

Experiments in Politics - 2016 final study

Q63 This study is being conducted by Brendan Nyhan, a professor at Dartmouth College. We ask for your attention for a few minutes and we thank you for your attention and your responses. Your participation is voluntary and you may decline the interview or withdraw at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Do you consent to participate in the interview?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q107 Timing

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Q4 How old are you?

- Under 18 (1)
- 18 - 24 (2)
- 25 - 34 (3)
- 35 - 44 (4)
- 45 - 54 (5)
- 55 - 64 (6)
- 65 - 74 (7)
- 75 - 84 (8)
- 85 or older (9)

Q108 Timing

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Q67 In what state do you currently reside?

- Alabama (1)
- Alaska (51)
- Arizona (2)
- Arkansas (3)
- California (4)
- Colorado (5)
- Connecticut (6)
- Delaware (7)
- District of Columbia (8)
- Florida (9)
- Georgia (10)
- Hawaii (52)
- Idaho (11)
- Illinois (12)
- Indiana (13)
- Iowa (14)
- Kansas (15)
- Kentucky (16)
- Louisiana (17)
- Maine (18)
- Maryland (19)
- Massachusetts (20)
- Michigan (21)
- Minnesota (22)
- Mississippi (23)
- Missouri (24)
- Montana (25)
- Nebraska (26)
- Nevada (27)
- New Hampshire (28)
- New Jersey (29)
- New Mexico (30)
- New York (31)
- North Carolina (32)
- North Dakota (33)
- Ohio (34)
- Oklahoma (35)
- Oregon (36)
- Pennsylvania (37)
- Rhode Island (38)
- South Carolina (39)
- South Dakota (40)
- Tennessee (41)

- Texas (42)
- Utah (43)
- Vermont (44)
- Virginia (45)
- Washington (46)
- West Virginia (47)
- Wisconsin (48)
- Wyoming (49)
- Puerto Rico (50)
- I do not reside in the United States (53)

Q5 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Other (3)

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Q1 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- Republican (1)
- Democrat (2)
- Independent (3)
- Something else (4)

Q116 Timing

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Answer If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Democrat Is Selected

Q113 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

- Strong Democrat (1)
- Not very strong $\{q://QID111/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ (2)

Answer If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Republican Is Selected

Q118 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- Strong Republican (1)
- Not very strong Republican (2)

Answer If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Independent Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Something else Is Selected

Q115 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- Closer to the Republican party (1)
- Closer to the Democratic party (2)
- Neither (3)

Q119 Timing

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Q12 When it comes to politics, would you describe yourself as liberal, conservative, or neither liberal nor conservative?

- Very conservative (1)
- Somewhat conservative (2)
- Slightly conservative (3)
- Moderate; middle of the road (4)
- Slightly liberal (5)
- Somewhat liberal (6)
- Very liberal (7)

Q83 Timing

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Q2 What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- Did not graduate from high school (1)
- High school diploma or the equivalent (GED) (2)
- Some college (3)
- Associate degree (4)
- Bachelor's degree (5)
- Master's degree (6)
- Professional or doctorate degree (7)

Q83 Timing

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Q10 Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.

- White (1)
- Black or African American (2)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (4)
- Multi-racial (5)
- Other (6) _____

Q11 Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know (3)

Q127 Timing

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Q122 The next set of questions help us learn what types of information are commonly known to the public. Please answer these questions on your own without asking anyone or looking up the answers. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, but we'd be grateful if you would please answer every question even if you're not sure what the right answer is. For how many years is a United States Senator elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?

- None of these (1)
- Two years (2)
- Four years (3)
- Six years (4)
- Eight years (5)
- Don't know (6)

Q124 How many times can an individual be elected President of the United States under current laws?

- Once (2)
- Twice (3)
- Three times (4)
- Unlimited number of terms (1)
- Don't know (5)

Q130 How many U.S. senators are there from each state?

- One (1)
- Two (2)
- Four (3)
- Depends on which state (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q126 Who is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

- Richard Branson (1)
- Tony Hayward (2)
- Nick Clegg (3)
- David Cameron (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q128 For how many years is a member of the United States House of Representatives elected – that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. House member?

- One year (1)
- Two years (2)
- Four years (3)
- Six years (4)
- Eight years (5)
- Don't know (6)

Q129 Timing

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Q101 PolitiFact is a media outlet that rates the accuracy of statements made by political figures. Please consider the following information from PolitiFact about Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), the Majority Leader of the Senate.

Q107

According to PolitiFact, this statement from **Senator Mit**



MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY)

“Under my leadership as Majority Leader of the Senate, 1.4 million American jobs were created.”

— *PolitiFact National*

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Q100 PolitiFact is a media outlet that rates the accuracy of statements made by political figures. Please consider the following information from PolitiFact about Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), the former Majority Leader of the Senate.

Q119

According to PolitiFact, this statement from **Senator**



HARRY REID (D-NV)

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— *PolitiFact National*

Q121 Timing

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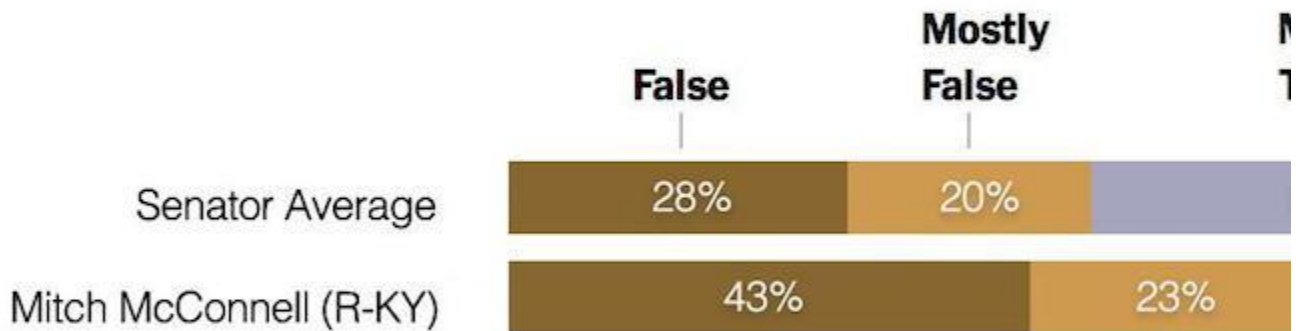
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Q99 PolitiFact is a media outlet that rates the accuracy of statements made by political figures. Please consider the following information from PolitiFact about Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), the Majority Leader of the Senate.

Q81

According to PolitiFact, **Senator Mitch McConnell** has made “False” statements **66% of the time this year**. (The average U.S. senator has made “Mostly False” statements **48% of the time** during the same period.)



Source: PolitiFact

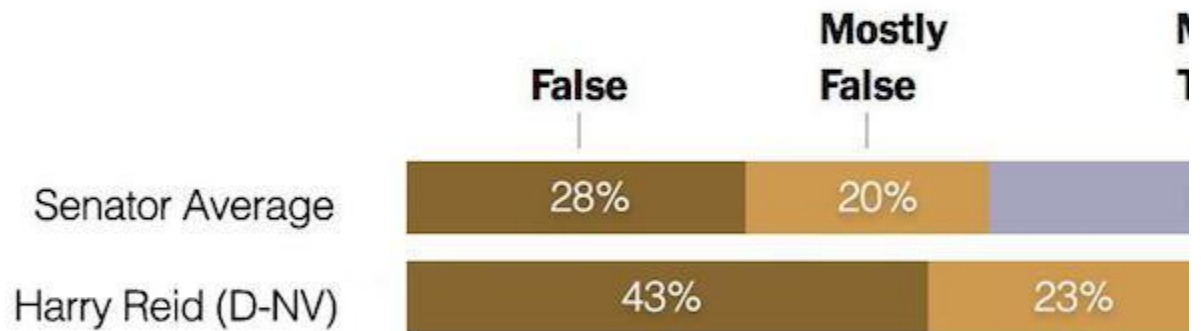
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Q82

According to PolitiFact, **Senator Harry Reid** has made “False” or “Mostly False” statements **66% of the time this year**. (The average U.S. senator has made “Mostly False” statements **48% of the time** during the same period.)



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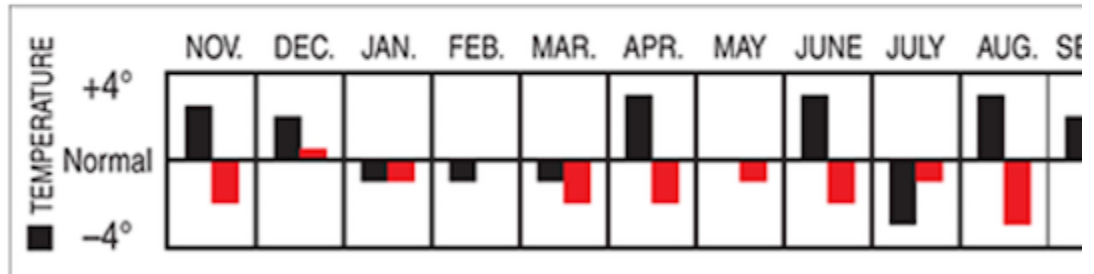
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Q102 The Old Farmer's Almanac is a publication that has been in existence since 1792. It is known for its long-range weather forecasts. Please consider the following information from The Old Farmer's Almanac about weather in Des Moines, Iowa.

Q103 According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the most precipitation in Des Moines this year is predicted to take place in August.

Temperature and Precipitation November 2015 to October 2016



Q104 Timing

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Q84 We are interested in assessing whether people find text or graphics more clear and informative.

Q85 Did you find the text or the graphic on the previous page more clear?

Text (1)

Graphic (2)

Equally clear (3)

Q86 Did you find the text or the graphic more informative?

Text (1)

Graphic (2)

Equally informative (3)

Q91 Timing

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Q123 The next few questions will be about Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), the Majority Leader of the Senate. In general, how often do you think that he makes accurate statements?

- All of the time (1)
- Most of the time (2)
- About half the time (3)
- Occasionally (4)
- Never (5)

Q132 Timing

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Q105 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Senator McConnell (R-KY)?

- Very favorable (1)
- Somewhat favorable (2)
- Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- Very unfavorable (5)

Q133 Timing

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Q127 The next few questions will be about Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), the former Majority Leader of the Senate. In general, how often do you think that he makes accurate statements?

- All of the time (1)
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- About half the time (3)
- Occasionally (4)
- Never (5)

Q134 Timing

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Q106 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Senator Reid (D-NV)?

- Very favorable (1)
- Somewhat favorable (2)
- Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- Very unfavorable (5)

Q131 Timing

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Q88 We are interested in assessing whether people find text or graphics more clear and informative.

Q87 Did you find the text or the graphic on the previous page more clear?

- Text (1)
- Graphic (2)
- Equally clear (3)

Q89 Did you find the text or the graphic more informative?

- Text (1)
- Graphic (2)
- Equally informative (3)

Q90 Timing

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- Occasionally (4)
- Never (5)

Q169 Timing

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Q170 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Senator Reid (D-NV)?

- Very favorable (1)
- Somewhat favorable (2)
- Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- Very unfavorable (5)

Q171 Timing

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Q164 These next few questions will be about Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), the Majority Leader of the Senate. In general, how often do you think that he makes accurate statements?

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- Most of the time (2)
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- Never (5)

Q165 Timing

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Q166 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Senator McConnell (R-KY)?

- Very favorable (1)
- Somewhat favorable (2)
- Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- Very unfavorable (5)

Q167 Timing

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Q133 Fact-checking is a new development in journalism that assesses the accuracy of statements made by political figures. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with the fact-checking movement in journalism, which includes websites such as PolitiFact and Factcheck.org?

- Very familiar (1)
- Somewhat familiar (2)
- Slightly familiar (3)
- Slightly unfamiliar (4)
- Somewhat unfamiliar (5)
- Very unfamiliar (6)

Q131 In general, how favorable or unfavorable is your overall opinion of the fact-checking movement in journalism?

- Very favorable (1)
- Somewhat favorable (2)
- Slightly favorable (3)
- Slightly unfavorable (4)
- Somewhat unfavorable (5)
- Very unfavorable (6)

Q135 Thinking about the amount of fact-checking that you see being performed today by journalists, do you think there should be more fact-checking, the current amount of fact-checking is about right, or there should be less fact-checking?

- There should be more fact-checking. (1)
- The current amount of fact-checking is about right. (2)
- There should be less fact-checking. (3)

Q137 In general, how often do you think articles published by fact-checkers are accurate?

- All of the time (3)
- Most of the time (4)
- About half the time (5)
- Occasionally (6)
- Never (7)

Q139 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think fact-checkers deal fairly with all sides or tend to favor one side?

- Fact-checkers tend to deal fairly with all sides. (2)
- Fact-checkers tend to favor one side. (3)

Q141 In general, would you say fact-checkers tend to be liberal, neutral, or conservative?

- Liberal (1)
- Neutral (2)
- Conservative (3)

Q143 Timing

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Q135 Thank you for answering these questions. The purpose of this study was not to assess whether people find text or graphics more informative, but rather to examine the effects of how political facts are presented. During this survey, participants were asked a series of questions about general information and their political opinions. Before answering these questions, some participants viewed different presentations of results from political fact-checks. These fact-check results were fabricated by the researchers for the purposes of the experiment. Thank you again for your participation. Please do not share any information about the nature of this study with other potential participants. This research is not intended to support or oppose any political candidate or office. The research has no affiliation with any political candidate or campaign and has received no financial support from any political candidate or campaign. Should you have any questions about this study, please contact Prof. Brendan Nyhan at brendan.j.nyhan@dartmouth.edu.

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Q106 It is essential for the validity of this study that we know whether participants looked up any information online during the study. Did you make an effort to look up information during the study? Please be honest; you will not be penalized in any way if you did.

Yes, I looked up information (1)

No, I did not look up information (2)

Q107 Timing

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Q108 Do you have any comments on the survey? Please let us know about any problems you had or aspects of the survey that were confusing.

Q108 Timing

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