

2017 ANNENBERG CONSTITUTION DAY CIVICS SURVEY

For the next questions, if you aren't sure of the answer just give me your best guess

I'm going to read you some statements, for each one please tell me how accurate you think that statement is. Very accurate, somewhat accurate, somewhat inaccurate, or very inaccurate? How accurate is it to say that: (READ STATEMENT). Is that very accurate, somewhat accurate, somewhat inaccurate, or very inaccurate? **ROTATE LIST**

Those who are in the country illegally do not have any rights under the U.S. Constitution
(Correct: Inaccurate)

	ACCURATE %			INACCURATE %			Don't know %	Refused %
	NET	Very Accurate	Somewhat Accurate	NET ¹	Somewhat Inaccurate	Very Inaccurate		
8/13/17	53	34	19	40	19	20	5	2

Under the U.S. Constitution, U.S. citizens who are atheists have the same rights as all other citizens²
(Correct: Accurate)

	ACCURATE %			INACCURATE %			Don't know %	Refused %
	NET	Very Accurate	Somewhat Accurate	NET	Somewhat Inaccurate	Very Inaccurate		
8/13/17	79	61	18	15	5	10	5	2

Under the U.S. Constitution, U.S. citizens who are Muslim have the same rights as all other citizens
(Correct: Accurate)

	ACCURATE %			INACCURATE %			Don't know %	Refused %
	NET ³	Very Accurate	Somewhat Accurate	NET ⁴	Somewhat Inaccurate	Very Inaccurate		
8/13/17	76	57	18	18	8	11	4	2

¹ Net does not add up due to rounding

² Total greater than 100% due to rounding

³ Net does not add up due to rounding

⁴ Net does not add up due to rounding

As you may know, the First Amendment is part of the U.S. Constitution. Can you name any of the specific rights that are guaranteed by the first amendment of the constitution, or not? **IF YES.** Would you mind naming them? **(ACCEPT UP TO 5) PROBE TO THE NEGATIVE**—Any others?

	8/13/2017
	% ⁵
Freedom of the press	14
Freedom of speech	48
Freedom of religion	15
Right to petition/ Right to petition the government	3
Right of assembly/Right of people peaceably to assemble	10
Right to bear arms ⁶	5
Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ⁷	2
Other ⁸	1
NONE/DON'T KNOW	37
Can't name any	25
Don't know	12
Refused	1
N →	1,013

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. Congress forbidding the news media from reporting on any issue of national security without first getting government approval? (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE ASK: And, do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?)

	FAVOR %			OPPOSE %			Don't know %	Refused %
	NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose		
8/13/17	39	20	19	49	20	29	9	3
7/18/16	40	19	21	55⁹	21	33	4	*

⁵ Multiple responses accepted

^{6,7,8} Incorrect response

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Do you happen to know any of the three branches of government?

	8/13/2017¹⁰	2016	2015	2014	2013	2011¹¹
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	74	77	74	72	75	73
No	26	21	22	25	24	22
Don't know	1	2	4	3	1	6
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*
N →	1,013	1,021	1,012	1,416	1,302	1,230

Would you mind naming any of them (the three branches of government)?

Based on total sample

	8/13/2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2011
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Named all three branches	26	26	31	36	38	38
Named two branches	13	12	12	16	18	13
Named one branch	27	31	24	13	15	16
Could not name any branches	33	31	32	35	29	33
Refused	1	-	*	*	-	*
N →	1,013	1,021	1,012	1,416	1,302	1,230

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ANNENBERG CONSTITUTION DAY CIVICS SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The 2017 Annenberg Constitution Day Civics survey was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center via telephone (CATI) by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **August 9-13, 2017** among 1,013 U.S. adults, aged 18 and older. Respondents were drawn from a national probability sample in all 50 states. The dual frame sample included 603 cell phone respondents and 39 respondents who completed the survey in Spanish.

Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The adjusted margin of error for total respondents in the sample is +/- 3.69 % at the 95% confidence level. The response rate was 8% (AAPOR RR 3). For more detail on the methodology, including sampling, within household respondent selection, weighting variables and procedures, please visit [SSRS Omnibus](#).