

# State of the Nation

How to vote (and what for)

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In running elections, states employ a variety of different procedures that serve the interests of security and enfranchisement. Would you support the adoption of the following in your state?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
<b>Absentee voting over the Internet</b>	28	52	20
<b>Election-day registration</b>	38	52	10
<b>Read from the Constitution in order to vote*</b>	40	43	17
<b>Vote by mail</b>	14	70	16
<b>Automatically register all 18-year-old citizens to vote</b>	40	46	14
<b>Require voters to present photo ID when they vote</b>	70	18	12

If you were a member of Congress, would you vote for the following?<sup>†</sup>

	Yes	No
<b>Federal assistance for the housing crisis</b>	42	37
<b>Bank bailout</b>	21	53
<b>Allow federal funds for stem cell research</b>	55	28
<b>Ban same-sex marriage</b>	42	47
<b>Expand State Children's Health Insurance Program</b>	61	24
<b>Increase minimum wage</b>	75	19
<b>Withdraw troops from Iraq</b>	49	38

All numbers expressed in percentages.

\*This was a common form of literacy testing before its prohibition by the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

<sup>†</sup>Due to non-responses, some rows do not add up to 100.

Source: October / November 2008, Cooperative Congressional Election Study, Stephen Ansolabehere, Principal Investigator.