

Political Attitudes Survey Instructions

In order to better understand ourselves and the other members of our community, we will be conducting a survey on political and social attitudes. It will be your responsibility to canvas 15 people and collect their responses to 18 social/political questions. You will need to score the results of each survey and rank the respondent accordingly. This year we will also be tracking demographic information, it is very important that the bottom of the survey be completed.

Once the surveys are complete, and you have ranked each respondent, as a class we will compile the data and make some generalizations about the attitudes of the population set and determine their overall level of political socialization and political leanings. Upon completing the class work, you will write a reflective paper to try and explain the significance of our findings. This assignment will count as a major grade for the second 9 weeks.

Data due Tuesday October 2, and will be checked in class as a daily grade.

Political Attitudes Survey Research Paper

Based on prior responses to the political attitudes survey, the working hypothesis was established – the class would be slightly to the right (64-68) of center (72), and that the community at large would be to the right of the class (54-62). Using the data that has been collected, write a reflective essay that analyzes the validity of the hypothesis.

You may want to consider the following questions:

- How close to the hypothesis was the mean?
- How close to the hypothesis was the mode?
- How close to the hypothesis was the median?
- What accounts for this?
- What factors may contribute to error?
- What does the data tell us about our community?
- How can this data be used?

The essay must be submitted by October 9, 2012, so I can try to get them in on first 9 weeks.