

**1. Preference on direct election of Senators**

The 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution established the direct election of U.S. Senators by a popular vote in each state. Before this amendment, U.S. Senators were elected by state legislatures. Which do you think is better?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Electing Senators directly by a popular vote	71%	71%	70%	65%	57%	76%	86%	71%	65%	83%	79%	44%
Having state legislatures elect Senators	11%	16%	7%	5%	20%	10%	8%	7%	14%	12%	8%	21%
Not sure	18%	13%	22%	30%	23%	14%	5%	22%	21%	6%	13%	35%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (447)	100% (547)	100% (120)	100% (305)	100% (380)	100% (189)	100% (334)	100% (429)	100% (231)	100% (927)	100% (67)

	Race				Education					Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Electing Senators directly by a popular vote	71%	74%	56%	65%	54%	68%	74%	71%	87%	71%	67%	72%	72%
Having state legislatures elect Senators	11%	11%	9%	15%	20%	7%	11%	14%	11%	11%	12%	12%	10%
Not sure	18%	15%	35%	20%	25%	25%	15%	16%	2%	18%	21%	16%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (814)	100% (102)	100% (78)	100% (33)	100% (299)	100% (336)	100% (213)	100% (113)	100% (163)	100% (222)	100% (383)	100% (226)

	Total	Ideology					Not sure
		Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	
Electing Senators directly by a popular vote	71%	83%	81%	75%	79%	41%	29%
Having state legislatures elect Senators	11%	3%	6%	10%	13%	31%	12%
Not sure	18%	14%	13%	15%	8%	28%	59%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (79)	100% (170)	100% (314)	100% (212)	100% (143)	100% (76)

	Total	Own involvement in Tea Party movement		
		Yes	No	Not Sure
Electing Senators directly by a popular vote	71%	61%	76%	60%
Having state legislatures elect Senators	11%	31%	8%	6%
Not sure	18%	8%	16%	34%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (183)	100% (674)	100% (133)

**2. Should 17th Amendment be repealed**

Do you think the 17th Amendment should be repealed, which would mean Senators being elected by state legislatures, or remain in place, which would mean Senators continue to be directly elected by a popular vote?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
It should be repealed	16%	19%	12%	12%	23%	14%	13%	11%	18%	18%	12%	26%
It should remain in place	64%	67%	61%	56%	54%	70%	73%	60%	62%	73%	71%	39%
Not sure	21%	14%	27%	33%	23%	16%	14%	29%	20%	9%	16%	36%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (447)	100% (548)	100% (120)	100% (306)	100% (380)	100% (189)	100% (335)	100% (429)	100% (231)	100% (928)	100% (67)

	Race			Education					Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It should be repealed	16%	16%	9%	18%	28%	13%	15%	14%	14%	10%	17%	17%	16%
It should remain in place	64%	67%	46%	59%	29%	62%	68%	68%	85%	63%	58%	64%	67%
Not sure	21%	17%	45%	23%	43%	25%	17%	18%	1%	27%	25%	19%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (815)	100% (102)	100% (78)	100% (34)	100% (299)	100% (336)	100% (213)	100% (113)	100% (163)	100% (223)	100% (383)	100% (226)

	Ideology						
	Total	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	Not sure
It should be repealed	16%	9%	10%	14%	18%	31%	17%
It should remain in place	64%	75%	70%	68%	71%	41%	24%
Not sure	21%	16%	20%	18%	11%	28%	59%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (80)	100% (170)	100% (314)	100% (212)	100% (143)	100% (76)

	Total	Own involvement in Tea Party movement		
		Yes	No	Not Sure
It should be repealed	16%	40%	11%	11%
It should remain in place	64%	49%	69%	52%
Not sure	21%	10%	19%	38%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (183)	100% (675)	100% (133)