Loyola Academy Student Election Judge Survey

About This Survey
We are conducting an important survey of students who served as election judges for the 2010 general election in Illinois. Our goal is to learn more about your experience as an election judge and to identify any problems that arose in your training or on Election Day. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses will remain completely confidential. Your responses will be used to help us understand the voting process and to inform policy makers about best practices.

Instructions
Please answer the following questions about your experience as an election judge in Illinois’ 2010 General Election.

1. Please thoughtfully respond to each question.
2. When you are finished, place the survey in the provided envelope.

First, we’d like to know your general impressions of the November 2nd Illinois General Election:

Q1. Where did you serve as an election judge?
   - 1. In a precinct in suburban Cook County
   - 2. In a precinct in the City of Chicago (for Cook County)

Q2. What was your voting status when you served as an election judge?
   - 1. I was registered to vote and voted early or by absentee ballot.
   - 2. I was registered to vote and was able to vote in my own precinct.
   - 3. I was old enough to vote but did not vote/was not registered.
   - 4. I was not old enough to vote.

Q3. Overall, how satisfied are you with your job as an election judge in the 2010 Illinois General Election?
   - 1. Very Satisfied
   - 2. Somewhat Satisfied
   - 3. Somewhat Dissatisfied
   - 4. Very Dissatisfied
The next questions ask about how and why you became an election judge.

Q4. From what course were you recruited to be an election judge?
   □ 1. Honors U.S. History
   □ 2. Advanced Placement U.S. History
   □ 3. Political Science
   □ 4. Advanced Placement Political Science

Q5. How did being an election judge fit into your coursework?
   □ 1 It was a course requirement
   □ 2 It was one option to fulfill a course requirement
   □ 3 It was extra credit
   □ 4 It was voluntary

Q6. Did you serve as an Election Judge in the 2010 Illinois Primary?
   □ 1. Yes.
   □ 2. No.

Q7. Thinking about your decision to be a election judge, please mark if each of these reasons was very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important in your decision to be a election judge. PLEASE SELECT ONE NUMBER PER LINE.

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<td>c. I wanted something to put on college and job applications.</td>
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<td>d. I thought it was my duty as a citizen.</td>
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Q8. At any time during the training and recruiting process, did you consider not working at the polls on Election Day?

- □ Yes
- □ No **SKIP TO Q9**

Q9. If you answered YES, what was the most important reason you considered NOT working at the polls on Election Day? PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE ANSWER.

- □ 1. The training wasn’t good enough
- □ 2. Concerned about operating new voting equipment / new equipment too complicated
- □ 3. Did not think I could do a good job
- □ 4. Pay was too low
- □ 5. Poor health / Illness
- □ 6. Day was too long
- □ 7. Difficulty with transportation / ride to the poll
- □ 8. Coursework for other classes
- □ 9. Other (please specify) _______________________________________________________________________

Q10. On a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being “very poor” and 10 being “excellent”, how would you rate the overall performance of your fellow election judges?

____________________ (number between 1 and 10)

Q11. How likely are you to work as a election judge in the next election?

- □ 1. Very likely
- □ 2. Somewhat likely
- □ 3. Not very likely
- □ 4. Not at all likely
- □ 5. Would like to, but might find it difficult living away at college
We would like to gather some basic information about you to help us understand the elections process better. Again, all of your answers will be kept strictly confidential.

Q12. Are you:
   - 1. Male
   - 2. Female

Q13. What year are you in school?
   - 1. Junior (High School Class of 2012)
   - 2. Senior (High School Class of 2011)

Q14. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a(n):
   - 1. Strong Democrat
   - 2. Not so strong Democrat
   - 3. Independent leaning Democrat
   - 4. Independent
   - 5. Independent leaning Republican
   - 6. Not so strong Republican
   - 7. Strong Republican
   - 8. Other (specify)__________________________
   - 9. Don’t know

Q15. Have you ever worked in a political campaign?
   - 1. Yes, during the 2010 General Election and/or Primary Election Campaign
   - 2. Yes, in 2010 and earlier campaigns
   - 3. Yes, in earlier campaigns but not in 2010
   - 4. No.

Q16. Other than volunteering in election campaigns, how many service programs—either in or outside of school—have you been involved in during the past 12 months?
   - 0. Zero
   - 1. One or two
   - 3. Three or four
Q17. How has serving an election judge affected your willingness to become more involved in the political process?

- 1. I am much more willing to become involved in the political process.
- 2. I am slightly more willing to become involved in the political process.
- 3. No change
- 4. I am slightly less willing to become involved in the political process.
- 5. I am much less willing to become involved in the political process.

Q18. After serving as an election judge, what is your opinion of the American electoral process?

- 1. I have faith that the voting results reflect the will of the voters.
- 2. I believe that the voting results sometimes reflect the will of the voters.
- 3. I have concerns that the voting results often do not reflect the will of the voters.
- 4. I am troubled that the voting results do not reflect the will of the voters.

Q19. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- 1. Just about always
- 2. Most of the time
- 3. Only some of the time

Q20. Do you have any additional comments about your experience as a election judge? Please share them in the space provided below.