

Youth Perspectives on Voting

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Voting Set 1 (2/28/20)

1. Let's talk voting! In an election, what are the issues that are the most important to you?
2. Who or what influences where you stand on these issues?
3. Do you think your vote matters? Why or why not?
4. Besides voting, how else could you make your voice heard?

Voting Set 2 (9/4/20)

1. As we approach Election Day in November, we want to hear more about your thoughts on voting (even if you can't vote). What are the issues that are the most important to you?
2. Who or what influences where you stand on these issues?
3. Do you think your vote matters? Why or why not?
4. Are there recent events that have impacted your opinion on voting? What happened and how did it impact your opinion?
5. Besides voting, how else could you make your voice heard?

Data Source and Methods

Responses were collected using the MyVoice study, a national longitudinal text-message survey of youth. Participants were recruited via social media to meet national demographic benchmarks based on the American Community Survey. Questions were iteratively developed by a research team including survey experts and youth. A total of 1072 and 976 youth responded to the surveys on 2/28/2020 and 9/4/2020, respectively. Responses were qualitatively assessed and categorized by two independent investigators to reach consensus. More information about the MyVoice study methodology is available at researchprotocols.org/2017/12/e247.

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