

Libertarian Party Membership Survey 2016

Audience: Registered, dues paying, likely Libertarian Party voters and delegates
n=1,563 · MOE=±4.5 · 95 percent confidence interval · *fielded:* May 17-20, 2016

Q1. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	100.0	%
No (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	
Not sure (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	

Q2. In 2016, there will be an election for President, US Congress and other federal, state and local offices. What are the chances of you voting in the 2016 election?

Almost certain	97.2	%
Probably	2.4	
50-50	0.4	
Will not vote (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	
Not sure (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	

Q3. How often would you say you vote?

Always	56.0	%
Nearly always	39.3	
Part of the time	4.2	
Seldom	0.6	
Never (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	
Other (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	
Not sure (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	

Q4. Many people weren't able to vote in the 2012 election for president. Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

Voted	96.9	%
I was too young to vote	2.2	
I was not registered to vote	0.8	
Did not vote (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	
Not sure (<i>disqualified</i>)	0.0	

Q5. Many people weren't able to vote in the 2014 election for Congress and other offices. Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

Voted	91.5	%
I was too young to vote	1.0	
I was not registered to vote	1.1	
Did not vote	6.4	
Not sure	0.0	

Q6. How interested are you in the November, 2016 elections for President, U.S. Congress and other state and local offices. Please rate your interest from 1 to 10, with 1 meaning that you have no interest in this election and 10 meaning that you are extremely interested. You can choose any number between 1 and 10. Enter "11" if you are not sure.

Mean	9.3
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Q7. Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Wrong track	96.5	%
Right track	3.4	
Not sure (<i>shown if skipped</i>)	0.1	

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	0.4	%
Somewhat approve	6.7	
Somewhat disapprove	20.7	
Strongly disapprove	72.2	
Not sure (<i>shown if skipped</i>)	0.0	

Approve	7.1	%
Disapprove	92.9	

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Q9. Please rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with 100 meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; 0 meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold.

You can use any number from 0 to 100. The higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you are not sure enter "101".

<i>(Names and organizations randomized within single battery)</i>		MEAN
The National Libertarian Party	<i>(Split A / n=798)</i>	87.1
The Libertarian Party in {Local state piped in}	<i>(Split B / n=765)</i>	78.6
The G.A.O., or Gun Owners of America	<i>(Split D / n=763)</i>	71.9
The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	<i>(Split C / n=800)</i>	66.6
L.E.A.P., or Law Enforcement Against Prohibition	<i>(Split E / n=786)</i>	68.3
CopBlock	<i>(Split F / n=777)</i>	51.7
Ron Paul		81.3
Gary Johnson		80.9
Rand Paul		69.2
Nicholas Sarwark		63.0
Justin Amash		62.3
Austin Petersen		61.5
John McAfee		58.2
Thomas Massie		57.4
Trickle-down economics		49.6
CEOs of large businesses		49.2
Bob Barr		47.0
Pro-life, anti-abortion groups		39.1
NAFTA, the North American Trade Agreement with Mexico, Canada and the United States		38.5
Ted Cruz		34.1
T-P-P, the proposed new trade agreement with the United States and 11 countries bordering the Pacific, also known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership		29.9
The state of the economy		27.6
Labor unions		24.9
Donald Trump		24.8
Barack Obama		16.3
The Affordable Care Act or Obamacare		11.6
Hillary Clinton		8.2



Q11. The Libertarian Party national convention is being held in from May 26-30 2016 in Orlando Florida. Will you be attending the national convention?

(multiple choice)

No <i>(exclusive)</i>	88.2	%
Yes, as a state delegate or alternate	10.0	
Yes, as a guest	1.3	
Yes, as a volunteer	0.8	
Yes, as a speaker or candidate	0.8	
Yes, as a vendor	0.2	
Not sure <i>(exclusive, shown if skipped)</i>	0.1	

Q12. Thinking about the Libertarian convention to nominate a Presidential candidate in 2016, who will you vote for:

(candidates randomized, asked only if a delegate or alternate in Q11, n=156)

Gary Johnson	60.9	%
Austin Petersen	16.7	
John McAfee	9.6	
Darryl Perry	8.3	
Marc Feldman	1.9	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped, always last)</i>	1.9	
Other <i>(shown if skipped, always last)</i>	0.6	

Q13. Turning to another election at the national convention. There will also be an election for LNC chair, who will you vote for:

(candidates randomized, asked only if a delegate or alternate in Q11, n=156)

Nicholas Sarwark	59.6	%
Mark Rutherford	14.7	
Other <i>(shown if skipped, always last)</i>	12.8	
Brett Pojunis	7.1	
Charles Peralo	5.8	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped, always last)</i>	0.0	



(Q14 Campaign priorities rotated with Q15 party priorities)

Q14. What should be the priority of Libertarian campaigns and candidates?

(choices were randomized)

Promoting Libertarian policies	48.8	%
Giving voters an additional choice	24.7	
Growing the Libertarian party	13.4	
Overcoming media bias and apathy	10.6	
Challenging Democratic policies	1.3	
Challenging Republican policies	0.8	
Not sure (shown if skipped, always last)	0.0	

Q15. And what should be the priority of the Libertarian Party?

(choices were randomized)

Promoting Libertarian policies	39.1	%
Growing the Libertarian party	29.3	
Giving voters an additional choice	16.8	
Overcoming media bias and apathy	12.8	
Challenging Democratic policies	1.5	
Challenging Republican policies	0.3	
Not sure (shown if skipped, always last)	0.1	

Q16. In 2015 the Libertarian Party redesigned its logo. Did you approve or disapprove of the new design?

Approve strongly	29.2	%
Approve somewhat	57.8	
Disapprove somewhat	9.3	
Disapprove strongly	1.9	
Not sure (shown if skipped)	1.7	

Approve	87.1	%
Disapprove	11.2	



This month, Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential debates admitted that Libertarian candidates struggle to meet the debate thresholds by not being included in polls. From The Hill:

While the CPD’s co-chairman said he can’t tell pollsters what to do, he said Johnson has a “legitimate concern if polling companies aren’t” including outside candidates who could reach viability.

“My view is they should include him,” Fahrenkopf said of future polls. “This certainly creates an obligation for some of the polling companies to look very close in including him to figure out if his [support] is real.”

Q17. Many polls are conducted by public universities which receive taxpayer funds. Knowing this, would you support or oppose legal actions to strip funding to any publicly funded organization that doesn't include Libertarian candidates?

Support strongly	60.3	%
Support somewhat	26.7	
Oppose somewhat	7.9	
Oppose strongly	5.1	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped)</i>	0.0	
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Support	87.0	%
Oppose	13.0	

Q18. Now here are some broad political issues facing the country. Using a 0-10 scale where 0 means not at all important and 10 means extremely important please indicate how important these issues are to you:

	Not at all Important										Extremely Important	Not Sure	MEAN
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Economy	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	1.9%	4.5%	11.4%	18.6%	57.8%	1.7%	9.10
Taxes	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	2.0	2.0	6.3	9.6	16.6	59.0	1.7	9.06
Foreign Policy	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.3	4.2	5.1	9.8	17.1	19.7	38.5	1.0	8.40
Criminal Justice System	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.9	6.5	7.0	12.0	18.4	18.2	32.1	0.6	8.11
Military Spending	0.9	0.8	1.9	2.0	3.1	8.2	7.9	11.6	15.7	15.4	31.4	1.1	7.83
Immigration	2.6	1.7	3.8	4.4	3.9	10.9	11.4	12.2	14.3	12	21.8	1.0	6.98
Legalizing Marijuana	5.6	2.8	3.6	3.1	2.6	9.9	9.3	12.2	13.8	12.6	23.7	0.9	6.91
Public Safety	2.8	2.9	5.1	5.4	6.2	15.5	12.4	11.0	13.6	10.3	13.4	1.4	6.34
Environment	4.5	4.7	7.0	7.9	6.1	14.8	12.5	13.4	11.0	7.2	10.2	0.6	5.71
Abortion	13.3	7.7	8.3	5.6	5.5	15.3	8.3	6.8	8.3	6.1	13.2	1.6	5.08
Gay Marriage	23.8	8.3	7.4	6.0	4.0	13.5	8.1	6.3	7.3	5.4	9.0	1.1	4.25

Turning to another topic...

Q19. How many years have you been registered as a Libertarian?

Less than 1 year	28.5	%
1-2 years	6.6	
2-3 years	6.5	
3-5 years	11.5	
5-7 years	6.9	
7-10 years	6.3	
10-15 years	6.8	
15-20 years	6.8	
More than 20 years	19.9	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped)</i>	0.1	

Q20. Have you ever (Split G donated / Split H contributed) (not including dues) or volunteered to the Libertarian Party or to a Libertarian candidate?

	donated <i>(Split G / n=764)</i>		contributed <i>(Split H / n=799)</i>	
Yes, (Split G donated / Split H contributed)	49.6	%	42.6	%
Yes, volunteered	3.1		4.4	
Yes, both	28.4		27.4	
No	18.8		25.7	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped)</i>	0.0		0.0	
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Yes	78.0	%	70.0	%

Q21. And which level did you support the Libertarian Party or a Libertarian candidate? *Select all that apply.*

(multiple choice, asked if yes to any in Q20, n=1,214)

Local or municipal	9.3	%
Statewide	24.6	
National	43.3	
All of the above <i>(exclusive)</i>	44.6	
Not sure <i>(shown if skipped, exclusive)</i>	0.0	

Q22. When was the last time you volunteered?

(asked if "volunteer" or "both" in Q20, n=495)

Within the past 3 months	45.3	%
3-6 months ago	2.8	
6-12 months ago	4.0	
1-2 years ago	9.5	
More than 2 years ago	34.1	
Not sure	4.2	

Q23. Please indicate how many hours per week do you typically spend volunteering?

(asked if within past year in Q22, n=258)

Less than 1 hour	20.2	%
1-2 hours	24.4	
2-5 hours	25.2	
5-10 hours	11.6	
10-20 hours	5.8	
20-30 hours	2.3	
30-40 hours	2.7	
More than 40 hours	0.8	
Not sure	7.0	

Q24. When was the last time you made a (Split G donation / Split H contribution)?

	donation <i>(Split G / n=596)</i>		contribution <i>(Split H / n=599)</i>	
<i>(asked if "donate/contribute" or "both" in Q20)</i>				
Within the last 3 months	54.7	%	53.7	%
3-6 months ago	12.9		11.8	
6-12 months ago	10.1		10.7	
1-2 years ago	7.4		8.9	
More than 2 years ago	9.4		9.1	
Not sure	5.5		5.7	

Q25. Please enter the whole dollar amount of (Split G donations / Split H contributions) you made in the past 12 months. If you are unsure or prefer not to say, enter 0.

	donations <i>(Split G / n=463)</i>	contributions <i>(Split H / n=426)</i>
<i>(asked if within past year in Q24)</i>		
MEAN	\$335.33	\$258.12

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GENDER

Male	88.4 %
Female	11.6

AGE

18-34	18.2 %
35-49	27.1
50-64	32.2
65+	20.2
Refused	2.3

EDUCATION

Post-graduate school	36.0 %
College graduate	35.1
Some college	23.4
High school graduate	4.0
Non-college post H.S.	1.2
1 - 11th grade	0.4
Refused	0.0

MARITAL

Married	61.7 %
Single	20.4
Separated/Divorced	9.5
Living with a partner	6.1
Widowed	2.1
Refused	0.1

CHILD PRESENT

No	69.4 %
Yes	30.5
Refused	0.1

ETHNICITY

White	87.1 %
Other	5.9
Hispanic or Latino	3.9
Native American	1.0
African-American or Black	0.6
Asian	0.4
Refused	1.0

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REGION

South – OK, TX, AR, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL, TN, KY, SC, NC, VA, WV	31.7	%
West – AK, HI, CA, WA, OR, NV, AZ, NM	24.3	
Midwest – MN, IA, MO, IL, WI, MI, IN	11.7	
Mid-Atlantic – PA, DE, NJ, NY, MD, OH	11.6	
Big Sky – UT, ID, MT, WY, CO, KS, NE, SD, ND	10.8	
New England – ME, MA, CT, RI, VT, NH	9.9	