

Perceptions, and Politics Assignment



Using a series of linked but anonymous surveys to see if politics is a factor in perception

BEFORE THE DEBATE (By Midnight on Tuesday, October 2)

- **1.** Play "I Side With.com" at http://www.isidewith.com/presidential-election-quiz Once it shows you your results, do NOT log off. Open a 2nd window on your browser.
- 2. In that 2nd window, Log onto "Perceptions and Politics" https://survey.stonybrook.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6LM497L
- it will ask you to register, to record for your results from "I Side With" and also ask a few questions about this presidential election.

3. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9 P.M. – 10:30 P.M., WATCH THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

LIVE IF POSSIBLE. (IF NOT, CATCH UP ONLINE)

Immediately after the debate ends, Log back onto "Perception and Politics"

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Answer the follow up questions



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4. On Friday, October 5

Log onto "Perception and Politics" one last time https://survey.stonybrook.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6LM497L Answer the final set of follow-up questions.

All answers are confidential/anonymous. You register each time you enter answers, but only to allow the software to register changes in perception over time by like-minded groups of participants.

- Your individual results cannot be viewed. The point is to conduct a realtime experiment to help us think about how political beliefs may or may not affect the ability of 900+ students to find reliable information about politics.
- Once we've crunched the data, we'll discuss it in class and if the results are interesting, we might publish a short description of the overall data and our analysis of it.