

YouGov Survey: Civics Test



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted June 14 - 17, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.6%

1. What is freedom of religion?

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| No one can practice a religion | 3% |
| You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion | 88% |
| You can't choose the time you practice your religion | 5% |
| You must choose a religion | 4% |

2. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

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| Freedom of speech and freedom to run for president | 6% |
| Freedom of religion and freedom to make treaties with other countries | 5% |
| Freedom of speech and freedom of religion | 86% |
| Freedom to petition the government and freedom to disobey traffic laws | 4% |

3. Who was the first President?

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| Thomas Jefferson | 3% |
| George Washington | 87% |
| Abraham Lincoln | 6% |
| John Adams | 4% |

4. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

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| American and Blue-Moose | 3% |
| Democratic and Republican | 91% |
| Democratic-Republican and Whigs | 4% |
| Reform and Green | 3% |

5. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

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| The Senate and the courts | 4% |
| The Senate and the House of Representatives | 85% |
| The House of Representatives and the courts | 5% |
| The House of Lords and the House of Commons | 5% |

6. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

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| Gave women the right to vote | 6% |
| Declared our independence from France | 7% |
| Freed the slaves | 9% |
| Declared our independence from Great Britain | 78% |

7. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

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| Inventor of the airplane | 4% |
| U.S. diplomat | 46% |
| Youngest member of the Constitutional Convention | 29% |
| Third president of the United States | 21% |

8. Who vetoes bills?

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| The Speaker of the House | 13% |
| The President | 78% |
| The Vice President | 5% |
| The President Pro Tempore | 4% |

9. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

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| 35 and older | 7% |
| 16 and older | 3% |
| 18 and older | 80% |
| 21 and older | 9% |

10. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

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| James Madison | 10% |
| Thomas Jefferson | 72% |
| Abraham Lincoln | 7% |
| George Washington | 11% |

11. There were 13 original states. Name three.

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| Washington, Oregon, and California | 8% |
| New York, Kentucky, and Georgia | 11% |
| Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida | 8% |
| Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina | 73% |

12. Name one branch or part of the government.

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| State government | 8% |
| United Nations | 5% |
| Congress | 83% |
| Parliament | 4% |

13. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

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| At any age | 2% |
| Between 17 and 26 | 60% |
| At age 16 | 11% |
| Men do not have to register | 27% |

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| 14. Who signs bills to become laws? | |
| The Secretary of State | 5% |
| The Vice President | 4% |
| The President | 82% |
| The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court | 9% |
| 15. The House of Representatives has how many voting members? | |
| 200 | 15% |
| 441 | 11% |
| 100 | 13% |
| 435 | 60% |
| 16. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? | |
| Life and liberty | 57% |
| Life and the right to own a home | 5% |
| Life and pursuit of happiness | 35% |
| Life and death | 4% |
| 17. What movement tried to end racial discrimination? | |
| Women's suffrage | 5% |
| Conservation | 4% |
| Civil rights | 87% |
| Prohibition | 4% |
| 18. Name two national U.S. holidays. | |
| April Fool's Day and Labor Day | 5% |
| Citizenship Day and Columbus Day | 7% |
| Labor Day and Thanksgiving | 83% |
| Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day | 5% |
| 19. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? | |
| Write to a newspaper and call Senators and Representatives | 5% |
| Give an elected official your opinion on an issue and join a community group | 6% |
| Vote and join a civic group | 13% |
| All of these answers | 75% |
| 20. What is one reason colonists came to America? | |
| For the experience of traveling across the ocean | 6% |
| To join a civic group | 3% |
| Freedom | 74% |
| None of these answers | 17% |

21. How easy or difficult did you find it to answer the prior questions on U.S. history and government?

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| Very easy | 30% |
| Somewhat easy | 41% |
| Somewhat difficult | 25% |
| Very difficult | 4% |

22. The questions you just answered were examples from the civics portion of the U.S. naturalization test, which tests the knowledge of people seeking to become U.S. citizens. However, the real test is conducted verbally and applicants are not provided with multiple-choice options (we at YouGov wrote the options you saw). They must answer six of 10 correctly to pass the test. Knowing this, do you think the questions asked are too easy, too difficult, or about right as a test of prospective citizens' knowledge of the U.S. government and history?

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| Too easy | 11% |
| About right | 75% |
| Too difficult | 14% |

23. Do you think the questions asked in the civics test you just took are generally fair or unfair to ask prospective citizens?

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| Very fair | 55% |
| Somewhat fair | 28% |
| Somewhat unfair | 10% |
| Very unfair | 7% |

24. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to require people applying to become citizens to take a civics knowledge test?

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| Good idea | 75% |
| Bad idea | 8% |
| Not sure | 17% |

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| Interviewing Dates | June 14 - 17, 2022 |
| Target population | U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over. |
| Sampling method | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. |
| Weighting | The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.178 to 6.246, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.566. |
| Number of respondents | 1000 |
| Margin of error | ± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 65 questions not reported. |