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Civic Engagement Questionnaire

Instructions: The following survey seeks to assess your knowledge of and interest in various topics related to civics and government. Please answer all questions accurately and fully to the best of your abilities. Only select one answer for each question unless otherwise specified.

1. What is your age?

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 or older |

2. What is your gender?

- Male
 Female
 Other (please specify): _____

3. What is your current grade/education level?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not attend school | <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma/GED equivalent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary/elementary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college completed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school (up to 8th grade) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12th grade | |

4. Do you feel that you understand the concept of "civic engagement" well enough to describe it to another person?

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

5. Where do you currently get the majority of your news about politics and current affairs?

(Check all that apply)

- Television
- Radio
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Internet news sites
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram or Snapchat
- Other social media
- Word of mouth
- I don't follow the news
- Other (please specify): _____

6. How important do you feel technology is in promoting civic engagement among people your age?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Moderately important
- Slightly important
- Not at all

7. How would you rate your level of interest in each of the following?

	Extremely interested	Very interested	Moderately interested	Slightly interested	Not at all interested
International politics					
National politics					

State politics					
Local politics					
Voting					
Contacting your representatives					
Working on a campaign					
Having political discussions					
Attending a protest					
Reading or learning about politics					
Watching educational videos about civics and government					

8. Which of the following topics are you unfamiliar with or would like to know more about, if any? Please limit your response to 5-10 options.

- Registering to vote & voter registration laws
- Gerrymandering
- The Electoral College
- Lobbying and the Iron Triangle
- Constitutional amendments
- The impeachment process
- Types of party systems
- Immigration & citizenship

- Heads of state vs. heads of government
- National debt, the debt ceiling, and government shutdowns
- The origins of democracy
- Philosophical perspectives on government
- Contacting your representatives
- International organizations & world leaders
- Term limits
- The tax system
- Modern wars (i.e. Persian Gulf War, Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan)
- Terrorism
- The role of the US Intelligence community
- Systemic problems such as racism & economic inequality
- None of the above
- Other (please specify) _____

9. How well do you feel your education has prepared you for civic engagement, either now or in the future?

- Extremely well-prepared
- Adequately well-prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Mostly unprepared
- Not prepared at all/lacking basic knowledge

10. In your own words, what do you think would encourage people your age to be more involved in civics and the political process? Please be specific.
