Libertarian	1.47%	3
Other (please specify):	0.49%	1
	answered	204
	skipped	0
Other (please specify): (1)		
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6. This first ballot represents "plurality voting": the candidate with the most votes wins. This is how most of our elections are conducted. If the primary election were held today, which one candidate would you vote for?							
DEMOCRATS			REPUBLICANS			THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total		Response Percent	Response Total		Response Percent
Lincoln Chafee (Governor of Rhode Island, past Senator, Democrat)	1.00%	1	Jeb Bush (Florida Governor)	19.70%	13	Ryan Shepard (Independent, strengthen employment, environment, infrastructure)	43.18%
Hillary Clinton (past Senator and prior Secretary of State, Democrat)	25.00%	25	Chris Christie (New Jersey Governor)	3.03%	2	Ed Baker (Libertarian, strengthen military, gun rights, deport illegals, defund government)	20.45%
Bernie Sanders (Senator from Vermont, Independent)	46.00%	46	Ted Cruz (Senator, Texas)	4.55%	3	Darryl Perry (Libertarian, Tea Party, religious conservative)	0.00%

Jim Webb (Senator from Virginia, past Secretary of the Navy, Democrat)	7.00%	7	Mike Huckabee (past Gov. Arkansas)	6.06%	4	Derrick Michael Reid (Libertarian, religious conservative, decentralize federalism)	11.36%
Elizabeth Warren (Senator from Massachusetts, past school teacher, Democrat)	21.00%	21	Rand Paul (Kentucky Senator)	27.27%	18	Jill Stein (Green Party, environmental issues, women's rights, universal health care)	18.18%
answered		100	Rick Perry (Texas Governor)	6.06%	4	Cynthia McKinney (Green Party, past Georgia Representative, civil & minority rights, anti-militarism)	6.82%
skipped		104	Marco Rubio (Florida)	9.09%	6		answered
			Rick Santorum	1.52%	1		
			Donald Trump	13.64%	9		
			Scott Walker (Wisconsin)	9.09%	6		
			answered		66		

PLURALITY VOTING						
7. How easy was it to make your decision on who to vote for?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Very difficult	7.00%	7	15.15%	10	13.64%	6
Moderately difficult	21.00%	21	24.24%	16	36.36%	16
Somewhat easy	36.00%	36	27.27%	18	34.09%	15
Very easy	36.00%	36	33.33%	22	15.91%	7
TOTAL N		100		66		44
8. Do you like or dislike this voting style?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
1- Dislike; It does not allow me to express my true preferences.	7.00%	[7]	5.80%	[3]	13.30%	[4]
2	10.00%	[10]	7.70%	[4]	30.00%	[9]
3	27.00%	[27]	15.40%	[8]	20.00%	[6]
4	29.00%	[29]	44.20%	[23]	20.00%	[6]
5- Like; I'm very satisfied with how my choice is registered.	27.00%	[27]	26.90%	[14]	16.70%	[5]

Response Total	100	52	30
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9. Next is approval voting: Vote (mark each box) for every candidate you approve of. The candidate with the highest number of approvals wins.

DEMOCRATS			REPUBLICANS			THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total		Response Percent	Response Total		Response Percent
Hillary Clinton (past Senator and prior Secretary of State, Democrat)	53.00%	53	Jeb Bush (Gov. Florida)	36.36%	24	Derrick Michael Reid (Libertarian, religious conservatism, decentralize federalism)	15.91%
Lincoln Chafee (Governor of Rhode Island, past Senator, Democrat)	10.00%	10	Chris Christie (Gov. N. Jersey)	28.79%	19	Ryan Shepard (Independent, strengthen employment, environment, infrastructure)	61.36%
Bernie Sanders (Senator from Vermont, Independent)	79.00%	79	Rick Santorum (Sen. Penn.)	9.09%	6	Ed Baker (Libertarian, strengthen military, gun rights, deport illegals, defund government)	29.55%
Jim Webb (Senator from Virginia, past Secretary of the Navy, Democrat)	21.00%	21	Ted Cruz (Sen. Texas)	27.27%	18	Darryl Perry (Libertarian, Tea Party, religious conservatism)	6.82%
Elizabeth Warren (Senator from Massachusetts, past school teacher, Democrat)	58.00%	58	Mike Huckabee (prior Gov. Ark.)	16.67%	11	Jill Stein (Green Party, environmental issues, womens rights, universal health care)	50.00%
	answered	100	Rand Paul (Sen. Kentucky)	54.55%	36	Cynthia McKinney (Green Party, past Georgia Representative, minority rights)	29.55%
			Rick Perry (Gov. Texas)	9.09%	6		answered
			Marco Rubio (Sen. Florida)	37.88%	25		
			Donald Trump (Businessman)	28.79%	19		
			Scott Walker (Gov. Wisconsin)	30.30%	20		

APPROVAL VOTING

10. How easy was it to make your decision on who to vote for?

	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Very difficult	5.00%	5	10.61%	7	2.27%	1
Moderately difficult	17.00%	17	15.15%	10	22.73%	10
Somewhat easy	38.00%	38	43.94%	29	45.45%	20
Very easy	40.00%	40	30.30%	20	29.55%	13
TOTAL N		100		66		44

11. Would you favor using this voting system for future presidential primary elections instead of the way we vote now?

	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
	Definitely NO	9.00%	9	9.09%	6	13.64%
Lean Toward NO	19.00%	19	25.76%	17	15.91%	7
Unsure	23.00%	23	24.24%	16	27.27%	12
Lean Toward YES	34.00%	34	37.88%	25	31.82%	14
Definitely YES	15.00%	15	3.03%	2	11.36%	5
TOTAL N		100		66		44

12. Score voting: Candidate with the highest average score is the winner. Score each candidates on a scale from 0-9 (with 9 being equally).

DEMOCRATS	0- Less favorable	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hillary Clinton	10.00%	7.00%	6.00%	5.00%	7.00%	10.00%	17.00%
Response Total	10	7	6	5	7	10	17
Lincoln Chafee	15.00%	12.00%	8.00%	13.00%	22.00%	15.00%	10.00%
Response Total	15	12	8	13	22	15	10
Bernie Sanders	5.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	7.00%	9.00%	12.00%
Response Total	5	1	2	2	7	9	12
Jim Webb	16.00%	12.00%	6.00%	12.00%	23.00%	8.00%	10.00%
Response Total	16	12	6	12	23	8	10
Elizabeth Warren	11.00%	2.00%	1.00%	5.00%	8.00%	10.00%	13.00%
Response Total	11	2	1	5	8	10	13
REPUBLICANS	0- Less favorable	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jeb Bush	19.70%	7.60%	7.60%	6.10%	12.10%	10.60%	4.50%
Response Total	13	5	5	4	8	7	3
Chris Christie	25.80%	12.10%	4.50%	6.10%	13.60%	7.60%	9.10%
Response Total	17	8	3	4	9	5	6
Rick Santorum	28.80%	7.60%	9.10%	7.60%	19.70%	12.10%	4.50%
Response Total	19	5	6	5	13	8	3
Ted Cruz	21.20%	4.50%	6.10%	6.10%	22.70%	15.20%	6.10%
Response Total	14	3	4	4	15	10	4
Mike Huckabee	22.70%	9.10%	9.10%	4.50%	10.60%	15.20%	15.20%
Response Total	15	6	6	3	7	10	10
Donald Trump	27.30%	9.10%	12.10%	7.60%	7.60%	9.10%	7.60%
Response Total	18	6	8	5	5	6	5
Marco Rubio	16.70%	1.50%	9.10%	9.10%	13.60%	7.60%	13.60%
Response Total	11	1	6	6	9	5	9

Scott Walker	16.70%	6.10%	7.60%	6.10%	10.60%	12.10%	9.10%
Response Total	11	4	5	4	7	8	6
Rand Paul	6.10%	6.10%	10.60%	10.60%	15.20%	4.50%	12.10%
Response Total	4	4	7	7	10	3	8
Rick Perry	22.70%	3.00%	13.60%	13.60%	16.70%	12.10%	13.60%
Response Total	15	2	9	9	11	8	9
THIRD PARTY	0- Less favorable	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ryan Shepard (Independent)	15.90%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	6.80%	18.20%	18.20%
Response Total	7	2	2	2	3	8	8
Ed Baker (Independent)	20.50%	4.50%	9.10%	4.50%	22.70%	9.10%	6.80%
Response Total	9	2	4	2	10	4	3
Derrick Michael Reid (Libertarian)	20.50%	9.10%	15.90%	2.30%	27.30%	11.40%	6.80%
Response Total	9	4	7	1	12	5	3
Darryl Perry (Libertarian)	20.50%	11.40%	13.60%	9.10%	20.50%	6.80%	11.40%
Response Total	9	5	6	4	9	3	5
Jill Stein (Green)	22.70%	6.80%	2.30%	9.10%	13.60%	9.10%	4.50%
Response Total	10	3	1	4	6	4	2
Cynthia McKinney (Green)	15.90%	4.50%	0.00%	9.10%	11.40%	22.70%	11.40%
Response Total	7	2	0	4	5	10	5

SCORE (RANGE) VOTING						
13. How easy was it to make your decision on who to vote for?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Very difficult	1.00%	1	9.09%	6	25.00%	11
Moderately difficult	39.00%	39	30.30%	20	47.73%	21
Somewhat easy	40.00%	40	43.94%	29	20.45%	9
Very easy	20.00%	20	16.67%	11	6.82%	3
TOTAL N		100		66		44
14. Would you favor using this voting system for future presidential primary elections instead of the way we vote now?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Definitely NO	21.00%	21	28.79%	19	45.45%	20
Lean Toward NO	24.00%	24	22.73%	15	27.27%	12
Unsure	25.00%	25	24.24%	16	22.73%	10
Lean Toward YES	20.00%	20	21.21%	14	0.00%	0
Definitely YES	10.00%	10	3.03%	2	4.55%	2
TOTAL N		100		66		44

15. The final method is called Instant Runoff Voting (IRV): Rank the candidates in order of preference; the winner is the person who the most combined high rankings through a process of successive elimination of last place finishers until one candidate obtains a majority of 50% or above. Instruction: Assign a "1" for your top preference using the menu box left of that candidate; that candidate automatically jump to the top of the list, then same for your 2nd choice, that will automatically locate to 2nd from the top, etc. down

DEMOCRATS			REPUBLICANS			THIRD PARTY	
Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank	Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank	Item	Total Score ¹
Bernie Sanders (Senator from Vermont, Independent)	389	1	Rand Paul (Kentucky Senator)	446	1	Ryan Shepard (Independent, employment, environment, infrastructure)	201
Elizabeth Warren (Senator from Massachusetts, past school teacher, Democrat)	340	2	Marco Rubio (Florida Senator)	417	2	Jill Stein (Green, environmental issues, women's rights, universal health care)	172
Hillary Clinton (past Senator and prior Secretary of State, Democrat)	321	3	Scott Walker (Wisconsin Governor)	403	3	Cynthia McKinney (Green, past Georgia Representative, minority rights)	153
Jim Webb (Senator from Virginia, past Secretary of the Navy, Democrat)	239	4	Jeb Bush (Florida Governor)	390	4	Ed Baker (Libertarian, strengthen military, gun rights, deport illegals, defund government)	144
Lincoln Chafee (Governor of Rhode Island, past Senator, Democrat)	211	5	Ted Cruz (Texas Senator)	361	5	Derrick Michael Reid (Libertarian, religious conservatism, decentralize federal government)	128
¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	100	Mike Huckabee (Past Gov. Arkansas)	347	6	Darryl Perry (Libertarian, Tea Party, religious conservatism)	126
			Rick Perry (Texas Governor)	343	7	¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked	answered
			Chris Christie (N Jersey Governor)	336	8		
			Rick Santorum (Pennsylvania Senator)	300	9		
			Donald Trump (Businessman, Celebrity)	287	10		

¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked	answered	66
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INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING						
16. How easy was it to make your decision on ranking these candidates?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Very difficult	7.00%	7	15.15%	10	15.91%	7
Moderately difficult	21.00%	21	36.36%	24	20.45%	9
Somewhat easy	53.00%	53	34.85%	23	43.18%	19
Very easy	19.00%	19	13.64%	9	20.45%	9
TOTAL N		100		66		44

17. Would you favor using this voting system for future presidential primary elections instead of the way we vote now?						
	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS		THIRD PARTY	
	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total	Response Percent	Response Total
Definitely NO	16.00%	16	31.82%	21	25.00%	11
Lean Toward NO	20.00%	20	27.27%	18	27.27%	12
Unsure	20.00%	20	18.18%	12	15.91%	7
Lean Toward YES	34.00%	34	19.70%	13	22.73%	10
Definitely YES	10.00%	10	3.03%	2	9.09%	4
TOTAL N		100		66		44

18. Did you vote in the last 2012 presidential election?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
No	18.14%	37
Yes	81.86%	167
	answered	204

19. What were your reasons for not voting in the last presidential election? (Choose all that apply.)		
	Response Percent	Response Total
I was not happy with the choices.	32.43%	12
I don't feel like my vote makes any difference.	16.22%	6
It just didn't work out (work, too busy, forgot, etc.)	18.92%	7
Other (please specify):	32.43%	12
	answered	37

20. Would be more likely to vote in a presidential election if the U.S. adopted a different voting system like any of these you've just tried here?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
Definitely YES	10.81%	4
Lean Toward YES	59.46%	22
Lean Toward NO	10.81%	4
Definitely NO	8.11%	3

Unsure	10.81%	4
	answered	37

What if it were one general election and all candidates were on the same ballot?
21. If the general election were held today and all of the following candidates were on the ballot, how would you vote?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Donald Trump (Republican)	57.80%	4.40%	3.90%	6.90%	8.30%	4.40%	2.90%
Response Total	118	9	8	14	17	9	6
Jill Stein (Green)	29.40%	9.30%	7.80%	10.80%	15.70%	13.70%	4.40%
Response Total	60	19	16	22	32	28	9
Ted Cruz (Republican)	43.60%	7.80%	9.30%	6.90%	11.30%	6.90%	6.40%
Response Total	89	16	19	14	23	14	13
Rick Santorum (Republican)	49.50%	9.80%	6.40%	6.40%	12.70%	6.40%	2.90%
Response Total	101	20	13	13	26	13	6
Darryl Perry (Libertarian)	39.20%	10.80%	10.80%	9.80%	13.20%	7.40%	5.90%
Response Total	80	22	22	20	27	15	12
Mike Huckabee (Republican)	48.50%	7.40%	6.90%	6.40%	11.80%	6.90%	6.90%
Response Total	99	15	14	13	24	14	14
Marco Rubio (Republican)	39.40%	10.80%	5.90%	6.90%	10.30%	8.40%	5.40%
Response Total	80	22	12	14	21	17	11
Jeb Bush (Republican)	38.20%	12.30%	8.80%	4.40%	9.80%	7.80%	8.30%
Response Total	78	25	18	9	20	16	17
Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	30.90%	4.90%	8.30%	8.30%	6.40%	6.90%	12.30%
Response Total	63	10	17	17	13	14	25
Scott Walker (Republican)	41.70%	12.30%	6.90%	6.90%	9.80%	10.30%	2.50%
Response Total	85	25	14	14	20	21	5
Bernie Sanders (Independent)	21.60%	3.90%	2.90%	8.80%	10.80%	5.40%	6.40%
Response Total	44	8	6	18	22	11	13
Chris Christie (Republican)	43.10%	9.80%	8.80%	9.30%	10.30%	5.40%	5.40%
Response Total	88	20	18	19	21	11	11
Derrick Michael Reid (Libertarian)	40.20%	9.80%	9.30%	7.40%	19.10%	8.30%	3.40%
Response Total	82	20	19	15	39	17	7
Ryan Shepard (Independent)	35.30%	9.30%	6.40%	9.80%	19.60%	7.80%	3.90%
Response Total	72	19	13	20	40	16	8
Rand Paul (Republican)	28.40%	9.30%	9.80%	10.80%	13.20%	6.90%	5.40%
Response Total	58	19	20	22	27	14	11
Rick Perry (Republican)	42.20%	10.30%	10.30%	7.80%	12.30%	7.40%	3.40%
Response Total	86	21	21	16	25	15	7
Ed Baker (Libertarian)	38.70%	9.80%	8.30%	11.30%	12.30%	9.30%	7.40%
Response Total	79	20	17	23	25	19	15
Jim Webb (Democrat)	28.40%	10.30%	6.40%	8.80%	18.10%	13.20%	8.80%
Response Total	58	21	13	18	37	27	18
Lincoln Chafee (Democrat)	32.40%	8.80%	7.40%	8.80%	17.60%	13.20%	7.40%
Response Total	66	18	15	18	36	27	15
Cynthia McKinney (Green)	33.80%	7.80%	9.80%	8.30%	17.20%	11.30%	5.90%
Response Total	69	16	20	17	35	23	12
Elizabeth Warren (Democrat)	27.00%	5.90%	6.40%	5.90%	8.80%	7.80%	6.40%
Response Total	55	12	13	12	18	16	13

22. Would be more likely to vote in a presidential election if the U.S. adopted a different voting system like any of these you've just tried here?

Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank
Plurality Voting (what we currently use; vote for only one candidate)	566	1
Approval Voting (same as plurality voting, but you can vote for more than one candidate)	516	2

Instant Runoff Voting (rank each candidate in order of preference; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)	417	3
Score Voting (rate each candidates on a scale from 0-9)	385	4
Very Undecided; I would need more information	291	5
¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	145

23. In primary elections, do you think it would improve fairness if all candidates for the same elected office, regardless of political party, run against each other at once, instead of being segregated by political party ("open primary")? This always yields the "top two" in the general election, eliminating third party "spoilers."

	Response Percent	Response Total
1- Does NOT improve the voting system	14.20%	29
2	10.80%	22
3	16.70%	34
4	24.00%	49
5- Improves the voting system	23.50%	48
Don't know	10.80%	22
	answered	204

24. Optional: Do you have any comments you'd like to make about this survey? We appreciate any thoughts you may have, and we read comments carefully.

Response Total

81 [Response deleted if comment = "no," "none," or "nothing"]

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your study. I took it seriously, and answered honestly.
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i pray the next president helps get this country in order and NOT tell so many empty promises

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- I really enjoy voting by mail. The problem with elections is not the voting its the campaign money.
- We should have many parties that represent different ideals. The current system is way too simplified.
- There was one round where you did not give a summary of the candidates' positions, making it difficult. I indeed voted for Jill Stein in the last election. You kind of misrepresented what plurality voting is. Oh, and unaffiliated voters can vote in the California Democratic primaries.
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[PM](#)
- Great survey and fun too!
- Thanks! I like to just pick the candidate that I like instead of rating all of them.
- Enjoyed.
- thank you
- Interesting proposal. I'd love to see something like this happen. To at least try something different.
- thank you very informative
- There were a few candidates I had to do the 1-9 scale based on their political party because I didn't know who they were.
- I have been a fan of IRV for years. We need IRV and/or proportional representation!
- I do not like the all or nothing, or winner takes all for primaries on the state level. A party primary should be national not state by state. The electoral system was designed to protect rights of small states but I am not sure if it does.
- I thought it was a great survey. I think it is a great idea to make a change now that it has been proven that our system of doing things is broken and the people are being ignored. The electoral college needs to go also. There is no way that California and New York should have that many electoral college votes.
- I had a very hard time because I am

- 29 registered Republican so I can vote in primaries in my state. For local reasons, I do not like any Republican candidates for office and consider myself an Independent. So, I tried to not think about that as much as just thinking about your study about voting styles. In the question about ranking all the candidates toward the end I assumed 9 was the most favorable and 0 was the least but this was unclear in the directions. Thanks! Very interesting ideas!
[ID: 22504854](#)
- 30 [20/07/15 9:52 PM](#)
[ID: 22505188](#)
[20/07/15 10:01 PM](#)
I noticed Bernie Saunders wasn't a choice on the Independent list.
- 31 [ID: 22505224](#)
This survey was way too long for the pay.
- 33 Overall I think the two party system is broke because ultimately people align with the beliefs of their party instead of their own.
[ID: 22505613](#)
- 34 [21/07/15 1:41 AM](#)
[ID: 22506800](#)
[21/07/15 1:44 AM](#)
it was fun
- 36 I think this survey is very interesting. I love issues concerning politics and our Government! Very cool!
[ID: 22506804](#)
- 38 [21/07/15 1:47 AM](#)
[ID: 22506829](#)
[21/07/15 1:49 AM](#)
very confusing
- 41 You should design the score voting section so that the dots (circle?) you select from are closer together. I was constantly concerned that I placed the wrong score for the wrong candidate since they were so spaced out.
[ID: 22506815](#)
- 42 [21/07/15 1:50 AM](#)
[ID: 22506848](#)
[21/07/15 1:50 AM](#)
I'd love to see how it works out in practice a few times before I could assess!
- 43 I hoped you were looking at the methods, so fraud can be eliminated, not to make it more complicated, like multiple votes or ranking run offs
[ID: 22506811](#)
- 45 [21/07/15 1:51 AM](#)
[ID: 22506854](#)
[21/07/15 1:53 AM](#)
Thanks
- 46 maybe have some examples
[ID: 22506859](#)
[21/07/15 1:54 AM](#)
- 47 I personally prefer getting to pick from all the candidates rather than just a few but would need to do more research before voting.
[ID: 22506842](#)
- 49 This is quite thought-provoking. I'm coming from 40 years of voting experience and it's kind of hard to open my mind on this issue. However, I think it's an important matter that you're exploring.
[ID: 22506866](#)
- [21/07/15 2:15 AM](#)
You gave me a ton to think about. I know its broken, I just don't know how to fix it.

- 50 [ID: 22506912](#) [21/07/15 3:59](#)
AM How to get decent people in office. How to make it so they are forced to work together across party lines.
- 53 [ID: 22507341](#) [21/07/15 4:07](#)
AM Thank you for letting me participate.
- 54 [ID: 22507344](#) [21/07/15 4:08](#)
AM The Republican Party has let us down over the past six years. All the established members need to step down or aside.
- 55 [ID: 22507351](#) [21/07/15 4:11](#)
AM I actually voted for President Obama the first time and I donated to his campaign but I'm sick of the same old bs and everyone trying to be politically correct, hence I'm for Trump.
- 56 [ID: 22507370](#) [21/07/15 4:16](#)
AM I think this is a great topic but it's very difficult to imagine picking a president based on how many points accumulated in a ranking...I want to vote for the best candidate...I may have 3 i Like, but that doesn't mean they would all be the best for the job
- 58 [ID: 22507374](#) [21/07/15 4:24](#)
AM I am interested in different ways to produce a more fair election. All the methods you mentioned seem interesting but a lot more details are needed and testing to see if is better or not.
- 59 [ID: 22507402](#) [21/07/15 4:30](#)
AM It's tough to decide without more thought - I don't really know how each system would affect the field of candidates.
- 62 [ID: 22507407](#) [21/07/15 4:30](#)
AM I'd love to see a candidate use their campaign funding for more noble causes than campaigning. Donate to charity, cancer research, homeless shelters... That candidate would earn my vote. Tired of seeing money thrown away for nothing while we have starving people in this country.
- 64 [ID: 22507440](#) [21/07/15 4:40](#)
AM All running against each other sounds like a decent idea.
- 65 [ID: 22507520](#) [21/07/15 4:57](#)
AM Nice work thank you
- 68 [ID: 22507559](#) [21/07/15 5:16](#)
AM Thanks
- 69 [ID: 22507561](#) [21/07/15 5:16](#)
AM Thank you.
- 70 [ID: 22530874](#) [21/07/15 8:39](#)
PM good survey, a bit us centric maybe
- 71 [ID: 22532556](#) [21/07/15 10:34](#)
PM How about getting rid of the electoral college?
- 72 [ID: 22532598](#) [21/07/15 10:36](#)
PM very interesting ideas for how to change voting
- 73 [ID: 22532720](#) [21/07/15 10:46](#)
PM I really enjoyed the survey.
- 75 [ID: 22532720](#) [21/07/15 10:49](#)
PM I don't like the one where you assign your own weights to a candidate. It seems to

- 75 [ID: 22532698](#) 21/07/15 10:58 PM give undue wight to those with the most extreme supporters
- 76 [ID: 22532842](#) 21/07/15 11:44 PM interesting survey
- 79 [ID: 22533221](#) 22/07/15 3:49 PM Would be helpful to add a "none of these " option for instant runoff voting to allow a voter to say "I don't care about the rest." A lot of users likely won't want to rank everyone and/or score everyone in score voting.
- 81 [ID: 22556536](#) I's like to score the voting systems instead of rank them (regarding question 20).

25. What type of device did you use to complete this survey?		
	Response Percent	Response Total
Personal computer	96.55%	140
Smartphone	2.76%	4
Other (please specify):	0.69%	1
answered		145
Other (please specify): (1)		
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· researchers, policy activists and elected officials.

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**Response
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**Response
Total**

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7	8	9- More favorable	Response Total
16.00%	12.00%	10.00%	100
16	12	10	
4.00%	0.00%	1.00%	100
4	0	1	
15.00%	16.00%	31.00%	100
15	16	31	
8.00%	3.00%	2.00%	100
8	3	2	
21.00%	13.00%	16.00%	100
21	13	16	
		answered	100
7	8	9- More favorable	Response Total
9.10%	7.60%	15.20%	66
6	5	10	
13.60%	6.10%	1.50%	66
9	4	1	
7.60%	1.50%	1.50%	66
5	1	1	
6.10%	9.10%	3.00%	66
4	6	2	
9.10%	1.50%	3.00%	66
6	1	2	
4.50%	3.00%	12.10%	66
3	2	8	
10.60%	9.10%	9.10%	66
7	6	6	

12.10%	15.20%	4.50%	66
8	10	3	
10.60%	6.10%	18.20%	66
7	4	12	
1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	66
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		answered	66
7	8	9- More favorable	Response Total
15.90%	0.00%	11.40%	44
7	0	5	
6.80%	6.80%	9.10%	44
3	3	4	
0.00%	2.30%	4.50%	44
0	1	2	
0.00%	2.30%	4.50%	44
0	1	2	
18.20%	6.80%	6.80%	44
8	3	3	
15.90%	6.80%	2.30%	44
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		answered	44

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ld you score them?			
7	8	9	Response Total
3.90%	2.90%	4.40%	204
8	6	9	
4.90%	1.50%	2.50%	204
10	3	5	
2.50%	3.90%	1.50%	204
5	8	3	
2.90%	2.00%	1.00%	204
6	4	2	
1.50%	0.50%	1.00%	204
3	1	2	
2.50%	1.50%	1.50%	204
5	3	3	
5.40%	2.50%	4.90%	203
11	5	10	
3.40%	1.50%	5.40%	204
7	3	11	
9.80%	6.90%	5.40%	204
20	14	11	
1.50%	5.40%	2.90%	204
3	11	6	
6.90%	11.80%	21.60%	204
14	24	44	
2.90%	3.40%	1.50%	204
6	7	3	
1.50%	0.50%	0.50%	204
3	1	1	
4.40%	2.90%	0.50%	204
9	6	1	
5.90%	4.40%	5.90%	204
12	9	12	
5.40%	0.00%	1.00%	204
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1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	204
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3.40%	1.50%	1.00%	204
7	3	2	
12.30%	7.40%	12.30%	204
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