



POST-DEBATE SURVEY OF ATTENDEES FROM THE 2017 LIBERTARIANISM v CONSERVATISM INTERN DEBATE

AUGUST 3, 2017 N=226

	All Attendees	Millennial Attendees		
		Conservative	Libertarian	Other
Q1. Regardless of your own ideological preference, which team do you think won the debate tonight?				
Libertarian Team.....	69%	44%	94%	83%
Conservative Team.....	27%	53%	5%	12%
Didn't see the debate.....	4%	3%	2%	5%
Don't know/Refused.....	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Q2. In politics today, do you identify with the...				
Republican Party.....	47%	88%	22%	22%
Independent.....	29%	12%	36%	46%
Democratic Party.....	10%	0%	0%	25%
Libertarian Party.....	13%	0%	42%	7%
Don't know/Refused.....	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Q3. [IF INDEPENDENT/LIBERTARIAN] Do you lean more towards the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?				
Republican Party.....	45%	100%	46%	39%
Democratic Party.....	19%	0%	8%	42%
Neither Party.....	35%	0%	46%	19%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Q4a. Partisan Identification				
Republican.....	49%	88%	22%	22%
Independent/Lean Rep.....	18%	12%	36%	21%
Independent.....	14%	0%	36%	10%
Independent/Lean Dem.....	8%	0%	6%	22%
Democrat.....	10%	0%	0%	25%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q4b. Partisan Identification (Partisan Leaners Combined with Partisans)

Republican/Lean Rep.....	67%	100%	58%	43%
Independent.....	14%	0%	36%	10%
Democrat/Lean Dem.....	18%	0%	6%	47%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q5. Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as

Conservative.....	37%	100%	0%	0%
Libertarian.....	28%	0%	100%	0%
Moderate.....	19%	0%	0%	71%
Liberal.....	4%	0%	0%	7%
Progressive.....	2%	0%	0%	5%
Something else.....	7%	0%	0%	17%
Don't know/Refused.....	2%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q6. On a scale from conservative to libertarian, where would you place yourself?

Completely conservative.....	11%	32%	0%	0%
Mostly conservative, slightly libertarian.....	16%	43%	2%	0%
Somewhat conservative, somewhat libertarian.....	10%	23%	5%	0%
Mostly libertarian, slightly conservative.....	16%	1%	52%	0%
Completely libertarian.....	11%	0%	42%	0%
Don't know/Refused.....	36%	0%	0%	100%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q7. If you voted for president in 2016, did you vote for...

Donald Trump.....	29%	51%	20%	10%
Hillary Clinton.....	17%	1%	3%	43%
Gary Johnson.....	20%	8%	55%	7%
Jill Stein.....	0%	0%	0%	0%
Evan McMullin.....	8%	18%	3%	3%
Some other candidate.....	6%	13%	0%	5%
Did not vote for president in 2016.....	17%	8%	19%	31%
Refused.....	3%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q8a. [IF DONALD TRUMP] Was your vote primarily a vote in favor of Donald Trump or was it mostly a vote against Hillary Clinton?

Vote for Trump.....	34%	31%	31%	67%
Vote against Clinton.....	66%	69%	69%	33%

Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q8b. [IF HILLARY CLINTON] Was your vote primarily a vote in favor of Hillary Clinton or was it mostly a vote against Donald Trump?

Vote for Clinton.....	36%	0%	0%	40%
Vote against Trump.....	64%	100%	100%	60%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q8c. [IF GARY JOHNSON] Was your vote primarily a vote in favor of Gary Johnson or was it mostly a vote against Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton?

Vote for Johnson.....	49%	0%	57%	25%
Vote against Trump and Clinton.....	51%	100%	43%	75%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

NET APPROVE.....	30%	64%	20%	12%
NET DISAPPROVE.....	56%	36%	80%	88%
Strongly approve.....	6%	12%	2%	5%
Somewhat approve.....	24%	52%	19%	7%
Somewhat disapprove.....	23%	26%	27%	27%
Strongly disapprove.....	33%	10%	53%	61%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q10. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people:

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

Favorable.....	34%	76%	16%	20%
Unfavorable.....	45%	19%	80%	69%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	5%	5%	10%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

Favorable.....	48%	82%	64%	19%
Unfavorable.....	31%	12%	28%	71%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	5%	8%	10%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Steve Bannon

Favorable.....	14%	24%	13%	8%
Unfavorable.....	64%	68%	81%	85%
Don't know/Refused.....	22%	8%	6%	7%

Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kellyanne Conway				
Favorable.....	30%	64%	22%	17%
Unfavorable.....	48%	31%	72%	71%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	5%	6%	12%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Senator Ted Cruz				
Favorable.....	45%	88%	50%	15%
Unfavorable.....	37%	11%	48%	76%
Don't know/Refused.....	18%	1%	2%	8%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Senator Marco Rubio				
Favorable.....	55%	91%	48%	56%
Unfavorable.....	27%	7%	50%	36%
Don't know/Refused.....	18%	3%	2%	8%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Senator Rand Paul				
Favorable.....	64%	74%	94%	58%
Unfavorable.....	18%	19%	6%	36%
Don't know/Refused.....	19%	7%	0%	7%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Speaker Paul Ryan				
Favorable.....	44%	74%	30%	46%
Unfavorable.....	37%	22%	64%	47%
Don't know/Refused.....	19%	4%	6%	7%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Governor Gary Johnson				
Favorable.....	33%	18%	61%	39%
Unfavorable.....	45%	73%	36%	46%
Don't know/Refused.....	22%	9%	3%	15%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Milo Yiannopoulos				
Favorable.....	19%	28%	25%	10%
Unfavorable.....	60%	66%	70%	80%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	5%	5%	10%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ann Coulter				
Favorable.....	18%	27%	20%	8%
Unfavorable.....	61%	66%	75%	78%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	7%	5%	14%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
George Will				
Favorable.....	42%	58%	64%	27%
Unfavorable.....	29%	26%	23%	53%
Don't know/Refused.....	29%	16%	13%	20%

Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q11. How often do you you read or watch the following:

The New York Times

NET READER.....	62%	66%	75%	90%
NET NON-READER.....	22%	31%	22%	8%
Regularly.....	27%	30%	23%	53%
Sometimes.....	35%	36%	52%	37%
Hardly Ever.....	16%	19%	19%	5%
Never.....	6%	12%	3%	3%
Refused.....	16%	3%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

The Washington Post

NET READER.....	63%	68%	72%	85%
NET NON-READER.....	21%	28%	25%	15%
Regularly.....	28%	24%	30%	49%
Sometimes.....	35%	43%	42%	36%
Hardly Ever.....	13%	11%	17%	12%
Never.....	8%	18%	8%	3%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

The Wall Street Journal

NET READER.....	70%	85%	86%	85%
NET NON-READER.....	15%	12%	13%	15%
Regularly.....	39%	51%	42%	46%
Sometimes.....	31%	34%	44%	39%
Hardly Ever.....	10%	8%	6%	12%
Never.....	4%	4%	6%	3%
Refused.....	15%	3%	2%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

CNN

NET VIEWER.....	47%	50%	48%	69%
NET NON-VIEWER.....	37%	47%	47%	31%
Regularly.....	17%	15%	22%	25%
Sometimes.....	30%	35%	27%	44%
Hardly Ever.....	26%	30%	42%	15%
Never.....	12%	18%	5%	15%
Refused.....	16%	3%	5%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Fox

NET VIEWER.....	49%	74%	45%	42%
NET NON-VIEWER.....	35%	23%	52%	56%
Regularly.....	15%	32%	9%	7%
Sometimes.....	34%	42%	36%	36%

Hardly Ever.....	20%	15%	34%	27%
Never.....	15%	8%	17%	29%
Refused.....	16%	3%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
The Huffington Post				
NET READER.....	25%	18%	31%	44%
NET NON-READER.....	60%	80%	66%	56%
Regularly.....	6%	3%	9%	10%
Sometimes.....	19%	15%	22%	34%
Hardly Ever.....	36%	38%	52%	36%
Never.....	24%	42%	14%	20%
Refused.....	15%	3%	3%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Breitbart				
NET READER.....	16%	19%	17%	14%
NET NON-READER.....	68%	76%	80%	86%
Regularly.....	5%	5%	5%	5%
Sometimes.....	11%	14%	13%	8%
Hardly Ever.....	16%	30%	14%	12%
Never.....	52%	46%	66%	75%
Refused.....	16%	5%	3%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
The Federalist				
NET READER.....	33%	51%	36%	25%
NET NON-READER.....	51%	45%	61%	73%
Regularly.....	10%	20%	6%	8%
Sometimes.....	23%	31%	30%	17%
Hardly Ever.....	22%	22%	25%	31%
Never.....	29%	23%	36%	42%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Reason				
NET READER.....	33%	24%	77%	22%
NET NON-READER.....	51%	72%	20%	76%
Regularly.....	15%	5%	44%	5%
Sometimes.....	18%	19%	33%	17%
Hardly Ever.....	16%	23%	9%	22%
Never.....	36%	49%	11%	54%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Buzzfeed				
NET READER.....	26%	30%	34%	34%
NET NON-READER.....	59%	68%	61%	66%
Regularly.....	6%	4%	13%	10%
Sometimes.....	19%	26%	22%	24%

Hardly Ever.....	26%	31%	28%	36%
Never.....	32%	36%	33%	31%
Refused.....	16%	3%	5%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
National Review				
NET READER.....	50%	76%	61%	44%
NET NON-READER.....	34%	22%	36%	54%
Regularly.....	23%	46%	17%	17%
Sometimes.....	28%	30%	44%	27%
Hardly Ever.....	15%	12%	13%	22%
Never.....	19%	9%	23%	32%
Refused.....	16%	3%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Daily Caller				
NET READER.....	27%	50%	22%	17%
NET NON-READER.....	56%	47%	75%	80%
Regularly.....	5%	11%	5%	0%
Sometimes.....	22%	39%	17%	17%
Hardly Ever.....	22%	19%	34%	29%
Never.....	34%	28%	41%	51%
Refused.....	16%	3%	3%	3%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
TheBlaze				
NET VIEWER.....	15%	26%	14%	14%
NET NON-VIEWER.....	69%	70%	83%	85%
Regularly.....	2%	3%	0%	5%
Sometimes.....	13%	23%	14%	8%
Hardly Ever.....	21%	26%	33%	14%
Never.....	48%	45%	50%	71%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
InfoWars				
NET VIEWER.....	5%	5%	8%	5%
NET NON-VIEWER.....	79%	91%	89%	93%
Regularly.....	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sometimes.....	3%	4%	5%	3%
Hardly Ever.....	12%	16%	11%	12%
Never.....	66%	74%	78%	81%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Daily Kos				
NET READER.....	3%	1%	5%	7%
NET NON-READER.....	81%	95%	92%	93%
Regularly.....	1%	0%	2%	2%
Sometimes.....	2%	1%	3%	5%

Hardly Ever.....	11%	12%	11%	15%
Never.....	69%	82%	81%	78%
Refused.....	16%	4%	3%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q12. Which is more important to you?

Protecting freedom of the press, even if that means media outlets sometimes publish biased or inaccurate stories.....

79%	89%	98%	86%
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Punishing biased or inaccurate news media, even if that means limiting the freedom of the press.....

7%	11%	2%	14%
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Don't know/Refused.....

14%	0%	0%	0%
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Total.....

100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q13. For each pair of statements, please indicate which one comes closer to your own view:

The government should be doing more to regulate business.....

7%	1%	2%	14%
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Too often government regulation of business does more harm than good.....

77%	95%	97%	83%
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Don't know/Refused.....

16%	4%	2%	3%
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Total.....

100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q14. For each pair of statements, please indicate which one comes closer to your own view:

The government should promote traditional values in society.....

31%	78%	5%	19%
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The government should not favor any particular set of values.....

54%	18%	94%	81%
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Don't know/Refused.....

15%	4%	2%	0%
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Total.....

100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q15. For each pair of statements, please indicate which one comes closer to your own view:

Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard.....

72%	92%	91%	68%
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Hard work and determination do not lead to success for most people.....

12%	4%	8%	29%
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Don't know/Refused.....

16%	4%	2%	3%
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Total.....

100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q16. If you had to choose, would you rather have...

A smaller government, providing fewer services, with low taxes.....	80%	100%	100%	82%
A larger government, providing more services, with high taxes.....	6%	0%	0%	18%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q17. Since the 1950s, do you think American culture and way of life has mostly changed for the better, or has it mostly changed for the worse?

Changed for the better.....	40%	14%	65%	71%
Changed for the worse.....	35%	76%	21%	12%
Stayed the same.....	12%	10%	14%	17%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q18. Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion:

Trade restrictions are necessary to protect domestic industries.....	12%	21%	2%	10%
Free trade must be allowed, even if domestic industries are hurt by foreign competition.....	74%	79%	98%	90%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q19. If a Muslim clergyman wanted to make a speech in your community preaching hatred of the United States, should he be allowed to speak or not?

Yes, allowed.....	70%	71%	95%	81%
Not allowed.....	16%	29%	5%	19%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q20. Do you favor or oppose passing a law to temporarily ban Muslims from other countries from entering the US?

Favor.....	25%	50%	14%	8%
Oppose.....	61%	50%	86%	92%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q21. Do you think the United States should increase its military presence around the world, decrease its military presence, or keep it at its current levels?

Increase military presence.....	14%	38%	2%	3%
Keep military presence at current levels.....	27%	51%	14%	32%
Decrease military presence.....	46%	11%	84%	64%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q22. Do you think local police departments using drones, military weapons and armored vehicles are necessary for law enforcement purposes, or are they going too far?

Necessary.....	19%	39%	8%	14%
Going too far.....	67%	61%	92%	86%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q23. Currently the federal government caps the number of immigrants it allows into the country each year. Do you think the government should increase the number of immigrants it allows in each year, decrease the number, or keep it about the same?

Increase.....	40%	20%	79%	54%
Decrease.....	16%	35%	6%	9%
Keep about the same.....	30%	45%	14%	37%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q24. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the United States?

They should be allowed to stay in the US and eventually apply for citizenship.....	44%	24%	70%	61%
They should be allowed to stay in the US legally but not be allowed to apply for citizenship.....	19%	24%	19%	26%
They should be deported.....	23%	52%	11%	12%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q25. Do you favor or oppose constructing a large wall along the border with Mexico?

NET FAVOR	29%	69%	10%	14%
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NET OPPOSE	56%	31%	90%	86%
Strongly favor.....	7%	14%	3%	5%
Somewhat favor.....	22%	55%	6%	9%
Somewhat oppose.....	16%	15%	24%	17%
Strongly oppose.....	41%	15%	67%	69%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q26. Do you favor or oppose eliminating mandatory minimum prison sentences for people convicted of possessing or selling drugs?

NET FAVOR	63%	64%	84%	79%
NET OPPOSE	23%	36%	16%	21%
Strongly favor.....	44%	24%	75%	60%
Somewhat favor.....	20%	40%	10%	19%
Somewhat oppose.....	13%	26%	5%	10%
Strongly oppose.....	10%	10%	11%	10%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q27. Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment with whites in the criminal justice system or not?

Yes.....	29%	54%	27%	16%
No.....	57%	46%	73%	84%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q28. From what you've heard or read, do you believe increases in Earth's temperature are due to human activity or natural causes?

NET PRIMARILY DUE TO HUMAN ACTIVITY	33%	16%	35%	75%
EQUALLY DUE TO BOTH	22%	30%	27%	18%
NET PRIMARILY DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES	30%	54%	38%	7%
Entirely due to human activity.....	4%	0%	3%	13%
Mostly due to human activity.....	29%	16%	32%	63%
Equally due to both.....	22%	30%	27%	18%
Mostly due to natural causes.....	27%	49%	32%	7%
Entirely due to natural causes.....	4%	6%	6%	0%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q29. Do you think the solution to climate change will primarily come from government regulation or technological innovation in the free market?

Government regulation.....	10%	1%	2%	27%
Technological innovation in the free market.....	76%	99%	98%	73%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q30. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government's collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts?

NET APPROVE	31%	60%	8%	39%
NET DISAPPROVE	55%	40%	92%	61%
Strongly approve.....	7%	13%	5%	7%
Somewhat approve.....	24%	47%	3%	32%
Somewhat disapprove.....	26%	29%	19%	39%
Strongly disapprove.....	29%	11%	73%	21%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q31. Do you favor or oppose raising taxes on households making over \$250,000 a year?

NET FAVOR	14%	4%	0%	40%
NET OPPOSE	71%	96%	100%	60%
Strongly favor.....	6%	0%	0%	12%
Somewhat favor.....	8%	4%	0%	28%
Somewhat oppose.....	22%	24%	22%	32%
Strongly oppose.....	50%	72%	78%	28%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q32. To help balance the federal budget, would you support or oppose cutting defense spending?

NET SUPPORT	55%	28%	92%	74%
NET OPPOSE	31%	72%	8%	26%
Strongly support.....	33%	4%	75%	42%
Somewhat support.....	22%	24%	17%	32%
Somewhat oppose.....	14%	25%	6%	18%
Strongly oppose.....	18%	47%	2%	9%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q33. Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded.....	11%	0%	3%	30%
Kept the same.....	6%	1%	2%	19%
Repealed.....	70%	99%	95%	51%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q34. Do you think the health care system in this country...

Needs to be completely rebuilt.....	45%	49%	76%	33%
Needs major reform but doesn't need to be rebuilt...	38%	46%	23%	65%
Works pretty well and requires only minor changes..	3%	4%	2%	2%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q35. For each of the following, do you think they should be legal or illegal:

Online gambling				
Legal.....	72%	70%	95%	95%
Illegal.....	12%	26%	3%	3%
Don't know/Refused.....	16%	4%	2%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Online adult pornography				
Legal.....	65%	53%	95%	85%
Illegal.....	19%	43%	3%	12%
Don't know/Refused.....	17%	4%	2%	3%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Marijuana				
Legal.....	61%	42%	95%	86%
Illegal.....	23%	55%	3%	12%
Don't know/Refused.....	16%	3%	2%	2%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q36. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Favor.....	33%	56%	25%	25%
Oppose.....	53%	44%	75%	75%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q37. Do you think wedding-related businesses, such as florists, bakers, and photographers, with religious objections should be allowed to refuse to provide services for same-sex weddings or not?

Yes, they should be allowed to refuse service.....	73%	99%	87%	66%
No, they should not be allowed to refuse service.....	13%	1%	13%	34%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q38. When referring to a transgender person, do you use their preferred gender pronouns or pronouns that correspond with their biological sex?

Their preferred gender pronouns.....	48%	33%	68%	79%
Pronouns corresponding with their biological sex.....	38%	67%	32%	21%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q39. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Transgender people should be allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender they identify with.....	45%	20%	70%	74%
Transgender people should be required to use the public restrooms of the gender that corresponds to their biological sex.....	41%	80%	30%	26%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q40. Should it be legal or illegal to buy and sell human organs?

Legal.....	44%	28%	92%	44%
Illegal.....	42%	72%	8%	56%
Don't know/Refused.....	14%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q41. How concerned are you about the following issues?

(Average Level of Concern on Scale from 1-5)
1=Not concerned at all 5=Extremely concerned

Mean responses

	All	Millennial Attendees		
		Conservative	Libertarian	Other
Size and scope of government.....	4.30	4.51	4.78	3.59
Free speech.....	4.23	4.40	4.45	3.82
Government spending/Debt.....	4.21	4.45	4.56	3.57
Economy/Jobs.....	4.19	4.33	4.40	3.97
Taxes.....	3.98	4.39	4.09	3.48

Millennial Attendees

Conservative Libertarian Other

Top Five Issues in Bold

Health care.....	3.79	3.83	3.93	3.52
Regulation of business.....	3.69	3.95	3.74	3.39
Jobs.....	3.68	4.00	3.52	3.53
National security.....	3.63	4.23	3.00	3.67
Trade.....	3.61	3.53	3.94	3.39
Criminal justice system.....	3.56	3.26	3.90	3.62
Terrorism.....	3.51	4.26	2.82	3.53
Immigration.....	3.49	3.97	3.18	3.07
Abortion.....	3.41	4.50	3.00	3.09
Morality in society.....	3.27	4.20	2.47	2.93
Government domestic surveillance.....	3.24	3.03	3.74	3.09
Racial issues.....	3.11	3.03	3.21	2.96
Drug use.....	2.92	3.37	2.48	2.88
The environment.....	2.79	2.29	2.59	3.40
Income inequality.....	2.48	2.14	2.05	3.11
LGBT issues.....	2.46	2.59	2.28	2.70

Q42. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

We should do more to ensure that lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender people feel fully accepted in society

NET AGREE	33%	15%	50%	61%
NET DISAGREE	47%	81%	47%	34%
Strongly agree.....	11%	0%	13%	29%
Agree.....	22%	15%	38%	32%
Disagree.....	35%	57%	33%	31%
Strongly disagree.....	11%	24%	14%	3%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	4%	3%	5%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Religious values should play a more important role in government

NET AGREE	25%	62%	16%	12%
NET DISAGREE	55%	31%	83%	85%
Strongly agree.....	9%	27%	2%	5%
Agree.....	16%	35%	14%	7%
Disagree.....	23%	26%	23%	34%
Strongly disagree.....	31%	5%	59%	51%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	7%	2%	3%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

It is important for children to be brought up in a religion so they can learn good values

NET AGREE	47%	86%	42%	36%
NET DISAGREE	33%	7%	56%	61%
Strongly agree.....	19%	47%	13%	8%
Agree.....	27%	39%	30%	27%
Disagree.....	17%	5%	22%	29%
Strongly disagree.....	16%	1%	34%	32%
Don't know/Refused.....	20%	7%	2%	3%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q43. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I am willing to give up some personal freedom and privacy for the sake of national security

NET AGREE	40%	69%	11%	63%
NET DISAGREE	40%	27%	88%	32%
Strongly agree.....	7%	15%	3%	7%
Agree.....	33%	54%	8%	56%
Disagree.....	22%	22%	31%	24%
Strongly disagree.....	18%	5%	56%	8%
Don't know/Refused.....	20%	4%	2%	5%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

The government needs to do more to combat prescription painkiller addiction

NET AGREE	44%	77%	14%	56%
NET DISAGREE	36%	16%	84%	39%
Strongly agree.....	12%	18%	3%	22%
Agree.....	31%	59%	11%	34%
Disagree.....	23%	15%	44%	31%
Strongly disagree.....	13%	1%	41%	8%
Don't know/Refused.....	21%	7%	2%	5%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

No man is an island

NET AGREE	67%	96%	58%	86%
NET DISAGREE	14%	1%	41%	10%
Strongly agree.....	26%	46%	16%	27%
Agree.....	41%	50%	42%	59%
Disagree.....	12%	1%	34%	7%
Strongly disagree.....	2%	0%	6%	3%
Don't know/Refused.....	19%	3%	2%	3%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Age Group

17-24.....	58%	85%	63%	81%
25-35.....	18%	15%	38%	19%
36+	8%	0%	0%	0%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Gender

Male.....	48%	54%	65%	49%
Female.....	35%	46%	35%	51%
Other.....	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian/White	67%	84%	83%	76%
African-American/Black	2%	0%	2%	2%
Hispanic/Latino	7%	10%	9%	5%
Asian/Pacific-Islander	5%	3%	6%	10%
Other	3%	4%	0%	7%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

[IF 17-24] Family Income

<\$50,000.....	5%	7%	6%	7%
\$50,000-\$99,999.....	12%	23%	6%	17%
\$100,000-\$199,999.....	19%	24%	27%	26%
\$200,000+	21%	31%	22%	31%
Refused.....	43%	15%	38%	19%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

High school graduate.....	2%	3%	5%	0%
Some college, but no degree yet.....	34%	59%	30%	41%
2-year college degree.....	1%	1%	0%	2%
4-year college degree.....	31%	27%	49%	41%
Post-graduate degree.....	15%	9%	16%	16%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Which of these best describes your religious preference?

Catholic.....	23%	40%	21%	22%
Evangelical	15%	37%	11%	9%
Mainline Protestant.....	14%	16%	19%	14%

Other Religion.....	7%	1%	11%	16%
Non-Religious.....	23%	5%	38%	40%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

How often do you attend religious service?

Once a week or more.....	27%	54%	24%	19%
A few times a month.....	17%	26%	17%	17%
A few times a year.....	20%	15%	33%	28%
Never.....	20%	5%	25%	36%
Refused.....	17%	0%	0%	0%
Total.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

Responses may not add up to 100% due to rounding

More About the Post-Debate Survey of Attendees

The Cato Institute conducted an exit survey among those who attended the 2017 Libertarianism vs. Conservatism intern debate hosted by the Cato Institute and Heritage Foundation on August 3, 2017. At the debate, interns from both organizations debated whether conservatism or libertarianism is a better political ideology.

At the conclusion of the debate, an email was sent to every person who registered or walked in with a link to a Qualtrics survey. Emails were sent to 562 people. In total, we collected 226 surveys from debate attendees, producing a response rate of 40%. Of these, 196 surveys were collected from attendees under age 35. Of these, 73 identified as conservative, 64 as libertarian, and 59 as moderate, liberal, or progressive.

While the survey is not a representative sample of all millennial conservatives and libertarians, this survey offers a snapshot of politically engaged conservative and libertarian millennial “elites” who have more education and political information than average, and who chose to come to this event. Since these attendees are politically engaged millennials, their responses may provide some indication of consensus and political conflicts that may arise in the future.