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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 in the next column.

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.

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 who 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 _____

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

What race do you consider yourself?

- White/Caucasian
- Black/African-American
- Asian-American
- Native American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other (please specify) _____

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

Can you give us an estimate of your household income in 2013 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)
- Postgraduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, etc.)

Now we would like to ask you a few questions from the **2014 National Opinion Ballot**.

Overall, do you think each of the following has made the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made a difference?

	SAFER	LESS SAFE	HAS NOT MADE A DIFFERENCE
The war in Afghanistan			
The NSA's phone and internet surveillance programs			
The use of military drones to target extremists in countries such as Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia			

In terms of resolving the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, do you think the United States should be more involved than it is now, as involved as it currently is, or less involved than it is now?

- More involved
- As involved as it currently is
- Less involved

How likely or not do you think it is that Turkey will join the European Union?

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

In terms of the political situation in the Middle East, which is more important?

- Democratic governments, even if there is less stability in the region
- Stable governments, even if there is less democracy in the region

How much of a threat to the vital interests of the United States in the next 10 years is U.S. dependence on foreign oil?

- Critical threat
- Important but not critical threat
- Not important or critical threat

Thinking about U.S. foreign policy goals, how important of a goal is combating world hunger?

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

There is a controversy over what the countries of the world, including the U.S., should do about the problem of climate change. Here are three statements. Please select which statement comes closest to your own point of view:

- Until we are sure that climate change is really a problem we should not take any steps that would have economic costs.
- The problem of climate change should be addressed but its effects will be gradual so we can deal with the problem gradually by taking steps that are low in cost.
- Climate change is a serious and pressing problem and we should try taking steps now even if this involves significant costs.

For each of the following possible future trends, please tell us if you would see it as mainly positive or mainly negative.

	MAINLY POSITIVE	MAINLY NEGATIVE
China becomes significantly more powerful economically		
China becomes significantly more powerful militarily		

How concerned are you about the following issues in US-China relations:

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
China's unwillingness to limit greenhouse emissions.				
China's government limiting its people's access to the Internet.				
China's keeping its currency cheap to make its exports more competitive.				
China's repression of pro-democracy dissidents.				
China's treatment of Tibet.				
US weapons sales to Taiwan despite China's objections.				

Do you favor or oppose engaging in trade with the following countries?

	FAVOR TRADE	OPPOSE TRADE
Cuba		
Venezuela		
Iran		
North Korea		
China		

Thank you for your responses! Please continue to the *Great Decisions 2015* topics.

Russia and the near abroad/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Russia and the Near Abroad” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on Russia in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on Russia with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on Russia with friends or family
- Followed news related to Russia
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to Russia
- Have or had a job related to Russia
- Traveled to Russia
- Traveled to any other countries of the former Soviet Union

How interested would you say you are in issues related to Russia?

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

How closely have you been following news about Russia?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

In your opinion, does the government of Russia respect the personal freedoms of its people?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama handled or is handling the situation involving Russia and Ukraine?

- Approve strongly
- Approve somewhat
- Disapprove somewhat
- Disapprove strongly
- Not sure

Do you think that growing tension between Russia and its neighbors is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to the well being of the United States?

- A major threat
- A minor threat
- Not a threat
- Not sure

Do you think that growing tension between Russia and its neighbors is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to the well being of America’s NATO allies?

- A major threat
- A minor threat
- Not a threat
- Not sure

To what extent do you favor or oppose each of the following potential actions by the United States?

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
The U.S. increasing economic and diplomatic sanctions on Russia			
The U.S. making Ukraine a member of NATO			
The U.S. sending arms and military supplies to the Ukrainian government			
The U.S. working with Russia to peacefully resolve tensions in the region			
The U.S. staying out of Russian affairs			

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about Russia and the Near Abroad? If so, please use the space below.

Privacy in the digital age/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Privacy in the Digital Age” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on digital privacy in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on digital privacy with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on digital privacy with friends or family
- Followed news related to the digital privacy topic
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to digital privacy
- Have or had a job related to the digital privacy topic

How interested would you say you are in issues related to digital privacy?

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

How closely have you been following news about digital privacy?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

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 too concerned, or not at all concerned?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

How concerned are you personally about each of the following? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

Large online databases that publish telephone directories, property tax information, legal information, and other publicly available records that allow database subscribers to investigate the lives of ordinary Americans.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

Corporate websites gathering marketing information about consumers by tracking their web browsing habits.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

Internet advertisers gathering marketing information about people who click on their ads by tracking their web browsing habits.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

The government’s ability to “tap” into a suspect’s computer and monitor their Internet usage.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

The government's ability to "tap" into suspects' home computer files.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

Software that allows the government to "tap" into email, searching for incriminating evidence of any kind.

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not too concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Not sure

As you may know, as part of its efforts to investigate terrorism, a federal government agency obtained records from larger U.S. telephone and Internet companies in order to compile telephone call logs and Internet service providers (ISPs). Based on what you have heard or read about the program, would you

say you approve or disapprove of this government program?

- Approve strongly
- Approve somewhat
- Disapprove somewhat
- Disapprove strongly
- Not sure

As you may know, a former U.S. government contractor named Edward Snowden is the source of the information about the government program that created the database of telephone logs and Internet communications. Do you think it was right or wrong for him to collect and share that information?

- Right
- Wrong
- Not sure

Do you think it was right or wrong for the newspapers who reported on the program leaked by Edward Snowden to publish that information?

- Right
- Wrong
- Not sure

Is American monitoring of _____ acceptable or unacceptable?

	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	NOT SURE
Other Countries' Citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Countries' Leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Citizens Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Citizens Living in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspected Terrorists Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspected Terrorists Living in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about Privacy and the Digital Age? If so, please use the space below.

Sectarianism in the Middle East/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Sectarianism in the Middle East” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on sectarianism in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on sectarianism with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on sectarianism with friends or family
- Followed news related to sectarianism
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to sectarianism
- Have or had a job in or related to the Middle East or Islam
- Traveled to the Middle East or other Islamic countries

How interested would you say you are in issues related to Sectarianism in the Middle East:

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

How closely have you been following news about sectarianism in the Middle East?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

How much emphasis should the U.S. place on the Middle East when creating American foreign policy?

- A great deal
- Some
- A little
- None at all
- Not sure

Do you agree or disagree that the United States should consider recognizing a free nation for Kurdish people called Kurdistan?

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly
- Not sure

To what extent do you agree or disagree that President Obama made a mistake in returning forces to Iraq after the rise of ISIS in summer 2014?

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Disagree somewhat
- Disagree strongly

If airstrikes are not enough to stop ISIS, do you favor or oppose the U.S. sending more ground troops to Iraq to fight the Islamic State?

- Favor
- Oppose
- Not sure

In terms of the political situation in the Middle East, which is more important?

- Democratic governments, even if there is less stability in the region
- Stable governments, even if there is less democracy in the region

Please select which of the following statements is closer to your own view:

- Because Muslim religious, social and political traditions are incompatible with Western ways violent conflict is inevitable.
- Because most Muslims are like people everywhere, we can find common ground and violent conflict between the civilizations is not inevitable.

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the Sectarianism in the Middle East topic? If so, please use the space below.

India changes course/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “India Changes Course” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on India in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on India with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on India with friends or family
- Followed news related to the India topic
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to the India topic
- Have or had a job related to India
- Traveled to India

How interested would you say you are in issues related to the India topic?

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

How closely have you been following news about India?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

How much do you think India takes the interests of the U.S. into account when making foreign policy decisions?

- A lot
- Somewhat
- Little
- None
- Not sure

How much do you think the U.S. takes Indian interests into account when making foreign policy decisions?

- A lot
- Somewhat
- Little
- None
- Not sure

In your opinion, are relations between the U.S. and India improving, worsening or staying the same?

- Improving
- Worsening
- Staying the same
- Not sure

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council are China, France, Russia, Britain and the United States. Some people have proposed that the permanent membership should be expanded. Would you favor or oppose India becoming a permanent member?

- Favor
- Oppose
- Not sure

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

India and the U.S. have agreed that the U.S. will sell nuclear technology to India and that India will allow the UN’s nuclear agency to inspect some of its

nuclear power plants. Which argument comes closer to your view?

- Selling India civilian nuclear technology is a good idea because it strengthens U.S.-India relations and contributes to peace and stability in Asia.
- Selling India civilian nuclear technology is a bad idea because it suggests to other countries that they can develop nuclear weapons and get away with it.
- Not sure

Do you think that India will play a greater role or a lesser role in international politics in the next 10 years than it does today?

- Greater role
- Lesser role
- Same role
- Not sure

How much do you trust India to act responsibly in world politics?

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not too much
- Not at all
- Not sure

How much do you trust India to keep its international commitments?

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not too much
- Not at all
- Not sure

In general do you think that India practices fair trade or unfair trade with the U.S.?

- Fair trade
- Unfair trade
- Not sure

Do you think the U.S. should have a free trade agreement that would lower barriers to trade with India?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you think U.S. economic aid to India should be increased, kept the same, decreased or stopped altogether?

- Increased
- Kept the same
- Decreased
- Stopped altogether
- Not sure

At present, are the U.S. and India mostly rivals or mostly partners?

- Mostly rivals
- Mostly partners
- Not sure

If India becomes significantly more powerful **economically** would you view this development as mainly positive or mainly negative?

- Mainly positive
- Mainly negative
- Not sure

If India becomes significantly more powerful **militarily** would you view this development as mainly positive or mainly negative?

- Mainly positive
- Mainly negative
- Not sure

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about India Changes Course? If so, please use the space below.

U.S. policy toward Africa/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “U.S. Policy toward Africa” topic?

Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on the U.S. and Africa in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and Africa with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on the U.S. and Africa with friends or family
- Followed news related to the U.S. and Africa
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to Africa
- Have or had a job related to the U.S. and Africa topic
- Traveled to any African countries

How interested would you say you are in issues related to the U.S. Policy toward Africa topic?

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

How closely have you been following news about U.S. involvement in Africa?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

Do you think the amount of foreign aid the U.S. gives to African countries in general should be increased, kept the same, decreased or stopped altogether?

- Increased
- Kept the same
- Decreased
- Stopped altogether

Do you think the amount of foreign aid the U.S. gives to each of the following countries should be increased, kept the same, decreased or stopped altogether?

	INCREASED	KEPT THE SAME	DECREASED	STOPPED ALTOGETHER
Egypt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libya	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tunisia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenya	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ghana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Now I am going to read some types of foreign aid that the U.S. government gives to African countries. Please say whether you favor or oppose them.

	FAVOR	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
Food assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid that helps develop their economies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance with the prevention and treatment of AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid for birth control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid for women's education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance to promote democracy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to help farmers become more productive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to increase U.S. influence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think the US should have free trade agreements that would lower barriers to trade with countries in Africa?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

For each of the following, say whether you think the U.S. government should be doing more, less or is doing the right amount to help African countries.

	SHOULD DO MORE	SHOULD DO LESS	DOING THE RIGHT AMOUNT NOW	NOT SURE
Combating the Ebola outbreak in West Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finding the hundreds of girls kidnapped by the extremist group Boko Haram in Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defeating Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thinking about the recent Ebola outbreak, what do you think should happen to foreign visitors coming to the United States from West Africa?

- They should be allowed to enter the U.S. as long as they do not show symptoms of Ebola.
- They should be quarantined upon their arrival in the U.S. until it's certain they do not have Ebola.
- They should not be allowed to enter the U.S. until the Ebola epidemic in West Africa is over.
- Not sure

To what extent do you see civil wars in Africa 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

As you may know, the United States participated in a NATO military campaign against forces loyal to Muammar Qaddafi in Libya which was led by Britain and France, not the U.S. What level of participation should the U.S. have taken in Libya?

- Taken the leading role in the campaign
- Taken a major role but not the leading role
- Taken a minor role
- Not participated at all
- Not sure

Do you think the U.S. government should increase, keep the same, decrease or stop altogether the following types of assistance to Egypt?

	INCREASE	KEEP THE SAME	DECREASE	STOP ALTOGETHER	NOT SURE
Economic aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Democracy aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Should the U.S. government have taken a more active role in helping Egypt during its transition to democracy?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about the U.S. and Africa topic? If so, please use the space below.

Syria's refugee crisis/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the "Syria's Refugee Crisis" topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on Syria in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on Syria with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on Syria with friends or family
- Followed news related to Syria
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to Syria or refugee issues
- Traveled to Syria
- Know or known refugees in the United States

How interested would you say you are in issues related to Syria?

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

How closely have you been following news about Syria and its refugee crisis?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has reacted to the civil war in Syria?

- Approve strongly
- Approve somewhat
- Disapprove somewhat
- Disapprove strongly
- Not sure

When it comes to U.S. policy in Syria which statement do you agree with most?

- The U.S. should have provided Syrian rebels with more aid sooner.
- The U.S. should not have gotten involved at all.
- The U.S. did the best it could in a difficult situation.
- Not sure

Do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the U.S. have this responsibility?

- The U.S. has a responsibility to do something
- The U.S. does not have a responsibility to do something
- Not sure

In general, do you support or oppose **Western** countries sending arms and military supplies to anti-government groups in Syria?

- Support strongly
- Support somewhat
- Oppose somewhat
- Oppose strongly
- Not sure

In general, do you support or oppose **Arab** countries sending arms and military supplies to anti-government groups in Syria?

- Support strongly
- Support somewhat
- Oppose somewhat
- Oppose strongly
- Not sure

How should the international community respond to events in Syria? Check all options you support.

- Enforce sanctions
- Send humanitarian aid
- Evacuate refugees
- Send in ground forces
- Impose a no-fly zone over Syria
- Conduct airstrikes against Syrian government targets

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about Syria's Refugee Crisis? If so, please use the space below.

Human trafficking/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Human Trafficking” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on human trafficking in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on human trafficking with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on human trafficking with friends or family
- Followed news related to human trafficking
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to human trafficking
- Have or had a job related to preventing human trafficking or supporting victims of human trafficking

How interested would you say you are in issues related to human trafficking?

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

How closely have you been following news about human trafficking?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

How much focus should the U.S. government place on ending human trafficking relative to other domestic and international problems?

- A lot of focus
- Some focus
- Not too much focus
- No focus at all
- Not sure

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

Do you think the U.S. government should impose economic sanctions on countries with high rates of human trafficking?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you think that prostitution should be legalized in the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you think that it is right or wrong for other countries like the Netherlands to legalize prostitution?

- Right
- Wrong
- Not sure

Do you think the United States should be allied with countries like the Netherlands that have legalized prostitution?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about Human Trafficking? If so, please use the space below.

Brazil in metamorphosis/2015 National Opinion Ballot

Have you engaged in any of the following activities related to the “Brazil in Metamorphosis” topic? Click all that you have done.

- Read the article on Brazil in the 2015 *Great Decisions* briefing book
- Discussed the article on Brazil with a Great Decisions discussion group
- Discussed the article on Brazil with friends or family
- Followed news related to Brazil
- Taken a class in which you learned about issues related to Brazil
- Have or had a job related to Brazil
- Traveled to Brazil

How interested would you say you are in issues related to Brazil?

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

How closely have you been following news about Brazil?

- Very closely
- Somewhat closely
- Not too closely
- Not at all closely

How much do you think Brazil takes the interests of the U.S. into account when making foreign policy decisions?

- A lot
- Somewhat
- Little
- None
- Not sure

How much do you think the U.S. takes Brazil’s interests into account when making foreign policy decisions?

- A lot
- Somewhat
- Little
- None
- Not sure

In your opinion, are relations between the U.S. and Brazil improving, worsening or staying about the same?

- Improving
- Worsening
- Staying about the same
- Not sure

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council are China, France, Russia, Britain and the United States. Some people have proposed that the permanent membership should be expanded. Would you favor or oppose Brazil becoming a permanent member?

- Favor
- Oppose
- Not sure

Do you think that Brazil will play a greater role or a lesser role in international politics in the next 10 years than it does today?

- Greater role
- Lesser role
- Same role
- Not sure

How much do you trust Brazil to act responsibly in world politics?

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not too much
- Not at all
- Not sure

How much do you trust Brazil to keep their international commitments?

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not too much
- Not at all
- Not sure

In general do you think that Brazil practices fair trade or unfair trade with the United States?

- Fair trade
- Unfair trade
- Not sure

Do you think the U.S. should have a free trade agreement that would lower barriers to trade with Brazil?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Would you approve or disapprove of the U.S. working with Brazil to preserve and protect the Amazon rain forest?

- Approve strongly
- Approve somewhat
- Disapprove somewhat
- Disapprove strongly
- Not sure

Which do you think are more important in U.S.-Brazil relations: economic interests or environmental interests?

- Economic interests
- Environmental interests
- Not sure

Do you think U.S. economic aid to Brazil should be increased, kept the same, decreased, or stopped altogether?

- Increased
- Kept the same
- Decreased
- Stopped altogether
- Not sure

At present, are the U.S. and Brazil mostly rivals or mostly partners?

- Mostly rivals
- Mostly partners
- Not sure

If Brazil becomes significantly more powerful **economically** would you view this development as mainly positive or mainly negative?

- Mainly positive
- Mainly negative
- Not sure

If Brazil becomes significantly more powerful **militarily** would you view this development as mainly positive or mainly negative?

- Mainly positive
- Mainly negative
- Not sure

In your opinion, did Brazil's hosting of the World Cup help its image around the world, hurt its image around the world, or did it have no impact on Brazil's image?

- Help Brazil's image
- Hurt Brazil's image
- Had no impact on Brazil's image
- Not sure

Would you like to share any other thoughts with us about Brazil? If so, please use the space below.