Do Not Write Your Name on this Survey

PRACTICAL POLITICS
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PRE-INTERNSHIP SURVEY

1. Since the beginning of 9th grade, how much American government or civics course work have you completed up to now?
   a. None
   b. Less than ½ year
   c. ½ year
   d. Between ½ year and 1 year
   e. 1 year
   f. more than 1 year

2. How much do you like studying American government or civics?
   a. It is one of my favorite subjects
   b. It is interesting
   c. I like several other subjects better

3. How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what people think when it decides what to do? On a 1 to 5 scale, with 1 being “not much” and 5 being “a great deal.”

   1  2  3  4  5

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5. Have you ever worked on a political campaign before this class?
   a. Yes
   b. No

If yes, please explain:

6. Are you registered to vote?
   a. Yes
b. No
7. If you are registered to vote, are you a
   a. Democrat
   b. Republican
   c. Independent
   d. Other. Please explain:

8. How often do you vote?
   a. Every election (off-year, presidential, special elections, primary elections)
   b. Presidential and off-year federal elections (fall of even-numbered years)
   c. Only in presidential years
   d. I never vote
   e. This will be my first election eligible to vote and I
      i. Plan to vote
      ii. Do not plan to vote

9. What is your general attitude towards the Florida legislature? Please explain.

10. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how
    would you rate your satisfaction with the Florida legislature? (Circle one)

    1  2  3  4  5

11. What is your general attitude towards Florida’s Governor? Please explain.

12. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how
    would you rate your satisfaction with Florida’s Governor? (Circle one)

    1  2  3  4  5

13. What is your general attitude towards the Florida Supreme Court? Please explain.
14. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction with the Florida Supreme Court? (Circle one)

1  2  3  4  5

15. What is your general attitude towards Congress? Please explain.

16. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction with Congress? (Circle one)

1  2  3  4  5

17. What is your general attitude towards the President? Please explain.

18. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction with the President? (Circle one)

1  2  3  4  5

19. What is your general attitude towards the U.S. Supreme Court? Please explain.

20. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction with the U.S. Supreme Court? (Circle one)
21. What is your general attitude towards elected officials? Please explain.

22. What is your general attitude towards campaigns in Florida? Please explain.

23. On a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being least satisfied and 5 being most satisfied, how would you rate your satisfaction with campaigns in Florida? (Circle one)

24. Do you volunteer for a community service organization in your neighborhood?
   a. Yes
   b. No

25. Do you pay attention to activities related to local government in your town?
   a. Yes
   b. No

26. Would you say that you stay abreast of current events? Do you regularly watch the news and/or read a daily newspaper?
   a. Yes
   b. No

27. Do you think you can make a difference by becoming involved in your community?
   a. Yes
   b. No

28. Do you think you can make a difference in changing the direction of this country/state by becoming involved in the 2006 election (gubernatorial, senatorial, or state legislative races)?
   a. Yes
b. No

29. To you, what does it mean to be a “citizen”?

30. What are your expectations going in to the campaign internship this semester?

31. What do you hope to learn from your campaign internship experience?