StageofLife.com Writing Contest - Presidential Election



1. What grade level are you in? Response Response **Percent** Count Junior High 12.9% 18 9th Grade 17.9% 25 10th Grade 22.9% 32 11th Grade 22.1% 31 12th Grade 12.9% 18 College 10.7% 15 Recent College Graduate 0.7% 1 answered question 140 skipped question 0

2. Which candidate will you (or would you) vote for as President in November?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Democratic Party: President Barack Obama	55.0%	7
Republican Party: Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	23.6%	3
Constitution Party: Former Congressman Virgil Goode	0.7%	
Green Party: Dr. Jill Stein	1.4%	
Libertarian Party: Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson	2.9%	
None	16.4%	2
	Other (please specify)	

3. Did you know there were more candidates than just President Obama and Governor Romney running for President?

answered question

skipped question

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	Response Percent	Response Count
No	33.6%	47
Yes	66.4%	93
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

4. Do your parents talk openly about politics at home?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.9%	95
No	32.1%	45
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

5. Do you ever participate in talking about political issues with your parents?

	Respons Percent	
Yes	64.3	% 90
No	35.7	% 50
	answered questio	n 140
	skipped questio	n 0

6. Do you agree with your parents' political viewpoints?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - completely	12.9%	18
Yes - on major issues	27.1%	38
Sometimes	39.3%	55
No - on most issues	4.3%	6
No - not at all	2.1%	3
I don't know my parents' political viewpoints	14.3%	20
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

7. Have you ever had an argument about politics or a political issue with your parents?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	32.1%	45
No	67.9%	95
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

8. If yes, what political issue was the argument about?

	Response Count
	42
answered question	42

skipped question

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9. When you were little, did either of your parents take you with them to the local polling center when they went to vote?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	48.6%	68
No	44.3%	62
My parents don't vote	7.9%	11
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

10. Rank the political issue categories below by those that are most to least important to you? = most important and 8 = least important)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	Res _l
Social Issues (abortion debate, gay marriage debate, etc.)	37.9% (53)	10.7% (15)	7.9% (11)	11.4% (16)	9.3% (13)	5.0% (7)	7.9% (11)	10.0% (14)	3.40	
Environmental Issues (global warming debate, land protection debate, oil drilling debate, etc.)	16.4% (23)	15.0% (21)	17.1% (24)	7.1% (10)	6.4% (9)	10.0% (14)	15.7% (22)	12.1% (17)	4.26	
Economic Issues (Social Security debate, national debt debate, min. wage debate, welfare debate, etc.)	30.7% (43)	24.3% (34)	17.9% (25)	11.4% (16)	3.6% (5)	2.9%	4.3% (6)	5.0% (7)	2.84	
Domestic Policy Issues (gun control debate, Patriot Act debate, legalization of marijuana debate, affirmative action debate, etc.)	1.4% (2)	13.6% (19)	16.4% (23)	22.1% (31)	13.6% (19)	14.3% (20)	11.4% (16)	7.1% (10)	4.57	
Heathcare Issues (Obamacare debate, Medicare debate, etc.)	5.0% (7)	15.7% (22)	22.1% (31)	18.6% (26)	25.7% (36)	7.9% (11)	2.9% (4)	2.1% (3)	3.90	
Foreign Policy Issues (War in Afghanistan debate, UN participation debate, Iran debate, Israel support debate, U.S. involvement in other countries debate, etc.)	4.3% (6)	11.4% (16)	11.4% (16)	14.3% (20)	18.6% (26)	23.6% (33)	9.3% (13)	7.1% (10)	4.75	
Immigration Issues (citizenship and amnesty debates, etc.)	2.1%	5.0% (7)	5.0% (7)	5.7% (8)	14.3% (20)	22.1% (31)	33.6% (47)	12.1% (17)	5.86	
Science Issues (space exploration budget debate, stem cell research debate, evolution and schools debate, etc.)	2.1%	4.3% (6)	2.1% (3)	9.3% (13)	8.6% (12)	14.3% (20)	15.0% (21)	44.3% (62)	6.42	
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								skipped	question	

11. Which forms of media does your family use to get its political news? Check all that apply...

	Response Percent	Response Count
Network TV (NBC, ABC, CBS)	79.3%	111
Conservative Cable TV (Fox News)	37.1%	52
Liberal Cable TV(MSNBC)	19.3%	27
National Public Radio (NPR)	16.4%	23
Conservative AM Radio (Rush, Hannity)	8.6%	12
Local newspaper	42.9%	60
National newspaper (NY Times, Wall Street Journal, etc.)	37.9%	53
News Magazines (TIME, Newsweek, etc.)	33.6%	47
Internet News Sites (Huffington Post, Drudge Report, etc.)	46.4%	65
Liberal Blogs (Daily Kos, Think Progress, Jon Stewart's Daily Show Blog, etc.)	7.9%	11
Conservative Blogs (Michelle Malkin, Redstate, TownHall, etc.)	7.9%	11
None of these	3.6%	5
My family could care less about political news	3.6%	5
	Other (please specify)	11
	answered question	140
	skipped question	0

12. Do you feel like you have a political voice in this country?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Yes	52.9%	74		
No	47.1%	66		
	Other (please specify)	9		
	answered question	140		
	skipped question	0		

Q8. If y	res, what political issue was the argument about?	
1	My father made an ignorant comment regarding President Obama's failure to create jobs during his presidency, even though he has created more than 4.4 million private sector jobs during his office	Sep 30, 2012 8:10 PM
2	Israeli presence in the Gaza Strip	Sep 29, 2012 8:51 PM
3	My parents are conservative, and usual I am trying to make is so they don't think Obama is a horrible person, but that usually ends in an argument	Sep 29, 2012 11:56 AM
4	Whether or not government-sponsored healthcare is a constitutional right.	Sep 28, 2012 1:25 PM
5	Obama's plan to fix our economy	Sep 28, 2012 9:34 AM
6	Immigration and other.	Sep 28, 2012 7:04 AM
7	Religion/Religious tolerance, 9/11, Muslim intolerance, abortion, Christian missionaries, gay marriage/gay rights, obesity and health care plans, wars in Afghanistan and Iran, false media coverage, etc.	Sep 26, 2012 8:36 PM
8	Gay rights, abortion, etc.	Sep 26, 2012 4:21 PM
9	Usually the finer points on something we agree on	Sep 26, 2012 7:55 AM
10	We mostly argue about things that they my find to deal with race.	Sep 24, 2012 9:28 PM
11	nothing - we all have pretty common views that Obama is a conniving snake.	Sep 24, 2012 6:45 PM
12	Gay marriage rights	Sep 24, 2012 4:38 PM
13	immigration	Sep 24, 2012 10:37 AM
14	Economics	Sep 23, 2012 11:41 PM
15	The views of the Republican Party.	Sep 23, 2012 10:46 PM
16	racism, laws, ect.	Sep 22, 2012 3:34 PM
17	My parents are completely economically conservative since they own a business. But I am not yet sure where I stand but don't appreciated them trying to sway me	Sep 22, 2012 12:15 PM
18	Gay rights, social equality, health care	Sep 21, 2012 7:10 PM
19	Health Care	Sep 21, 2012 4:14 PM
20	Mitt Romney lying about things.	Sep 19, 2012 10:56 PM
21	Gay rights	Sep 18, 2012 8:18 PM
22	It was about being pro-life or pro-choice.	Sep 18, 2012 4:51 PM
23	Don't remember.	Sep 16, 2012 12:36 PM
24	I can't remember specific issues. I sometimes have a stronger opinion about	Sep 15, 2012 6:43 PM

Q8. If yes, what political issue was the argument about? things than they do. 25 Whether Democrats or Republicans were more better. Sep 15, 2012 10:16 AM 26 Who to support in the Primaries. Sep 14, 2012 1:01 PM 27 the death penalty Sep 13, 2012 4:46 PM 28 president should be...... Sep 13, 2012 12:14 PM 29 Who should be voted for based on religious views Sep 13, 2012 8:26 AM 30 multiple Sep 11, 2012 12:51 PM 31 gay marriage Sep 10, 2012 2:42 PM 32 jobs Sep 10, 2012 1:29 PM 33 It was about Sep 9, 2012 1:23 PM 34 My father is a liberal and so therefore our viewpoints on everything clash. Most Sep 9, 2012 12:47 PM recently it was about oil drilling and health care. 35 The idealism's of the Republican party. Sep 8, 2012 12:13 PM 36 Gay Marriage Sep 7, 2012 9:33 AM 37 Well, sort of. More of a "discussion", on big government. Sep 7, 2012 8:07 AM 38 how obama has helped us in certain areas Sep 3, 2012 7:12 PM 39 The country's faulty education system Sep 3, 2012 5:04 PM 40 The validity of abortion. Sep 3, 2012 10:46 AM 41 The best approach to rejuvenating the American economy Sep 2, 2012 5:22 PM 42 Abortion, feminism, Obama in general. Sep 2, 2012 8:19 AM

Q11. Which forms of media does your family use to get its political news? Check all that apply			
1	Arutz Sheva	Sep 29, 2012 8:51 PM	
2	my parents look at all sites and places, but support the conservative stuff more.	Sep 29, 2012 11:56 AM	
3	Reddit.com	Sep 26, 2012 7:55 AM	
4	THE TODAY SHOW!!<3	Sep 24, 2012 6:45 PM	
5	el	Sep 22, 2012 3:05 PM	
6	CTV? It's most likely the Chinese version of CNN	Sep 19, 2012 10:56 PM	
7	Ricochet	Sep 15, 2012 6:55 PM	
8	CNN	Sep 9, 2012 6:08 AM	
9	TBS Morning Show	Sep 4, 2012 5:20 PM	
10	I know there are others but nothing specific.	Sep 3, 2012 11:51 PM	
11	CNN	Sep 2, 2012 5:22 PM	

Q12. Do you feel like you have a political voice in this country?			
1	not old enough	Sep 29, 2012 8:43 PM	
2	I feel like any voice that I might have would be overshadowed by ignorant adults, their argument being I am young and the answer can't be that simple.	Sep 29, 2012 11:56 AM	
3	I might have a political voice in this country.	Sep 26, 2012 9:50 AM	
4	because its frowned upon to talk about politics in school and people say teens voices in politics don't matter because our views are from a corrupted teenager who isn't thinking clearly. HA! shows that THEIR the thick ones. Waddup.	Sep 24, 2012 6:45 PM	
5	I am under 18 and w	Sep 24, 2012 5:34 PM	
6	yes and no. anyone, of any age could make a difference, but I feel it is heeded less when under 18.	Sep 13, 2012 8:26 AM	
7	Only because I am unable to vote, due to my age, do I feel that my political voice is not being completely heard.	Sep 9, 2012 12:47 PM	
8	Not from America	Sep 9, 2012 6:08 AM	
9	I feel that because I am under 18 that my voice is limited, but still there.	Sep 8, 2012 9:50 AM	