Great Decisions 2020

NATIONAL OPINION BALLOT

Large Type Edition

First, we'd like to ask you for some information about your participation in the Great Decisions program. If you are not currently a Great Decisions program member, please skip to the "background" section.

How long have you participated in the Great Decisions program (i.e., attended one or more discussion sessions)?

- ❏ This is the first year I have participated
- ❏ I participated in one previous year
- ❏ I participated in more than one previous year

Please use additional pages for response to open ended questions if needed.

How did you learn about the Great Decisions Program?

❏ Word of mouth

❏ Local library

❏ Foreign Policy Association website

❏ Promotional brochure

❏ Other organization _____

Where does your Great Decisions group meet?

❏ Private home

❏ Library

❏ Community center

❏ Learning in retirement

❏ Other _____

How many hours, on average, do you spend reading one *Great Decisions* chapter?

❏ Less than 1 hour

❏ 1–2 hours

❏ 3–4 hours

❏ More than 4 hours

Would you say you have or have not changed your opinion in a fairly significant way as a result of taking part in the Great Decisions program?

❏ Have

❏ Have not

❏ Not sure

Background Section: Next, we'd like to ask you some information about your background.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Although the media often reports about national and international events and developments, this news is seldom as interesting as the things that happen directly in our own community and neighborhood.

❏ Agree strongly

❏ Agree somewhat

❏ Neither agree nor disagree

❏ Disagree somewhat

❏ Disagree strongly

Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?

❏ Very much interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not interested at all

Do you think it is best for the future of the United States if the U.S. takes an active role in world affairs or stays out of world affairs?

❏ Takes an active role in world affairs

❏ Stays out of world affairs

How often are you asked for your opinion on foreign policy?

❏ Often

❏ Sometimes

❏ Never

Have you been abroad during the last two years?

❏ Yes

❏ No

Do you know, or are you learning, a foreign language?

❏ Yes

❏ No

Do you have any close friends or family that live in other countries?

❏ Yes

❏ No

Do you donate to any charities that help the poor in other countries?

❏ Yes

❏ No

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

❏ Republican

❏ Democrat

❏ Independent

❏ Other _____

   With which gender do you most identify?

❏ Male

❏ Female

❏ Transgender male

❏ Transgender female

❏ Gender variant/non-conforming

❏ Other _____

❏ Prefer not to answer

   What race do you consider yourself?

❏ White/Caucasian

❏ Black/African American

❏ Hispanic/Latino

❏ Asian American

❏ Native American

❏ Other _____

❏ Prefer not to answer

   Were you born in the United States or another country?

❏ United States

❏ Another country

   Are you a citizen of the United States, another country, or are you a citizen of both the United States and another country?

❏ United States

❏ Another country

❏ United States and another country

How important is religion in your life?

❏ Very important

❏ Somewhat important

❏ Not too important

❏ Not at all important

What is your age? _____

Are you currently employed?

❏ Full-time employee

❏ Part-time employee

❏ Self-employed

❏ Unemployed

❏ Retired

❏ Student

❏ Homemaker

What are the first three digits of your zip code? (This will allow us to do a state-by-state breakdown of results.)

_____   _____   _____

Can you give us an estimate of your household income in 2018 before taxes?

❏ Below $30,000

❏ $30,000–$50,000

❏ $50,000–$75,000

❏ $75,000–$100,000

❏ $100,000–$150,000

❏ Over $150,000

❏ Not sure

❏ Prefer not to say

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

❏ Did not graduate from high school

❏ High school graduate

❏ Some college, but no degree (yet)

❏ 2-year college degree

❏ 4-year college degree

❏ Some postgraduate work, but no degree (yet)

❏ Post-graduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, etc.)

Now we would like to ask you some ballot questions from previous years:

1. From 2016's "Climate Geopolitics": All else equal, would you like the next president to be someone who favors government action to address climate change, or someone who opposes such action?

❏ The next president should be someone who favors government action to address climate change

❏ The next president should be someone who opposes government action to address climate change

2. From Great Decisions 2014 "Food and Climate" : To deal with the problem of climate change, do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, not enough, or about the right amount?

❏ Too much

❏ Not enough

❏ About the right amount

3. From Great Decisions 2015 "India Changes Course": To what extent do you see tensions between India and Pakistan as a possible threat to the vital interests of the United States in the next 10 years?

❏ Critical threat

❏ An important, but not critical threat

❏ Not an important threat at all

❏ Not sure

4. From Great Decisions 2017 "Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan": Do you approve or disapprove of the United States conducting missile strikes from pilotless aircraft, called "drones", to target extremists in countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan?

- ❏ Approve strongly
- ❏ Approve somewhat
- ❏ Disapprove somewhat
- ❏ Disapprove strongly

5. From Great Decisions 2017 "U.S. foreign policy and petroleum": How threatening to U.S. national security do you think America's dependence on foreign oil is?

- ❏ Very threatening
- ❏ Somewhat threatening
- ❏ Not too threatening
- ❏ Not thretening at all

6. From Great Decisions 2015 "Human Trafficking": Do you think the U.S. government should increase, keep the same or decrease the amount of money it gives other countries to fight human trafficking?

- ❏ Increase
- ❏ Keep the same
- ❏ Decrease
- ❏ Not sure

7. From Great Decisions 2016 "International Migration": How likely is it that Congress will pass immigration reform legislation?

- ❏ Very likely
- ❏ Somewhat likely
- ❏ Not too likely
- ❏ Not at all likely

8. From Great Decisions 2014 "China's foreign policy": In dealing with a rising China, do you think the U.S. should…

- ❏ Undertake friendly cooperation and engagement with China
- ❏ Actively work to limit the growth of China's power

9. From Great Decisions 2017 "Latin America's political pendulum": In your view, is the temperature of U.S.-Latin America relations likely to get better, get worse, or remain about the same over the next five years?

- ❏ It will get better
- ❏ It will get worse
- ❏ It will remain the same

10. From Great Decisions 2008 "Foreign Aid": Should a donor country use foreign aid to promote a political agenda?

- ❏ Yes
- ❏ No
- ❏ Maybe

11. From Great Decisions 2015 "Privacy in the digital age": How concerned are you personally about the privacy of personal information you give out on the Internet, as well as privacy regarding what you do on the Internet?

- ❏ Very concerned

- ❏ Somewhat concerned.

- ❏ Not at all concerned

- ❏ Not sure

12. From Great Decisions 2012 "Cybersecurity": What party or parties is best equipped to lead in the global governance of cyberspace?

- ❏ a multilateral body, like the UN, where all countries have a say

- ❏ Liberal democracies, such as the U.S., that have a commitment to open networks

- ❏ A collaboration between the public and private sectors

- ❏ The private sector alone

Topic 1. Climate Change and the Global Order

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Climate Change and the Global Order" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

❏ Read the article on climate change in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on climate change with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on climate change with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to climate change

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to climate change

❏ Have or had a job related to climate change

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to climate change?

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. To what extent do you think climate change has changed as a threat in the last six years or so?

❏ Much worse

❏ Somewhat worse

❏ About the same

❏ Somewhat better

❏ Much better

4. Should climate change be the "top priority" for the President and Congress?

❏ Yes

❏ No

❏ Unsure

5. Generally, most policies that are developed to help combat or reduce the effects of global climate change…

❏ Do more good than harm

❏ Do more harm than good

❏ Make no difference

6. Which organizations do you think should take the lead in promoting climate change reform?

❏ Individual governments

❏ Multinational organizations

❏ NGOs

❏ Civil society

7. Which aspect of climate change concerns you the most?

❏ Rising sea levels

❏ Global warming

❏ Deforestation/Desertification

❏ Displaced peoples

❏ Climate change does not concern me

8. To the best of your knowledge, how much does human activity effect global climate change?

❏ A lot

❏ Somewhat

❏ Not that much

❏ Not at all

❏ I don't know

Topic 2. India and Pakistan

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "India and Pakistan" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above

❏ Read the article on India and Pakistan in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on India and Pakistan with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on India and Pakistan with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to India and Pakistan

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to India and Pakistan

❏ Have or had a job related to India and Pakistan

❏ Traveled to India and/or Pakistan

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to India and Pakistan?

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. In your opinion, India is more of a…

❏ Partner

❏ Enemy

❏ Neither

❏ Don't know

4. In your opinion, Pakistan is more of a…

❏ Partner

❏ Enemy

❏ Neither

❏ Don't know

5. With regards to the Jammu-Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, the United States should…

❏ Support India

❏ Support Pakistan

❏ Support Jammu-Kashmir self-determination

❏ The U.S. should stay out of the dispute

6a. Which do you think is a more likely outcome in the dispute between India and Pakistan over Jammu-Kashmir?

❏ War between India and Pakistan

❏ Diplomatic agreement between India and Pakistan

6b. In your opinion, what is the most likely outcome of the Jammu-Kashmir dispute?

- ❏ India dominated Jammu-Kashmir region
- ❏ Pakistan dominated Jammu-Kashmir region
- ❏ Return to autonomous region
- ❏ Not sure

7. How important is the India and Pakistan dispute in global affairs?

- ❏ Very important
- ❏ Somewhat important
- ❏ Not too important
- ❏ Not at all important

Topic 3. Red Sea Security

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Red Sea Security" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- ❏ Read the article on "Red Sea Security" in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book
- ❏ Discussed the article on "Red Sea Security" with a Great Decisions discussion group
- ❏ Discussed the article on "Red Sea Security" with friends and family
- ❏ Followed news related to "Red Sea Security"
- ❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to "Red Sea Security"
- ❏ Have or had a job related to "Red Sea Security"
- ❏ Traveled to the Red Sea area

- ❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to "Red Sea Security?"

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. Should the U.S. be concerned about the growing presence that China has in the Red Sea region?

❏ Very concerned

❏ Somewhat concerned

❏ Not too concerned

❏ Not at all concerned

4. How should the U.S. react to issues of aggression by other nations in the Red Sea?

❏ Naval/Military response

❏ Economic sanctions

❏ Increase patrols in the region

❏ Diplomatic sanctions

❏ U.S. should not react to issues of aggression in the region

5. Do you think that the foreign countries that have bases/ports in the Red Sea region are responsible for domestic issues in the region?

❏ Foreign nations should strive to help solve domestic issues

❏ Foreign nations should have no say in domestic issues in the region

❏ Not sure

6. In your opinion, what is the biggest roadblock to development in the Red Sea region?

❏ Saudi/Yemen conflict

❏ Reliance on oil trade

❏ Saudi/Iran conflict

❏ Local regional conflicts

❏ Piracy/Terrorism

❏ Not sure

7. In your opinion, should the United States combat the litany of terrorist organizations within the Red Sea region?

❏ Yes, with military force

❏ Yes, by arming/training local resistance groups

❏ No, the United States should not combat terrorist groups in the Red Sea region

Topic 4. Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

❏ Read the article on human trafficking in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on human trafficking with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on human trafficking with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to human trafficking

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to human trafficking

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to modern slavery and human trafficking?

- ❏ Very interested
- ❏ Somewhat interested
- ❏ Not too interested
- ❏ Not at all interested

3. Do you think the United States government is doing enough to combat human trafficking?

- ❏ Yes, they are doing enough
- ❏ No, they are not doing enough
- ❏ Not sure

4. How should the United States handle victims of human trafficking who are found in the United States? (Please select one)

- ❏ Resettle them in the U.S.
- ❏ Return them to their country of origin
- ❏ Turn them over to NGO/Rescue group
- ❏ Allow them to file for asylum
- ❏ Other _____

5. In your opinion, to what extent would legalizing prostitution in the U.S. help to alleviate the prevalence of sex trafficking?

- ❏ Alleviate a great deal
- ❏ Alleviate somewhat
- ❏ Neither alleviate nor worsen
- ❏ Worsen somewhat
- ❏ Worsen a great deal
- ❏ Unsure

6. How should the U.S. act with regard to trading with nations where slave labor is used? (Please select one)

❏ <u>Limit trade</u> from nations that use slave labor to   products that are certified to be made by paid workers

❏ <u>Enact sanctions</u> against nations that use slave labor

❏ <u>End all trade relations</u> with nations where slave labor is used

❏ <u>Cut all ties</u> with nations where slave labor is used

❏ Other_____

7. How likely do you think it is that the next Presidential administration will make alleviating human trafficking and modern slavery a priority?

❏ Very likely

❏ Somewhat likely

❏ Not too likely

❏ Not likely at all

8. In your opinion, does the U.S. have a moral obligation to combat human trafficking and slavery around the globe?

❏ Yes, the U.S. has a moral obligation

❏ No, the U.S. does not have a moral obligation

❏ Not sure

Topic 5. U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

❏ Read the article on the Northern Triangle in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on the Northern Triangle with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on the Northern Triangle with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to the Northern Triangle

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the Northern Triangle

❏ Have or had a job related to the Northern Triangle

❏ Traveled to a Northern Triangle country (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras)

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the Northern Triangle?

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. On March 30, 2019, President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. would be cutting off all foreign aid to the Northern Triangle nations. To what extent do you agree with President Donald Trump's decision to cut foreign aid to the Northern Triangle?

- ❏ Very much agree
- ❏ Somewhat agree
- ❏ Neither agree nor disagree
- ❏ Somewhat disagree
- ❏ Very much disagree

4. Do you think President Trump's cutting of foreign aid will have a positive, negative, or no effect on the Northern Triangle nations' ability to curtail migration?

- ❏ Very positive effect
- ❏ Somewhat positive effect
- ❏ No effect
- ❏ Somewhat negative effect
- ❏ Very negative effect

5. Which of the following in your opinion is the biggest cause for the instability in the Northern Triangle? (Please select one)

- ❏ U.S. interference
- ❏ Gang violence
- ❏ The drug trade
- ❏ Corrupt local governments
- ❏ Other _____

6a. In your opinion, should individuals living in the Northern Triangle be able to apply for refugee status in the United States?

- ❏ Yes
- ❏ No
- ❏ Unsure

6b. In your opinion, should migrants who travel from the Northern Triangle to the United States be able to apply for asylum status at the U.S. border?

- ❏ Yes
- ❏ No
- ❏ Unsure

7. Do you think that decriminalizing drug use in the United States will increase, decrease, or not affect the power of drug gangs in the Northern Triangle?

- ❏ Increase
- ❏ Decrease
- ❏ No effect

8. Which of the following in your opinion is the most effect policy to curtail migration from the Northern Triangle? (Please select one)

- ❏ U.S. foreign aid
- ❏ Economic/Political sanctions
- ❏ Military intervention
- ❏ Border wall
- ❏ The U.S. should not try to curtail migration from the Northern Triangle.
- ❏ Other _____

Topic 6. China's Road into Latin America

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "China's Road into Latin America" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

- ❏ Read the article on China in Latin America in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book
- ❏ Discussed the article on China in Latin America with a Great Decisions discussion group
- ❏ Discussed the article on China in Latin America with friends and family
- ❏ Followed news related to China in Latin America
- ❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to China in Latin America
- ❏ Travelled to a Latin American country
- ❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to China in Latin America?

- ❏ Very interested
- ❏ Somewhat interested
- ❏ Not too interested
- ❏ Not at all interested

3. Do you believe that the growing relationship between China and Latin America is a "win-win?"

- ❏ Yes, I think both China and Latin America will benefit
- ❏ No, I think only China will benefit
- ❏ No, I think only Latin American countries will benefit
- ❏ No, I don't think either China or Latin America will benefit
- ❏ Unsure

4a. How concerned are you regarding the inroads that China has made into Latin America for <u>U.S. national security?</u>

❏ Very concerned

❏ Somewhat concerned

❏ Not too concerned

❏ Not at all concerned

4b. How concerned are you regarding the inroads that China has made into Latin America for <u>U.S. economic power?</u>

❏ Very concerned

❏ Somewhat concerned

❏ Not too concerned

❏ Not at all concerned

5. How positive or negative do you feel about the Chinese "One Belt, One Road" initiative

❏ Mostly positive

❏ Somewhat positive

❏ Somewhat negative

❏ Mostly negative

6. In your opinion, are Latin American nations "better off" taking economic assistance from China than from the U.S?

❏ Yes, Latin American countries are better off with China

❏ No, Latin American countries are better off with the U.S.

❏ Latin American nations are better off left on their own

7. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: The United States should convert to a form of State capitalism (similar to China's) in order to compete with China's Belt and Road initiative?

❏ Strongly agree

❏ Somewhat agree

❏ Somewhat disagree

❏ Strongly disagree

Topic 7. The Philippines and the U.S.

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "The Philippines and the U.S." topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

❏ Read the article on "The Philippines and the U.S." in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on "The Philippines and the U.S." with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on "The Philippines and the U.S." with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to "The Philippines and the U.S."

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the "The Philippines and the U.S."

❏ Have or had a job related to the "The Philippines and the U.S."

❏ Traveled to the Philippines

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to the U.S. and the Philippines?

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. Should the United States commit to positive relations with allies, even if those allies have less than reputable leaders in charge?

❏ Yes, the U.S. should support allies regardless of who leads them

❏ No, the U.S. should only support allies with strong, democratically elected leaders

❏ Unsure

4. In your opinion, should the United States offer reparations to the Philippines for their years of colonial rule?

❏ Strongly agree

❏ Somewhat agree

❏ Somewhat disagree

❏ Strongly disagree

5. Would you support U.S. military intervention in the South China Sea if China continues to encroach on Philippine naval territory?

❏ Strongly support

❏ Somewhat support

❏ Somewhat oppose

❏ Strongly oppose

6. The 2019 midterm elections in the Philippines has seen Rodrigo Duterte and his HNP party consolidate their power over the government. Are you concerned that Duterte will recompose the Philippine government to a single party state?

❏ Very concerned

❏ Somewhat concerned

❏ Not too concerned

❏ Not concerned at all

Topic 8. Artificial Intelligence and Data

1. Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Artificial Intelligence and Data" topic? Mark all that you have done or mark none of the above.

❏ Read the article on AI and data in the 2020 Great Decisions briefing book

❏ Discussed the article on AI and data with a Great Decisions discussion group

❏ Discussed the article on AI and data with friends and family

❏ Followed news related to AI and data

❏ Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to AI and data

❏ Have or had a job related to AI and data

❏ None of the above

2. How interested would you say you are in issues related to AI and data?

❏ Very interested

❏ Somewhat interested

❏ Not too interested

❏ Not at all interested

3. Which of these, if any, are your largest source of concern with regards to artificial intelligence?

❏ Surveillance systems

❏ Potential job loss

❏ Autonomous weapons

❏ Spreading of disinformation

❏ Other _____

4. Are you in favor of the United States government regulating personal and public data?

❏ Very much in favor

❏ Somewhat in favor

❏ Neither in favor or oppose

❏ Somewhat oppose

❏ Very much oppose

5. In your opinion, should the United States government invest in AI firms, or should it remain in the private sector?

❏ Yes, the U.S. government should invest in AI firms

❏ No, AI firms should remain in the private sector only

❏ Unsure

6. Do you trust AI firms with your data?

❏ Trust completely

❏ Trust somewhat

❏ Neither trust nor distrust

❏ Distrust somewhat

❏ Distrust completely

7. In your opinion, do technology/AI companies hold too much, about the right amount, or not enough influence over the <u>U.S. economy?</u>

❏ Too much

❏ About the right amount

❏ Not enough

8. In your opinion, do technology/AI companies hold too much, about the right amount, or not enough influence over the <u>U.S. government?</u>

❏ Too much

❏ About the right amount

❏ Not enough

Please use the remaining sheets for open eneded responses to each of the topic questions.