



2019 MBS Citizen Opinion Poll

1. My general thoughts about “government” are...
 - a. Very positive 13%
 - b. Positive 47%
 - c. Neither positive or negative 30%
 - d. Negative 9%
 - e. Very negative 1%
2. Have you registered or do you plan to register to vote?
 - a. Yes 96%
 - b. No 4%
3. If given the option, do you plan to join a political party?
 - a. Yes 53%
 - b. No 46%
4. Do you plan to volunteer/work for a political campaign?
 - a. Yes 22%
 - b. No 77%
5. Should the government use tax revenues to provide healthcare to all citizens?
 - a. Yes 38%
 - b. No 44%
 - c. Don't know 17%
6. Should the government use tax revenues to provide post-secondary education (e.g., vocational training, four-year college degree) to all citizens?
 - a. Yes 28%
 - b. No 59%
 - c. Don't know 13%
7. Should the government guarantee all citizens will have a job?
 - a. Yes 19%
 - b. No 70%
 - c. Don't know 11%
8. Should the government use tax revenues to provide all citizens with a basic income?
 - a. Yes 17%
 - b. No 73%
 - c. Don't know 10%
9. Should public transportation (e.g., trains, busses) be free?
 - a. Yes 48%
 - b. No 36%
 - c. Don't know 16%
10. When taxes on businesses are cut, do you think working families benefit?
 - a. Yes 51%
 - b. No 26%
 - c. Don't know 23%
11. Should public sector employees (e.g., teachers, police officers) and private sector employees be able to form unions?
 - a. Yes 67%
 - b. No 15%
 - c. Don't know 18%
12. Should parents be able to decide their child's genetic makeup (e.g., physical characteristics)?
 - a. Yes, for life-threatening cases 48%
 - b. Yes, for cosmetic reasons 4%
 - c. Both A and B 9%
 - d. None of the above 39%
13. What is the most appropriate method for addressing immigration-related issues?
 - a. Limit all types of immigration until current circumstances are resolved 25%
 - b. Provide expanded pathways to U.S. citizenship 40%
 - c. Increase efforts to identify and deport current undocumented immigrants 35%
14. Should firearm owners be required to register their firearm ownership in a government (e.g., state) database?
 - a. Yes 67%
 - b. No 26%
 - c. Don't know 7%
15. Should U.S. citizens be required to complete a period of public service (e.g., Peace Corps) at some point during their lives?
 - a. Yes 25%
 - b. No 60%
 - c. Don't know 15%
16. What is the most appropriate purpose of public education?
 - a. To prepare workers to contribute to the economy 43%
 - b. To prepare citizens to contribute to a democratic society 35%
 - c. Something else 22%
17. What is your level of trust that today's news organizations and media are honest and truthful?
 - a. High 7%
 - b. Moderate 57%
 - c. Low 36%
18. Should the U.S. government subsidize renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind) over fossil fuel sources?
 - a. Yes 68%
 - b. No 16%
 - c. Don't know 16%
19. What should U.S. trade policy prioritize?
 - a. Overall economic growth, which might require outsourcing to other countries 53%
 - b. High employment of U.S. citizens, which might increase the price of goods and services 46%
20. Should a business be able to deny service based on a customer's characteristics (e.g., race, religion, sexuality, social class)?
 - a. Yes 26%
 - b. No 65%
 - c. Don't know 8%
21. Should marijuana be legalized?
 - a. Yes, but only for medicinal use 31%
 - b. Yes, for both medicinal and recreational use 44%
 - c. No 19%
 - d. Don't know 6%
22. Should Missouri continue to use the death penalty?
 - a. Yes 56%
 - b. No 29%
 - c. Don't know 15%
23. Generally, how do you classify your political opinions?
 - a. Extremely liberal 5%
 - b. Liberal 10%
 - c. Slightly liberal 11%
 - d. Moderate 31%
 - e. Slightly conservative 43%
 - f. Conservative (No option given)
 - g. Extremely conservative (no option given)

Response data invalid due to the Scantron only having options for a. thru e.
24. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump is handling his job?
 - a. Strongly approve 15%
 - b. Approve 38%
 - c. Neither approve nor disapprove 22%
 - d. Disapprove 16%
 - e. Strongly disapprove 9%

