

YOUNGOV POLITICAL INSIDERS SURVEY

All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

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GENDER:

Male 82%
 Female..... 17%

AGE:

20-30..... 5%
 31-40..... 18%
 41-50..... 33%
 51-60..... 23%
 61+..... 20%

HP7. In general, on any given issue that comes before Congress, how valuable do you think the following kinds of information is to a Member's office, using a 1 to 5 scale, with **(ROTATE:)** 1 being not valuable information at all to 5 being very valuable information: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS.]**

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	Not Valuable At All			Valuable		<i>Mean</i>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
Lobbyists	3%	13%	39%	32%	10%	3.3
Non-Partisan Issue Experts (i.e. think tanks like Brookings, academics)	7%	18%	41%	26%	7%	3.1
Partisan Experts (i.e. Heritage, Center for American Progress)	7%	22%	36%	30%	3%	3.0
Trade associations	2%	11%	36%	43%	6%	3.4
Coalitions put together on a particular issue	1%	7%	42%	40%	9%	3.5
Fortune 500 CEOs.....	1%	12%	33%	35%	18%	3.6
Local business owners or company representatives.....	-	3%	11%	49%	35%	4.2
Local constituents individually contacting an office.....	4%	11%	17%	39%	28%	3.8
Fly-in of many constituents at once to Washington, DC.....	4%	16%	25%	38%	15%	3.4
Reports from staff in the Member's state or district office	2%	5%	19%	47%	26%	4.0
Consumer groups	4%	23%	44%	25%	2%	3.0

HP12. How far do you agree or disagree with these statements about lobbying? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS.]**

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	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	TOTAL Strongly/ Somewhat Agree	TOTAL Strongly/ Somewhat Disagree
All organizations should have the right to lobby Members of Congress.....	78%	18%	2%	2%	2%	95%	3%
Lobbying is an important part of the Democratic process	49%	39%	6%	3%	3%	88%	6%
Regulation of lobbyist registration should be more strongly enforced	28%	21%	27%	17%	6%	50%	23%
Most lobbyists adhere to professional standards	15%	49%	21%	10%	5%	64%	15%
In general I find lobbyists provide information which is true and accurate	10%	51%	21%	17%	1%	61%	18%
In general the professional standards of lobbyists are improving	10%	39%	31%	14%	6%	49%	20%
The professional codes and standards of lobbying are rigorous enough	12%	30%	26%	18%	13%	43%	32%
The lobbying process in the U.S. is generally transparent	9%	28%	16%	28%	18%	37%	47%

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

Finally, just a few more questions for statistical purposes:

HP15. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?
(ROTATE, START FROM BOTTOM EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

Total Liberal.....	20%
Total Conservative.....	52%
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Very liberal	6%
Liberal	14%
Moderate.....	28%
Conservative.....	40%
Very conservative	12%
Refused/not sure.....	-

HP16. How often do you read local or national newspapers? **[ROTATE, EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.]**
Everyday, a few times a week, once a week, once a month.

Everyday	86%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
Once a month.....	1%
Never	-