

Methodology

The Civics Knowledge survey questions were part of the ongoing 2014 Annenberg Institutions of Democracy project for a period of seven days. A total of 1,416 adults were surveyed by telephone between July 8 and July 14, 2014. A total of 699 were completed with respondents on landline telephones and 717 by cell phone. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Data were weighted to correct for known differences in the probability of selection of respondents, account for survey nonresponse, and increase the representativeness of the sample. The data were weighted to known population parameters based on the March 2013 Supplement of the U.S. Census Current Population Survey (CPS). In addition, the data were weighted to represent the distribution of the adult population by phone status (cell phone only, landline only or dual-user), based on the CDC's 2013 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Adjusting for the effect of weighting, the maximum margin of error for the full sample is +/-3.06 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. The survey was conducted by Abt/SRBI (www.srbi.com).

Appendix to July 2014 Annenberg Public Policy Center survey

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

	2014	2011
	%	%
Yes	72	73
No	25	22
Don't know	3	6
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,230

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

Based on total sample

	2014	2011
	%	%
They know all three branches	36	38
They know two branches	16	13
They know one branch	13	16
They do not know any branches	35	33
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,230

How much of a majority is required for the US Senate and the House of Representatives to override a presidential veto? UNAIDED

	2014	2012
	%	%
Two-thirds	27	30
Other	26	27
Not sure/Don't know	47	43
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,522

If the Supreme Court rules on a case 5 to 4, does this mean...?

	2014	2011
	%	%
The decision is the law and needs to be followed	47	48
The decision is sent back to Congress for reconsideration	21	13
The decision is sent back to the lower courts to be decided there	8	10
Don't Know	25	29
Refused	--	*
N	1,416	1,230

Do you happen to know which party has the most members in the United States House of Representatives in Congress? UNAIDED

	2014	2011
	%	%
Democratic Party	17	17
Republican Party	38	55
Don't Know	44	27
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,230

Do you happen to know which party has the most members in the United States Senate? UNAIDED

	2014	2011
	%	%
Democratic Party	38	42
Republican Party	20	31
Don't Know	42	27
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,230

Who has the final responsibility to determine if a law is constitutional or not? The president, Congress, or the Supreme Court?

	2014	2011
	%	%
Supreme Court	62	62
President	12	5
Congress	17	16
Not sure/Don't know	8	17
Refused	*	*
N	1,416	1,230

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?

	7/2014	4/2014
	%	%
Favor (NET)	37	40
(strongly/somewhat)		
Strongly	19	18
Somewhat	18	23
Oppose (NET)	54	54
Somewhat	19	20
Strongly	35	34
DK/REF	9	6
N	1,416	1,015

* Less than 0.5 %