

ROCK THE VOTE NATIONWIDE BASELINE

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Q16 - Why are you less hopeful about the country's future than you were two years ago?
POOR STATE OF THE ECONOMY - 24% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
bad economic downturn
Because of the oil spill and loss of jobs.
Because of the recession.
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE ECONOMY, MORTGAGE PRICES, JOBS AND THE PRICE OF HEALTH CARE HAVE ALL JACKED UP.
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS MUCH WORSE THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. IT IS IN A SPIRAL DOWNFALL. IT IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE BUT DOWN.
I am seeking a Doctorate which would make my earning potential much higher. hopefully, the economy recovers by then.
I HAVE BEEN JOBLESS FOR TWO YEARS. THERE ARE NO JOBS AND IT IS A BIG HASSLE. THERE IS NOTHING HELPFUL FOR SOMEONE IN MY SITUATION. MY CHILD CAN'T BE TAKEN CARE OF IF I HAVE A PART-TIME JOB.
I HAVE BEEN UNEMPLOYED MOST OF THAT TIME. NOW, THINGS SEEM TO BE GETTING WORSE.
I HAVE NOT FOUND A JOB IN A YEAR.
I REALLY DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK IT IS BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS GOING DOWNHILL.
I SEE THAT THE ECONOMY IS GOING DOWN. I DO NOT SEE THAT THE ECONOMY IS IMPROVING.
I was laid off from my job.
I'M LESS HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT WILL COST MORE TO GIVE AN EDUCATION THAN TODAY OR AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME. I'M \$100,000 IN DEBT FROM GOING TO SCHOOL GETTING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. I HAVE NOT FOUND A JOB YET.
It doesn't seem like much has been done to help unemployed people find job/funds. Honestly, making incentives for people to spend more money on hybrids and washers and dryers seems stupid...it put a lot of people in debt.
IT HAS TO DO WITH THE ECONOMY. IT SEEMS LIKE NOBODY CAN GET JOBS.
IT IS ABOUT THE ECONOMY.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE WAR IN IRAQ. THEY SHOULD LET THE TROOPS COME HOME.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. THEY WERE NOT SO STRONG AS THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY NOW.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY. IT IS GETTING WORSE.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE JOBS. SOME PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE RECESSION. I THINK WE ARE IN A LOWER POSITION NOW THAN WE WERE BEFORE. IN OUR COUNTRY, WE HAVE LESS JOBS THAN BEFORE.
IT IS BECAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT.
IT IS HARDER TO EKE THINGS OUT NOW THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
IT IS MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ECONOMIC JOBS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TOO MUCH FROM THE ECONOMY. THEY ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY.
IT SEEMS WE ARE CREATING LESS JOBS AND NOT SPENDING ENOUGH ON EDUCATION TO GIVE US BETTER JOBS.
IT WOULD BE THE WAY EVERYTHING IS GOING, LIKE WITH THE ECONOMY AND THE BUDGET.
More people around me are losing jobs
MY OPINION IS BASED ON THE ECONOMY. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HURTING AND WHO DON'T HAVE JOBS.
No jobs bad economy no change
Not enough investment in education, Bush tax cuts are not being repealed, media is getting too skewed
Rampant bi-partisanship and an economy hanging by a thread.
SOME THINGS ARE STILL GOING DOWN AND ARE STILL FINANCIALLY LOW.
symptoms of problems are being fixed, but not the root causes. the economy does not seem to be permanently picking up.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY AND BECAUSE OF OUR DEFICIT.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND WE ARE LEFT BY THE OTHER COUNTRIES.
The country is in a recession that's it's struggling to get out of, and jobs loss and home sales are getting better. I fear that healthcare reform will mean higher expenses and worse care that what I currently have. And, Obama doesn't seem to care or have the urgency needed.
The economy
The economy hasn't gotten better. I fear another "Great Depression".

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THE ECONOMY IS GETTING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY IN FINDING JOBS EVEN AFTER GRADUATION.
THE ECONOMY IS NOT GETTING ANY BETTER.
The housing market is in the tank, unemployment is high, and we are spending money like it is going out of style.
THE UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGHER. THE HOUSING IS LOWER. MY HUSBAND HASN'T GOTTEN A PAY RAISE. I CAN'T EVEN GET A JOB. ALSO, 30 PERCENT OF MY PAYCHECK GOES TO TAXES.
THE UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUE IS NOT GETTING ANY BETTER.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON ECONOMICALLY. I THINK THE COUNTRY WILL BE WORSE OFF EVENTUALLY. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING GOOD HAPPENING SOON FOR THE UNITED STATES. IT WILL TAKE A LONGER PROCESS. I THINK THE COUNTRY STARTED HAVING PROBLEMS AFTER THE WAR, WHEN THE TROOPS WENT TO AFGHANISTAN.
THERE ARE NO JOBS, AND THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING DOWNHILL.
THERE IS MORE UNEMPLOYMENT RIGHT NOW. OUR BUSINESSES ARE LOWER THAN THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO. LAST YEAR, THE BUSINESS THAT I WORKED FOR EARNED OVER \$3,000,000, AND THIS YEAR WE ARE NOT EVEN ON TRACK TO \$1,000,000. I WORKED FOR A UTILITY SUPPLIER.
THINGS CONTINUE UNFAVORABLY BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS LESS WELL OFF.
THINGS HAVE NOT GOTTEN ANY BETTER AS FAR AS THE ECONOMY IS CONCERNED.
TWO YEARS AGO, I HAVE A FANTASTIC JOB. I GO BACK TO SCHOOL. AFTER SCHOOLING, THERE IS NO JOB OUT THERE FOR ME.
unemployment, economy
WE HAVE A TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS.
WE HAVE NOT SEEN HUGE THINGS, LIKE THERE ARE NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER EDUCATION, AND OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION NOW.
WE'RE ALL PLAYING DEAD, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE HATE US. WE ARE JUST DOWN WITH THE ECONOMY ENTIRELY.
Worse off economy/jobs, problems with healthcare bill, presidential family spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on vacations.
PRESIDENT OBAMA AND DEMOCRATIC POLICIES - 19% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
Barack Obama and his democratic office is taking this country where it doesn't belong. In billions of dollars of debt. What we need is a new Reagan.
BARACK OBAMA IS OFF OF THE MILITARY STANDPOINT. THE HEALTH CARE AND TAXES ARE DEFINITELY NOT FOR THE BETTER.
BARACK OBAMA IS THE PRESIDENT.
Barack Obama's policies could have horrible effects on this country's economic future
Because Barak Obama is president and is totally taking things way down the wrong path.
because of the idiots that are in Congress and the President himself. He made all these promises and has not delivered what he said he would. It all changed once Obama got elected.
Because the Democratic Party is running things right now.
cause the situation with obama
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT THIS PAST ELECTION. IT WAS WHEN AFTER THE OIL SPILL, THEY STOPPED DRILLING, WHICH AFFECTED A LOT OF MAJOR JOBS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY TO IMPROVE.
I DO NOT AGREE WITH SOME OF THE POLICIES MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT BARACK IS TAKING THE COUNTRY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I DON'T LIKE NANCY. WE ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.
I don't feel like obama is taking the right measures to fight our debt
I don't like the socialistic direction that our country is moving into and is being pushed by Obama.
I feel as though Obama has harmed our country with his policies and his odd liberal-ish position. I feel like he does not make himself clear, and as a result, many things, such as healthcare, have come into fruition when they shouldn't have.
I HAVE BEEN WATCHING THINGS, AND IT'S GOING DOWNHILL. OBAMA IS MAKING IT WORSE THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. NOW, WE ARE TURNING TO COMMUNISM.
I REALLY DON'T LIKE OBAMA'S POLICIES.
IT IS ABOUT WHO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT IS AND WHERE WE ARE HEADED AS A NATION.
IT IS BECAUSE OF BARACK OBAMA. I DON'T LIKE THE DECISIONS HE HAS BEEN MAKING OVERALL.
IT IS BECAUSE OF OBAMA'S POLICIES THAT ARE NOT FOR THE LONG TERM.
IT IS BECAUSE OF OUR PRESIDENT.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE POLICY THAT BARACK OBAMA HAS STARTED FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT WHO IS IN OFFICE RIGHT NOW.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT. HE IS LOUSY.

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IT IS BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT. IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS IT WAS BECAUSE THE ECONOMY HAS GONE DOWN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. IT IS NOT GETTING ANY BETTER.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS INCREASED THE COST, ESPECIALLY THE HOUSE TAXES. IT IS DUE TO THE WAY BARRACK OBAMA HAS BEEN SPENDING OUR MONEY.
IT IS MORE OF THE DECISION THAT BARACK OBAMA IS MAKING. IT IS NOT BECAUSE HE IS BLACK, IT DOES NOT MATTER. IT IS MORE OF WHAT WOULD BE BEST AND WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CONSTITUTION. HE IS MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE OFF THE LAW. I AM PRETTY SURE THAT THE RULES FOR THE FUTURE ARE GETTING WORSE. BASICALLY, THEY SHOULD NOT JUST GO BY WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS BUT MAKE DECISIONS WHY PEOPLE LOOK INTO THESE KINDS OF THINGS.
Obama is ruining teh country with his health care and spending
OBAMA IS THE PRESIDENT THAT IS WHY.
Our country is moving towards Socialism and the president is spending too much. We cannot afford to go on like this.
Our leadership is TERRIBLE and we are headed in the wrong direction. Government spending is out of control, people's rights are on the borderline of being taken away, and we have lost sight of anything moral in this country.
President
THE DEMOCRATS ARE IN CONTROL. THEY TAKING OVER OUR COUNTRY.
The President has alterior motives and is making decisions based on businesses that are backing him.
the president has done nothing he said he would do to help the usa out, i thnk hes made it worse
THE REASON WOULD BE THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AND THE NEW PRESIDENT.
the state of the economy and the way barack is handling this country
THE WAY THEY ARE HANDLING THE COUNTRY ISN'T GOOD. IT COULD MESS UP THE FUTURE IF IT WOULD KEEP ON GOING LIKE THIS.
THERE ARE CERTAIN PROGRAMS, LIKE THE BARACK OBAMA HEALTH CARE BILL, THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH. SOME OF THE THINGS HE HAS DONE HAVE SET ME BACK A LITTLE. AS FAR AS IMMIGRATION GOES, THAT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. I AM HOPEFUL FOR ARIZONA. HOWEVER, I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF OBAMA'S VIEWS, THE CONGRESS AND THE WAY ARIZONA IS GOING ABOUT IT.
There is too much radical change too soon. The economy is worsening as I age.
There were promises made to American voters that have not been upheld and choices made that have shown character not acceptable by any standard for an American President. We are supposed to be united and we are more divided now that we have ever been.
THEY ARE DESTROYING OUR COUNTRY. THEY KEEP HELPING OTHER COUNTRIES EVEN IF WE DO NOT HAVE MONEY. THE HEALTH CARE IS A JOKE. THEY ARE VOTING ON THINGS THAT THEY DO NOT EVEN KNOW OF.
WE ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE FOR THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY. BARACK OBAMA IS THE WORST PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES HISTORY.
WE HAVE THE WORST PRESIDENT AND BAD POLICIES.
BIG GOVERNMENT, SPENDING, AND THE BUDGET DEFICIT - 13% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
ALL THE MONEY INVOLVED IS GOING TO WASTE.
because we still have not done much to get our country out of debt, and we should not be handing out bailouts to banks who made stupid choices by making bad loans
Excessive SpendingReliance on Foreign Governments for EVERYTHING!No Trust in this country
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF THE BUDGETS OF THE STATES.
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF THE WAY EVERYTHING IS. EVERYTHING DOESN'T HAVE A LIMIT ANYMORE. EVERYTHING IS SO LIBERAL, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS QUITE IN CONTROL.
I believe the government has taken on a heavy burden due to irresponsible companies. I think the government has been overspending and will end up not being able to stay at current condition.
IDIOTS ARE RUNNING THE COUNTRY. THERE IS TOO MUCH DEBT THAT THE COUNTRY IS SUFFERING NOW.
IT IS BECAUSE OF ALL THE TAX INCREASES.
IT IS BECAUSE OF LIBERAL, PROGRESSIVE POLICIES AND BIG GOVERNMENT SPENDING. LIKE GREECE AND EUROPE, WE ARE IN MASSIVE DEBT.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES TO THE HEALTH CARE AND THE BUDGET DEFICIT INCREASING. IN GENERAL, THINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGING.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE DEBT. WE THINK THAT MONEY IS GOING TO FIX EVERYTHING. THE UNEMPLOYMENT IS TOO LONG. IF YOU CAN'T FIND A JOB IN A YEAR AND A HALF, YOU ARE WORTHLESS.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE DEFICIT AND THE HEALTH CARE BILL. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TAXED. THERE IS ALSO TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT CONTROL.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE HEALTH CARE AND TAXES AND WHAT OBAMA PUT THE MONEY FOR.
IT IS GOING TO CRAP. WE HAVE FEWER JOBS AND TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT SPENDING. OUR BORDERS ARE NOT SECURE.

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IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE JUST SPENDING AND SPENDING. THE YOUNGER PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY THEIR BILLS.
Some of the changes such as the health care bill are are too costly and not clearly thought out. Big businesses lobbying and politicians cutting deals with other politicians for bills to be passed has ruined a potentially good bill
The country is heading in the wrong direction by the things that congress and the president are doing. They are spending way to much
The country is in debt up to its eyeballs and still spending more than ever. The interest alone on the current debt it overwhelming.
THE DEFICIT INCREASED MORE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.
THE GOVERNMENT'S SPENDING IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL. IT NEEDS TO BE MONITORED.
THE HEALTH CARE AND ECONOMY ISSUES ARE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. THEY ARE NOT BETTER THAN BEFORE. DEFICIT IS GOING ON.
THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN OUR FAMILY, LIKE WHAT WE HAD HAS CHANGED FOR THE WORST. OUR NATIONAL DEBT HAS GONE UP A LOT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.
THEY ARE GIVING MONEY AWAY. OBAMA IS DESTROYING OUR MONEY. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE BAILOUT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND PENSIONS.
Too many things trying to be accomplished at once.
we are bankrupt
WE ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE IN DEBT. WE ARE ALSO SPENDING THE WRONG MONEY ON HEALTH CARE.
WE ARE IN A RECESSION YET THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE WAR IN IRAQ. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO NEED MONEY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE MORE DEAD SOLDIERS NOW THAN BEFORE. THEY SHOULD LET OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
WE ARE MORE IN DEBT AND SPEND MORE MONEY.
WE'VE TOTALLY STEPPED ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THE INFORMATION THAT WAS SPREAD TO US WAS A BUNCH OF CRAP. HEALTH CARE, IMMIGRATION, AND JOBS ARE GOING OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE DARK SIDE OF GOVERNMENT IS MORE IN CONTROL.
With all the new changes being made they are becoming more of an issue and it seems they are not being handled in the time appropriate and orderly manner.
GOVERNMENT INACTION, LACK OF CHANGE, AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON CAMPAIGN PROMISES - 11% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
because unfurtunately the congress have not given the president do what he is suposed to do. And as ,long there is a war in congress nothing is going to get better. I think our president needs to step up a little more and be more rigid.
Because we havent addressed any of the real issues that are going to drive this country into the ground in my life time
Everything seems like it is going downhill. Everyone thought that barack obama would be a better president than bush but everyone seems to dislike him just as much. No one can agree and no one can get along. The country has a bleak future.
I AM KIND OF YES THAN NO. I DON'T FEEL WHAT BARACK SAID BECAUSE HE IS NOT DOING ANYTHING. I DON'T AGREE THAT THEY SHOULD RESTRICT GAY LESBIAN MARRIAGES BECAUSE THAT IS NOT FAIR AT ALL.
I am less hopeful about the country's future because the president and congress refuse to propose, and voted into law, strong legislation that would properly regulate financial institutions and wall street. If strong regulations are not properly put into place, then the same problems that lead to the recession like conditions we are facing now will continue. There are a lot more reasons I could type out ,and in greater detail ,but this would take me all day, and my time is unfortunately limited right now.
I DO NOT SEE ANY CHANGES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS IN THE POLITICS. I HAVE NOT SEEN IT FROM THE PLATFORM OF THE PRESIDENT. IT IS NOT MOVING AT ALL.
I DON'T THINK THAT THINGS IN OUR GOVERNMENT ARE GETTING ANY BETTER.
I WAS EXCITED FOR BARACK OBAMA BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE WOULD BRING THE RIGHT APPROACH.
I'm less hopeful because I believed Obama when he was campaigning for president. After all this time, he really hasn't been doing anything. He gave us "hope" when we needed it but hasn't shown us anything. Actions speak louder than words.
I'm probably about as hopeful as then, not more and not less. But I still haven't found a job, we're still in the Middle East, and North Korea and Iran are still acting like dicks.
IT GOT NO DIRECTION. EVERYBODY SAYS ONE THING AND NOTHING IS GETTING DONE.
IT IS BECAUSE NOTHING IS CHANGING.

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IT IS BECAUSE OF BARACK OBAMA. HE MADE SO MANY PROMISES AND GUARANTEED US THAT HE WOULD DO HIS PROMISES. HE SAID HE WOULD SEND HOME OUR TROOPS BY SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT IS NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN. INSTEAD, HE SIGNED AND LET THEM GO BACK THERE.
It's going downhill with the economy, healthcare, and just in general. I don't see it improving anytime soon unless something is done about.
MANY PROMISES WERE MADE OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR. THE HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY IS TERRIBLE. THE PACE OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS SLOW. BARACK OBAMA HAS MADE A LOT OF PROMISES THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP. THEY HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THEIR GOALS.
Nothing seems to have improved despite everyone trying so hard.
OUR GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING ANYTHING. IT IS ALSO BECAUSE OF GLOBAL WARNING.
THE THINGS THAT HE PROMISED HAD NOT BEEN DONE. IT DOES NOT GET ANY BETTER.
THE WAR IS STILL GOING ON.
THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT ARE OVERLOOKED, LIKE THE IMMIGRATION THING IN ARIZONA. IT IS A JOKE.
THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH GOING ON. THERE IS MORE IGNORANCE GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY.
There was nothing changed
things are not improving at all like they keep saying it is
Too many things Barack promised just to win election won't happen. Congress gets buyed out from big corpartions
WE owe so much money to china they own half our country. Global warming and no one(politicians) is doing anything.
DISAGREE WITH THE DIRECTION THE COUNTRY IS HEADED - 9% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
EVERYTHING IS FALLING APART AND SEEMS LIKE IT IS FALLING APART
I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY THE ELECTION TURNED OUT. IT IS NOT THE FACT THAT OBAMA GOT ELECTED IN GENERAL. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER VOTED BEFORE AND PROBABLY WON'T VOTE AGAIN CAME OUT FOR ONE ISSUE. MANY PEOPLE HAVE TURNED ME CENTRIC INSTEAD THINKING ABOUT THE WHOLE COUNTRY.
I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS GOING TO GO ANYWHERE. IT HAS NO FUTURE.
I JUST DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE COUNTRY.
I'M NOT LESS HOPEFUL. AMERICANS ARE WISE. HOWEVER, I VERY MUCH DISAGREE WITH WHAT THE COUNTRY IS GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW. IN THE FUTURE, THERE WILL BE A POSITIVE CHANGE.
IT IS BECAUSE OF SOME THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED WITH HEALTH CARE AND THE POLITICS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW COURT JUSTICE THAT WAS APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT. I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMMORALITY AND THE MOVING AWAY FROM CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN OUR NATION. I ALSO SHOULD MENTION THE RIDICULOUS OR OUT OF CONTROL SPENDING. THERE IS NO REGARD FOR BALANCING THE BUDGET. IF I HAVE TO BALANCE MY BUDGET AT HOME, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO THAT AS WELL.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE DIRECTION PEOPLE ARE HEADED TODAY. THAT SHOULD BE HELPED.
IT IS GOING DOWNHILL. THERE ARE TO MANY LAWS AND NOT ENOUGH FUNDING FOR HEALTH CARE AND SCHOOLS.
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS LITTLE HOPE.
It's going in the wrong direction
NOTHING IS RIGHT IN THIS COUNTRY NOW.
NOTHING SEEMS TO BE GETTING BETTER.
OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN AWAY FROM GOD. I HAVE VERY RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS. I'M A CHRISTIAN AND OUR COUNTRY HAS ISSUES THAT I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH. I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST PEOPLE. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHURCH. I DON'T SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH AND ABORTION.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE DIRECTION THE COUNTRY IS GOING TO RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE NO JOBS AND THERE ARE MORE DEBTS. THERE IS NO MORE MONEY LEFT AND IT IS GETTING WORSE.
THE CONGRESS IS ONE-SIDED. THEY TAKE AWAY THE VALUES. WE LOSE THE VALUES THAT OUR FOREFATHERS HAD FOUND ABOUT. WE ARE SUPPOSES TO BE A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY.
THE SYSTEM IS GOING DOWN. THEY ARE TAKING AWAY OUR BUSES FOR OUR KIDS TO GO TO SCHOOL.
THE TEENAGERS ARE TOO CAUGHT UP IN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL INSTEAD OF FAMILY AND SCHOOL.
The younger people who will be shaping up this country in the future have become desensitized to social interactions. They have become much more attached to technology than their peers. This, seems to me, will contribute to the growing political apathy in younger generations. Therefore, giving one side of the political spectrum the opportunity to do what it desires.
THEY SHOULD GET THE COUNTRY MORE ON TRACK.
THINGS HAVEN'T TURNED AROUND WHERE THEY SHOULD BE RIGHT NOW.
Things just keep on going downhill. Unless something good happens very soon, I will continue to feel this way.
Things keep sliding down hill and their is no sign of improvement.

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OTHER - 9% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
Because of the stupid Republicans trying to take over.
Because we are getting closer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and it has been prophesied that things would continue to get worse immediately before the big day.
CRIMES AND DISASTERS ARE GOING ON.
everything
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BECAUSE OF THE WAR IN IRAQ AND THAT WE HAVE TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY TO GET QUALITY EDUCATION.
I HAVE NO OPINION.
I HAVE NO PURPOSE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD AND I AM NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATIONS THAT HAPPENED.
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DONATE BLOOD AND HELP OUT AS MUCH AS BEFORE I GRADUATED.
I think that things will turn around
Immigration
IT HAS TO DO WITH SOCIAL SECURITY.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THINGS ARE RIGHT NOW.
n/a
no answer
none
SO FAR, BARACK OBAMA IS OFF TO A GOOD START. I QUITE LIKE HOW THE COUNTRY IS GOING.
THE REPUBLICANS ARE COMING INTO CONGRESS, SO THE DEMOCRATIC POLICIES THAT I SUPPORT ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED.
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT COMPARED TO TWO YEARS AGO.
THINGS KEEP GOING DOWN.
V guvax gurur fubhyq or srjre fheirf. Gur bayl punatr jvyv pbzr sebz n tenffebbgf erghea gb onfvp inyhrf, juvpu fnqyl jvyv abg bpphe -va zl bcvavba- hayrff gur pbhagel ybbfrf vgf frafr bs frys-vzcbegnpr naq nssyhrapr. Fbzrguvat uneq-gnhtug nsgre avar ryirira naq gbb dhvpxyl sbetbggra.
WHEN CLINTON WAS THERE, HE MESSED IT UP.
ANTI-POLITICIAN SENTIMENT AND DISILLUSION WITH POLITICS - 8% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
Barack Obama has done very little to address unemployment in this country, and the economy is not showing any signs of a turnaround. I often wonder if he cares. Right now, the recession looks like it could continue for a few more years. In the meantime, the Tea Party has become powerful, and I am strongly opposed to their views on taxes and race. Meanwhile, the Romney/McCain wing of the GOP pushes for a return to the failed Bush-era fiscal and foreign policies. Obama has had a great opportunity to change things, but he has barely even tried. Also, Wall Street has never really paid the price for causing this recession in the first place. Millions of Americans have lost faith in their government because the fat cats on Wall Street are continuing to cash in on bonuses, while Tim Geithner and Rahm Emanuel turn a blind eye to the needs of ordinary citizens in this country.
bc history proves nothing ever changes and big business is still not held accountable for their actions. our country is set up so its impossible to improve your quality of life. where you are is where you will be. if youre rich youll stay that that way, no stress but if youre poor or middle class you will spend your whole life fighting to to barely stay there
Because our country lies to us everyday and the people don't get the truth. Also they're many ignorant uninformed people who aren't doing enough about it.
EVERYTHING THEY ARE SAYING IS A LIE.
I AM LESS HOPEFUL BASICALLY BECAUSE BIG CORPORATIONS HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OF WHAT TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING FOR.
I DON'T SEE ANY REAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.
I WASN'T THAT HOPEFUL BECAUSE I KNOW IDIOCY WILL BE IN THE END.
IT DOES NOT REALLY MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAY. TOO MUCH POWER IS GIVEN TO ONE PERSON ONLY, AND IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE PRESIDENT. THERE IS TOO MUCH CORRUPTION.
IT IS BECAUSE EVERYONE'S VIEW ON THINGS ARE NOT INSPIRING ANYMORE. EVERYONE IS MORE CONCERNED WITH HAVING MONEY THAN SHARING IT.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE CORPORATIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT. CORPORATIONS SHARE TOO MUCH PART IN THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS UNFAIR FOR THE PEOPLE.
IT IS DUE TO THE DECISION MADE BY THE SENATE AND CONGRESS DURING THE LAST ELECTION.
IT JUST SEEMS TO BE GETTING WORSE, AND NOT BETTER. I KNOW IT CAN GET BETTER, BUT IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT. THEY SHOULD BE FOCUSED.
It seems many things that are destroying our country are too large and been going on for too long to stop (things such as business and financial practices, our food industry, production in the US, and the environment)

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POLITICIANS ARE CORRUPT.
Politicians seem more concerned with being reelected and abusing the system than with actually making a change for the benefit of the country.
THAT IS DUE TO THE RADICALIZATION OF CONSERVATIVE POLITICIANS AND THE LACK OF HONEST POLITICAL DISCOURSE.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IS RUNNING IT. NO ONE COMES UP WITH THE NERVE TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE.
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS FALLING APART. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS JUST DOING HIS JOB, AND HE CANNOT CHANGE THE POLITICAL SYSTEM WITH JUST ONE MAN DOING IT.
THERE IS GOING TO BE A CHANGE WHEN WE MAKE CORRECTIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS.
DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE - 5% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
BUSH CAME IN AND MESSED EVERYTHING. WITH BARACK OBAMA, I'M NOT SURE IF HE IS MAKING CHANGES OR NOT. BUSH MESSED UP SO MUCH STUFF, THAT IT IS VERY HARD TO TELL. IT WOULD TAKE FOUR TERMS BEFORE I COULD DECIDE IF THEY DID ANYTHING.
I AM NOT SURE HOW TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
I AM NOT TOO SURE ABOUT IT YET.
I DO NOT KNOW. (4)
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
I DON'T HAVE AN OPINION BECAUSE I HAVEN'T FOLLOWED THE ISSUES VERY WELL.
I DON'T KNOW THE REASON WHY.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO.
I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
RESPONDENT IS OLDER AND/OR MORE INFORMED - 2% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
I am more educated on governmental policy than I was when I was 19.
I AM MORE INFORMED NOW ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTROLLED BY THE BIG CORPORATIONS. ALL POLITICIANS ARE INFLUENCED BY MONEY AND THE BIG CORPORATIONS.
I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT THEN. NOW, I KNOW MORE ABOUT AND MAYBE IT IS DIFFERENT.
I KNOW MORE NOW.
IT'S BECAUSE I AM MORE INFORMED THAN TWO YEARS AGO. I DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO POLITICS, NOT UNTIL THIS TIME. I AM MORE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON NOW.

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Q17 - Why are you more cynical about politics than you were two years ago?
INCREASED AWARENESS - 34% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
A LOT MORE IS BEING TOLD NOWADAYS.
Am paying closer attention.
As I get older and listen to and read the news, I realize that Congressmen and women and politicians in general are not typically in it for the people...especially those politicians who have been in it for a long time.
because i am older and understand what is going on now!
BECAUSE I AM OLDER, I LISTEN AND UNDERSTAND MORE. I HAVE MORE OF AN OPINION.
getting more involved
Have seen the changes that have occurred during the time span and have paid more attention in the last two years.
I AM A LITTLE MORE INFORMED THAN I HAVE BEEN TWO YEARS AGO.
I AM AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.
I AM BECOMING MORE AWARE OF WHATS HAPPENING THAN TWO YEARS AGO. I WAS VERY UNINFORMED TWO YEARS AGO.
I AM GETTING OLDER NOW AND I HAVE JUST REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. VOTING IS A FREE RIGHT AND I AM DEFINITELY FOR IT. I AM A WOMAN AND AM PRIVILEGED TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR CONGRESS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.
I AM GETTING OLDER. THE HEALTH CARE ISSUE IS MORE CONCERNING TO ME.
I AM MORE AWARE AND INVOLVED NOW. WHEN YOU ARE IN COLLEGE, YOU ARE NOT INVOLVED AS MUCH AS WHEN YOU ARE OUT.
I am more aware and watch the news.
I AM MORE AWARE NOW OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COUNTRY. SOME ARE GOOD AND SOME ARE BAD.
I AM MORE AWARE OF POLITICS AS I GET OLDER.
I AM MORE AWARE THAN I WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
I AM MORE CYNICAL ABOUT POLITICS THAN I WAS TWO YEARS AGO BECAUSE IS IS MORE A MAINSTREAM NOW. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO OUT AND FIND OUT. YOU JUST HAVE TO OPEN THE PAPER AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING.
I AM MORE EDUCATED IN POLITICS.
I AM MORE INFORMED ABOUT IT. I READ THE NEWSPAPER AND WATCH THE NEWS A LOT MORE THAN I USED TO.
I AM MORE INFORMED NOW AND UNDERSTAND CURRENT ISSUES BETTER.
I am more interested in what they are offering than I was before.
I AM MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE NOW OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND.
I AM MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE NOW. BESIDES, I DID NOT PAY AS MUCH ATTENTION TO POLITICS BEFORE.
I AM MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN BEFORE.
I AM NOT SURE WHY. I AM JUST IN THE GROWING PROCESS. IT JUST SEEMS THAT WAY.
I AM PAYING MORE ATTENTION NOW.
I AM PAYING MORE ATTENTION NOW. A LOT OF THINGS ARE AFFECTING ME, LIKE WARS, HEALTH CARE, JOBS AND EDUCATION.
I BECOME MORE MATURED AND UNDERSTAND BETTER. THERE IS A LOT OF TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO ME NOW COMPARED IN THE PAST.
I DID NOT CARE ABOUT POLITICS TWO YEARS AGO. NOW, I DO.
I HAD TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN POLITICS. I HAVE SEEN A LOT MORE BEHIND-THE-SCENE STUFF.
I HADN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION UNTIL EVERYTHING STARTED GOING DOWNHILL.
I have a better understanding of how politics work.
I HAVE BECOME MORE EDUCATED. SINCE I WAS NOT LEGALLY ALLOWED TO VOTE TWO YEARS AGO, IT DID NOT MATTER BEFORE.
I HAVE BEEN MORE AWARE OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE COVERED AND HAVE LEARNED THINGS. I HAVE BEEN WATCHING MORE ON THE NEWS.
I HAVE GAINED MORE KNOWLEDGE OF IT AND I AM GROWING OLDER, SO I NEED TO GO MORE ONTO THAT.
I HAVE GOTTEN OLDER AND WISER.
I HAVE JUST GOTTEN OLDER.
I HAVE JUST GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE.
i have learned more in two years.
I HAVE NOT PAID ATTENTION ABOUT THAT IN SCHOOL, SO I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TO SAY.
I HAVE SEEN MORE STUFF. THE MORE I PAY ATTENTION, THE MORE I SEE WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES. HOWEVER, I FEEL I CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
I JUST GOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS.
I JUST STARTED LEARNING ABOUT POLITICS TWO YEARS AGO.
I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISSUES. I RESEARCH ABOUT THE ISSUES. TOO.

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I know more about what's going on then I did two years ago.
I KNOW MORE NOW THAN I DID TWO YEARS AGO. I HAVE MADE MYSELF MORE AWARE.
I learned more about the way this country is really ran.
I LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND I REALIZED THAT WHAT THE GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS BOTH DO GREATLY AFFECT ME AS A CITIZEN.
I NOW KNOW A LOT MORE.
I NOW KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SITUATION.
I NOW PAY A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION.
I NOW PAY MORE ATTENTION TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.
I NOW UNDERSTAND POLITICS. I NOW NOTICE THINGS MORE AND CAN SAY THEY MAKE TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
I PAY MORE ATTENTION TO IT NOW THAT I AM OLDER.
I pay more attention to politics now than I did two years ago!
I pay more attention, it is interesting how much it matters to me now.
I PAY MORE ATTENTION.
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON BEFORE. A LOT HAVE GOTTEN TO GET TOGETHER. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING AS FAR AS POLITICS.
I TOOK A CLASS ON POLITICS AND REALIZED THAT MY VOTE DID NOT COUNT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE THAT ELECTED THE PRESIDENT.
I UNDERSTAND IT MORE THAN I DID TWO YEARS AGO. I HAVE DONE MORE RESEARCH AND TAKEN CLASSES ON IT.
i used to be moe idealistic, now that often seems silly or unrealistic
I was always cynical about politics, but I started paying more attention recently.
I WAS LESS AWARE BECAUSE OF MY AGE.
I WAS TOO YOUNG TWO YEARS AGO.
I was younger and don't care much
i wasnt realy involved as much with politics two years ago
I WATCH THE NEWS.
I'm a lot more aware about what goes on in politics than two years ago
I'M LEARNING MORE ABOUT IT.
I'M LOOKING UP AND PAYING ATTENTION TO POLITICS NOW MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO.
IT AFFECTS ME MORE NOW THAT I AM OLDER.
IT AFFECTS ME MORE. I USED TO OWN A CONDO. NOW, I OWN A HOUSE. I AM MUCH MORE INTERESTED WITH THE WAY THINGS WILL BE GOING.
IT IS A MATTER OF GROWING UP.
PLANS AND A LOT OF THINGS COULD AFFECT ME.
IT IS BECAUSE I AM INVOLVED IN THE COUNTRY NOW.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES IN THE OFFICE. I CAN RELATE MORE IN THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW. THAT IS WHY I PRETTY MUCH PAY MORE ATTENTION TO POLITICS.
IT IS PROBABLY JUST BECAUSE OF GROWING UP AND GETTING OLDER.
IT SEEMED TO BE QUITE HARSH TO THIS MIND OF MINE BEFORE.
IT'S JUST THE NATURE OF GROWING UP. I AM MORE MATURE NOW TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMY And WITH WHAT IS GOING ON. I WANT TO ADD MORE ORDER BECAUSE I AM OLDER NOW. I AM A YOUNG ADULT, AND THE ISSUES ARE AFFECTING ME EVEN MORE.
I'VE GOTTEN OLDER AND I PAY MORE ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND ME.
i've learned more
I've realized that it effects my life.
More informed.
Now I am old enough to understand.
NOW I AM PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO THEM, SO I SEE HOW THINGS CAN GO.
Now I understand politics more and realize it affects me
NOW THAT I HAVE THE ABILITY TO VOTE, I CAN SEE THE CHANGES THAT VOTING HAS DONE IN THIS COUNTRY.
NOW, I AM AT THE POINT WHERE I CAN ACTUALLY VOTE.
older
ON MY VIEWS NOW, I AM MUCH MORE INFORMED. I AM CURRENTLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE STATE. I HAVE SOME INFO AND SO FAR, WHAT I KNOW NOW IS MORE FAVORABLE.
PEOPLE ARE MORE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.
THIS TIME, I AM ABLE TO SEE EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING ABOUT POLITICS.
Two years ago I was unable to vote but have since been able to register.
TWO YEARS AGO, I COULDN'T VOTE. I DIDN'T REALLY PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO POLITICS.
TWO YEARS AGO, IT DIDN'T MATTER AS MUCH BECAUSE I NEVER PAID ATTENTION.

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TWO YEARS AGO, LIVING WAS NOT THAT DIFFICULT YET. I STILL HAD MY MOM TO TAKE CARE OF MY BILLS THEN.
YOU GET WISER, OLDER AND MORE EXPERIENCED.
YOU LEARN THE WAY IT IS PLAYED OUT. ON THE NEWS, THEY NEVER SHOW YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO SEE. THEY ONLY SHOW YOU WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO SEE. IT IS ALL JUST A BIG MOVIE. OUTSIDE SOURCES AREN'T THINKING WITH THE MAINSTREAM MIND. I AM TRYING TO FIND MY OWN WAY.
INEFFECTIVENESS OF PARTY SYSTEM - 17% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
All corporate power
BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN ALL OF THE BULL SH** IN THE NEWS, WITH EVERYONE SLINGING SH** AROUND. WE NEED TO GET NEW BLOOD IN THERE AND CHANGE THINGS.
Because I see how representatives care less about their constituents and more about getting re-elected.
Bipartisanship is talked about, but never actually pursued.
EVEN THOUGH ONE PARTY IS IN CONTROL OF THE PRESIDENT AND SENATE, IT IS STILL NOT GETTING A LOT DONE AND PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED. POLITICIANS ARE USING TRIVIAL EVENTS, GETTING AT EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON THE REAL ISSUE LIKE THE BUDGET AND THE DEFICIT.
I feel that a majority of politicians make promises they do not intend to keep in order to get elected/re-elected then while in office they ignore the people and persue personal agenda in order to further their political career, make money, etc.
I have always been cynical about politics.
I HAVE BEEN LAID OFF FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE REPUBLICANS ARE DIGGING THEIR HEELS AGAINST WHATEVER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.
I HAVE SEEN SOME EXAMPLES OF THE VICIOUS MEDIA ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE POWER OF MONEY IN SHUTTING DOWN A MEANINGFUL DISCOURSE IN THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.
I JUST DON'T LIKE THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN GENERAL.
I KIND OF THINK IT IS COOL FOR THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME VIEWS AS ME.
I realize that all politicians are a joke. They overreact to everything in fear of being voted out.
I REALIZED THAT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE CONGRESS OR SENATE HAS NO TERM LIMITS.
I try to give republicans a chance, but they seem intent on an "us vs them" mentality, with little cooperation or compromising.
IN THE END, POLITICS HAS LOST ITS EFFECT BECAUSE OF THE MEDIA. THE BARACK OBAMA CAMPAIGN WAS AGAINST HIS FAMILY INSTEAD OF BEING ABOUT HIS STANCE ON THE ISSUES.
IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF MUCH IS DONE. IT IS HARD TO CHANGE THINGS QUICKLY IN OUR COUNTRY.
IT HAS BEEN GOING DOWNHILL FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS NOW. THEY DON'T FOLLOW OUR CONSTITUTION.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE COMPROMISES IN THE LEGISLATION DUE TO THE FILIBUSTERS.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE LAWS, AS WELL AS THE POPULARITY OF THE TEA PARTY AND SARAH PALIN.
IT IS BECAUSE THE WAY THEY CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT IS MORE CONFUSING.
IT IS DUE TO THE LACK OF FOUNDATION AND ADHERENCE TO OUR CONSTITUTION.
IT IS FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND THE WAY THE POLITICIANS TODAY DO.
IT IS TOUGHER NOW TO GET AN AGENDA ACROSS BECAUSE THERE IS LESS AGREEMENT AMONG EVERYONE.
IT SEEMS LIKE TOO MUCH FIGHTING FOR ME. EVERYONE IS NOT FIGHTING OVER THE SAME THINGS. THEY SHOULD ARGUE ABOUT THINGS THAT MAKE MORE SENSE TO THE AVERAGE PERSON.
IT SEEMS THAT POLITICIANS DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT I THINK. THEY DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY JUST TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES, BUT DO NOT HAVE ANY FAVORABLE RESULTS.
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THEM MORE AND IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS MORE OF CHANGING THINGS IN POLITICS. THERE IS SOMETHING TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. POLITICIANS SHOW THAT THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THE COUNTRY'S INTERESTS.
Just the behavior of certain parties or groups
Mostly I feel like all the good things that politicians say they will do get lost in all the lobbying and the campaigning. Politicians make a career out of their offices when they should be more concerned about helping their own people. They've all put themselves up on a pedestal.
New party in power, new talk, new plans, same old damn thing.
PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE PARTISAN.
POLITICIANS HAVE BECOME NEGATIVE, AND POLITICS HAVE BECOME MORE PARTISAN IN GENERAL. THE WORLD'S VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES IS NEGATIVE AS WELL. THE ECONOMY IS IN A POOR STATE.
Politicians werent addressing the matters that needed to be addressed
Politics has become more of a bulling tactic and no one is paying attention to the issues
So much has happened recently that made me question the competency of the people who run our country. There have been a lot of failures when it comes to regulating the oil industry and banking/finance industry. I just feel that all these negative events have made me realize how important politics are.

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BY THEIR FINANCIAL BACKERS.
The 2008 election was a CIRCUS. I went into it with an open mind and now I am just apathetic.
The more I read about the economy the more I realize no politician will ever do what is necessary to actually improve it, because it would cause a lot of short-term pain for the country. All politicians care about is winning the next election, so they would never do anything to cause the public to vote them out, even if in the long term it is in the best interests of the country.
THE PROCESSES ARE VERY SLOW AND INEFFECTIVE.
THE REPUBLICANS JUST SEEM TO CONTINUE TO STAY RICH, WHILE THE DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO STAY POOR. THEY CONTINUE TO DO WHAT THEY DO AND ARE ALL IN IT FOR THEMSELVES. THAT IS JUST MY OPINION THOUGH.
The way our government is reforming, and the way that congress and the senate have voted recently.
THERE IS AN ONGOING MOVEMENT IN THE TEA PARTY THAT IS DISTORTING THE TRUTH.
THERE IS NO BIPARTISANSHIP IN THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS JUST A BLAME GAME. THEY NEED TO BE MORE FOR THE PEOPLE. LIFE IS BUSY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND MORE SO FOR THE UNDEREDUCATED AMERICANS.
THERE IS TOO MUCH RED TAPE IN POLITICS.
THEY ARE LIKE EVERYONE THERE BECAUSE OF THE SYSTEM.
THEY DON'T CONCENTRATE ON SOLVING ANY PROBLEMS. THEY JUST FOCUS ON GETTING REELECTED.
They seem like they mimic highschool drama on a national level.
TWO YEARS AGO, WE WERE IN A BAD SITUATION, BUT IT HAS GOTTEN BETTER IN THESE TWO YEARS. I AM MORE CYNICAL ABOUT THE POLITICIANS WHO ARE THINKING THEY CAN'T REALLY GET THE JOB DONE.
With Republicans, things got worse. With Democrats, things are getting much worse. We need to be able to work together to make things better.
POOR STATE OF THE ECONOMY - 11% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AS FAR AS THE ECONOMY, THE WAR AND TERRORISM AND THINGS LIKE, AND ALSO JOBS. I HAVE ALSO BECOME INDEPENDENT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.
dependant upon the economy and oil and gas industry
Economic collapse and government response.
Economy isn't getting that much better and focus is still on private sector and expanding bureaucracy.
I AM A SINGLE PARENT WITH TWO KIDS. I AM TRYING TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING A JOB AND THE COST OF EDUCATION.
I AM GETTING OLDER. I AM POOR AND OUT OF WORK.
I AM MUCH OLDER NOW AND HAVE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. I NEED A JOB AND THE MARKET FOR JOBS NOW IS AN ALL-TIME LOW.
I AM OLDER AND LOOKING FOR WORK.
I GOT OLDER AND LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE HEALTH BENEFITS. I AM GETTING AWARE OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE.
I SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY I GUESS. IT SUCKS.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OF JOBS AND THE ECONOMY. I GOT LAID OFF AND LOST MY HOUSE, AND IT PUT ME IN A BAD SITUATION. THERE WAS NOBODY THERE TO REALLY HELP.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC STATUS THAT WE ARE HAVING. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS ABOUT 20 PERCENT AND 15 PERCENT FOR UNDEREMPLOYMENT. THERE IS NOT MUCH JOB CREATION.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM RIGHT NOW.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY AND IMMIGRATION.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE ECONOMY IS RIGHT NOW. I DON'T THINK THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.
IT IS BECAUSE OF WHAT IS GOING ON NOWADAYS, LIKE THE WAR AND THE ECONOMY.
IT IS BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS WORSE. MORE ISSUES KEEP RISING. NOTHING SEEMS TO BE GETTING BETTER.
IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY.
Massive Recession. Massive oil spill and not much was done by politicians.
PROBABLY IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE ECONOMY IS RUNNING OUT.
The economy and decisions made by politicians that have weakened it.
THE ECONOMY AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION RIGHT NOW ARE TOO BAD. IT IS HARD TO FIND JOBS.
the economy is bad nothing has changed, people are tired of bad and corrupt politicians
THE ECONOMY IS WORSE OFF THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. THAT AFFECTS ME.
THE ECONOMY WAS NOT BETTER THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
THE HEALTH CARE ISSUE MAKES ME SICK. THE ECONOMIC CRISIS MAKES ME SICKER.
THE JOBS ARE DISAPPEARING. THE EMPLOYMENT IS VERY LOW. I AM IN HEALTH CARE, SO I FEEL SECURE. IF NOT, I WOULD BE AFRAID.
THE LEADERSHIP IS NOT VERY STRONG. THE ECONOMY IS NOT RESPONDING AS WHAT I HAVE EXPECTED.

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THERE ARE A LOT LESS JOB OPPORTUNITIES NOW THAN THERE WAS BEFORE. THE COST OF THE ITEMS IN THE ECONOMY HAVE GONE UP AND SO MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED MY OPINION. I AM COMPARING WHAT WE HAVE NOW AND BEFORE THE RECESSION.
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS NOW.
GOVERNMENT MISTRUST AND CORRUPTION - 8% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
I HAVE SEEN THE WAY THE COUNTRY HAS CHANGED, AND IT IS NOT THE WAY I VIEWED IT TO BE TWO YEARS AGO. THE POLITICIANS WHO SAY THINGS DON'T ACTUALLY DO WHAT THEY SAY. THE MAILS THAT THEY SEND OUT ARE OBSCURED TO THE POINT THAT THEY DON'T DISPLAY THE TRUTH ACCURATELY.
At first I really don't care, now I still do not but its full of lies and backpeddelling.
Because so many politicians have made false promises and seem to be thinking more about their own personal interests than the interests of the country overall and it is getting really old
EVERY TIME THEY OPEN THEIR MOUTH, THEY TELL A LIE.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN WHAT THE POLITICIANS SAY. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY HAVE THE INTEREST AND THE HEART IN AMERICA.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE THE TRUTH IS BEING TOLD.
I PROBABLY REALIZED THAT EVERYBODY IS A BUNCH OF BULLSHIT. EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE SAYS IS A LOAD OF CRAP. I CAN'T TRUST THE POLITICIANS.
I'm sick of all the lies, and false promises!!!
IN TWO YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE. I DON'T TRUST POLITICIANS. THEY ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL WEALTH.
IT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE CORRUPT.
It is becoming more and more obvious how corrupt today's politicians are. When someone like Nancy Pelosi can maintain her office for this long, something is horribly wrong.
IT WOULD BE CORRUPTION.
It's hard to believe politicians when they say what they will accomplish. They normally don't follow through.
IT'S HARD TO TRUST PEOPLE RIGHT NOW.
I've learned the inner workings of politics and the corruptness of it all.
Many political scandals
POLITICIANS ARE NOT MORE FOCUSED FOR THE PEOPLE, BUT FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST.
Politicians dont always tell the truth
The fact that important issues are being ignored while most politicians are afraid of not getting reelected rather than do what is right.
THERE ARE SO MANY SCANDALS INVOLVED. THEY ARE NOT AS HONEST AS THEY WERE WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
THEY WERE MUCH MORE CORRUPT. THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. THEY CONTINUE TO RAISE THE DEFICIT AND TAXES. THEY ARE STEALING STUFF FROM PEOPLE.
things ar enot going as we were told
We except broad claims from politicians without checking if they even know what they are talking about. LIES LIES AND MORE LIES form politicians.
OTHER - 8% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
a lot has changed
ghdyghdg
I AM NOW MORE CYNICAL BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT. I AM JUST NOT INTO IT.
I HAVE GONE THROUGH MORE OF AN IDEOLOGICAL SHIFT. MY VIEWS HAVE CHANGED ON CERTAIN TOPICS. I AM UNHAPPY ABOUT THINGS THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.
I HAVE NO OPINION.
I REALLY DO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THAT.
I WOULD RATHER NOT SAY.
I'M NOT THAT REALLY INTO POLITICS KIND OF PERSON.
IT DOESN'T INVOLVE ME.
IT IS BECAUSE IT HAS BECOME A BIGGER FORTUNE THAN IT WAS BEFORE, AND ALSO BECAUSE OF WHAT'S BEING SAID BY BOTH SIDES.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES OF THE GOVERNMENT. I SUPPORT BARACK OBAMA, AND I AM INTERESTED WITH WHAT HE IS DOING.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING ON.
Many negative things
Maybe because media spin.
MY HUSBAND IS IN THE MILITARY.

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n/a
POLITICS COULD BE MADE BETTER.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS.
THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN POLITICS THIS DECADE.
WE HAVE A BLACK PRESIDENT. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER ISSUE. THE GOVERNMENT IS PRETTY MUCH ON MY SIDE.
GOVERNMENT INACTION, LACK OF CHANGE, AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON CAMPAIGN PROMISES - 6% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
Because I look more at things in the government & politics & i'm not happy with the economy & the choices that have been made in the government that have significantly effect society. It's like our government Pre-Obama made some huge, stupid decisions that dug us a whole that's gonna take a eternity to dig us out. I don't believe there is a way to get us out of this predicament without sacrificing something from our people
Because the president has yet to accomplish many of the things he set out to accomplish.
EVERYTHING IS GOING WRONG. IT HAS BEEN REALLY HARD. I EXPECTED MUCH FROM THE PEOPLE WHO I VOTED IN 2008.
I feel like promises are made from the presidency that are never kept or acted upon. I was probably too young to be aware of this two years ago.
I feel that more needs to be done government wise
I felt at first that Barack Obama was a promising candidate. He's intelligent, charming, and comes off as a true leader. Unfortunately either due to his constant attempts at being bipartisan or his hands being tied by Republicans at every turn, he hasn't been able to do as much as he could.
I find that both parties are really headed in the same directions, one is just moving more quickly to the left than the other and it disturbs me.
I NOTICED HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE THERE IS WHEN OBAMA IS PRESIDENT THAN GEORGE BUSH WAS.
I VOTED FOR BARACK OBAMA, BUT I AM DISAPPOINTED AT NOT SEEING ANY RESULTS AS HE HAD PROMISED.
I'M OLDER NOW AND POLITICIANS ARE THE SAME. I'M TIRED OF IT. THERE SHOULD BE A CHANGE. PEOPLE PROMISED CHANGED, BUT IT WAS THE SAME OLD THING. UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT 10 PERCENT.
IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS AREN'T GETTING BETTER. SOME ARE OKAY, AND SOME ARE NOT.
No positive outlook based on what has been accomplished. Feel like there is no hope.
NOTHING HAS CHANGED AND GOTTEN ANY BETTER.
NOTHING HAS REALLY CHANGED. IT SEEMS LIKE A REPEATING CYCLE. THERE IS TOO MUCH ARGUMENT BACK AND FORTH.
THERE IS STILL A LOT OF DISAGREEMENT. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE AGENDA TO GET PASSED. THERE IS NO PROGRESS. I MAY SAY THERE IS VERY LITTLE PROGRESS AND TOO MUCH TIME TO PASS IT.
THEY ARE CONSTANTLY TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES. THEY NEED TO TALK ABOUT HEALTH CARE AND THE OTHER BIG ISSUES THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT.
Too much talking and not enough action to change things.
WE ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ON. NOTHING HAS CHANGED OR IMPROVED.
WITH THE THINGS GOING ON RIGHT NOW, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY IMPROVEMENTS ON OUR SITUATION YET.
PRESIDENT OBAMA AND DEMOCRATIC POLICIES - 6% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
Because Obama is doing NOTHING to help this country.
Because Obama turned out to be a self righteous asshole
I feel that information on who should be a presidents should be valid for anyone to see. If we are fighting against immigration and terrorism and our current present can not produce a birth certificate or even stand against the Muslims wanting to build at ground zero. Something has to change for the future of our children, or I fear we will not live to see a good future for them.
I now know what is going on and how Obama is spending all of our money on welfare
IT IS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE. THEY SHOULD WORK ON IT.
IT IS BECAUSE OF OBAMA.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OF OFFICE, THE CHANGE OF PRESIDENCY.
IT IS BECAUSE THERE ARE MASSIVE CHANGES AND THEY ARE CHANGING POLICIES INTO AN EXTREME LEVEL.
IT IS DUE TO WHO OUR PRESIDENT IS AND THE WAY OUR GOVERNMENT IS BEING RUN NOW.
IT SEEMS THAT POLITICS IS ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT, AND I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE DIRECTION THIS ADMINISTRATION IS GOING.
kinda hard not to be with the war going on our first black P., healthcare and so on.
OBAMA HAS RUN THINGS PRETTY BADLY THESE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.
OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT IS WASTING MONEY AND IS PUTTING INTEREST ON THINGS THAT DON'T MATTER, FOR INSTANCE, SPENDING MONEY FOR THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW IN ARIZONA.

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THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF BARACK OBAMA. HE IS TAKING CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY. I DON'T LIKE HIS POLICIES LIKE THE HEALTH CARE REFORM. MAKING CHANGE IS GOOD BUT THAT CHANGE SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF WHAT BARACK OBAMA HAS BEEN DOING. I DON'T TRUST WHAT HE SAYS.
the democrat's have raised taxes, Obama has not kept most of his promises, and doesn't get things done, and it only seems to be getting worse.
The way the healthcare bill was passed really bothered me.
THEY HAVE A LOT OF PROMISES, AND THEY JUST BLOW SMOKE. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH JOBS THAT BARACK OBAMA HAD PROMISED. WE ARE STILL IN A WAR. WE ARE IN DEBT, AND IT IS GETTING WORSE.
THIS WHOLE HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS NOT EXERCISING OUR THE FREEDOM WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE.
DISAGREE WITH THE DIRECTION THE COUNTRY IS HEADED - 3% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
IT IS BECAUSE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN.
Because I feel like the country is headed in the wrong direction and it is frustrating.
I REALLY DO NOT LIKE WHAT IS GOING ON.
I THINK THINGS ARE NORMAL. I HAVE NOTICED THAT THEY PUT MORE INPUT ON EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY ON SAFE SEX. THEY HAVE PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON HOMOSEXUALITY SINCE 50 PERCENT HERE ARE PRO HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE.
THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF THE WAY PEOPLE VOTED ON DIFFERENT THINGS. SOME OF THEM GOT WORSE.
The wars.
THEY DID NOT DO THINGS THAT I THOUGHT WERE RIGHT AND I AGREED ON.
things have gone downhill
WE ARE GOING IN A WORSE DIRECTION THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. OUR TAXES OUR GOING UP AND THE HEALTH CARE REFORM THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD THING HAS TURNED OUT TO BE RAISING OUR TAXES. IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE HEADED TOWARD A SOCIALIST STATE.
DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE - 3% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
dunno
I AM NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.
I AM NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY.
I AM NOT SURE.
I AM NOT TOO SURE ABOUT WHAT CYNICAL MEANS, SO I WOULD RATHER NOT SAY ANYTHING.
I CAN'T SAY.
I DO NOT KNOW (5)
I DON'T HONESTLY EVEN KNOW WHY I AM MORE CYNICAL.
no sure
BIG GOVERNMENT, SPENDING, AND BUDGET DEFICIT - 2% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
ALL THE JUDGES ARE GETTING TO CHANGE WHATEVER THEY WANT. CALIFORNIANS WANT TO CHANGE THE MARRIAGE LAW, BUT JUDGES ARE TAKING CONTROL. THE DEMOCRATS ARE ALSO TAKING CONTROL, LIKE OBAMA.
all of the pork spending necessary to pass real legislation
IT IS BECAUSE OF THE DIRECTION THE COUNTRY HAS TAKEN. I AM CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL ISSUES. THE BIGGEST ONE IS THE BUDGET DEFICIT.
THE COUNTRY IS MOVING TOWARD SOCIALISM. THE WAY THE COUNTRY IS DOING IS NOT GOING BETTER. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR OUR HEALTH CARE. THE DEFICIT AND HEALTH CARE ARE MOVING ON THE WRONG WAY. WE CAN'T EVEN PAY OUR CREDIT CARD.
The high amount of government spending that is not effecting the economy and jobs in a positive way.
THE MAIN REASON IS GOVERNMENT BAILOUT.
CONCERN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS - 2% OF TOTAL RESPONSES
I HAVE A DAUGHTER OF MY OWN.
I HAVE A FAMILY NOW.
I HAVE A FAMILY NOW. I HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO CARE ABOUT.
I PAY MORE ATTENTION NOW. I HAVE A CHILD NOW, SO IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME.
IT IS MY AGE THAT AFFECTS MY INTEREST IN THE ECONOMY, FAMILY, AND THINGS LIKE THAT.
I've become more aware of politics and my lifestyle has changed. I'm now a mother of two and want to make sure things move in a more positive direction for my children.
WE ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND DEFICITS ARE TOO HIGH.