

Committee of Seventy Election Ambassador Survey

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a student from _____ working with the Committee of Seventy to gather voters' thoughts on various election and voting reforms. Can I ask you three brief questions?

1) *Would you support allowing eligible voters to register to vote online?*

Yes:

No:

Uncertain:

Background: Twenty-one states have online voter registration with two additional states having recently passed legislation to create online registration systems. Pennsylvania does not currently offer online voter registration.

2) *Would you support allowing independent and third party voters to vote in primary elections?*

Yes:

No:

Uncertain:

Background: Pennsylvania has a *closed* primary system, only allowing registered Democrats and Republicans to vote in primary elections – and only for candidates in their party. Independent and third party voters must wait until the general election in the fall to vote for candidates. If Pennsylvania were to have *open* primaries, all voters regardless of party affiliation would be eligible to vote for candidates in the primary election.

3) *Would you support having nonpartisan elections?*

Yes:

No:

Uncertain:

Background: According to the National League of Cities, 10 of the 30 largest cities in the country conduct *partisan* elections, listing candidates on the ballot with their party affiliation (Democrat, Green, Independent, Libertarian, Republican, etc.). Philadelphia is one of them, in addition to New York City, Houston, Chicago and San Francisco. If Philadelphia were to have *nonpartisan* elections, candidates would be listed on the ballot without their party affiliation.