The Washington Times/CPAC 2013 Straw Poll

March 14-16, 2013
n=2,930 CPAC Registrants
Key Points about the Straw Poll

• Ballots collected from Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon
• Only registrants could vote
• 50 States and Puerto Rico represented in the balloting
Straw Poll Votes Cast

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

641 1,251 1,705 1,558 1,757 2,395 3,742 3,408 2,930
Type of Registrant

- Individual: 44%
- Associated with CPAC Participating Organization: 9%
- CPAC Participating Organization: 6%
- Student: 41%

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Q. What is your age?

Under 18: 2%
18 - 25: 52%
26 - 40: 20%
41 - 55: 13%
56 - 65: 7%
Over 65: 5%
Q. What is your gender?
Personal Core Beliefs

- My most important goal is to promote individual freedom by reducing the size and scope of government and its intrusion into the lives of its citizens.
- My most important goal is to promote traditional values by protecting traditional marriage and protecting the life of the unborn.
- My most important goal is to secure and guarantee American safety at home and abroad regardless of the cost or the size of government.

Q. Which ONE of the following comes closest to your core beliefs and ideology?
Q. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the job xxxx is doing?
Q. Which of the following methods of fixing the budget deficit would you favor MOST?
Q. As you may know, automatic spending cuts to military and domestic programs commonly known as the Sequester went into effect on March 1st because President Obama and Republicans in Congress could not agree on a plan to reduce the federal budget deficit. Which of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your view regarding spending cuts and the Sequester?

- **We should cut spending using the automatic across the board cuts to military and domestic programs that come with the Sequester even if that means cuts are made to important programs.**

- **We should cut spending but do it in a more targeted way without using the automatic across the board cuts to military and domestic programs that come with the Sequester.**

- **We should not be cutting spending right now.**

- **Other/DK/Prefer not to say**

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As the world's only superpower, the U.S. needs to continue to bear the responsibility of protecting our allies in Europe, Asia and other parts of the world.

Nearly 70 years after the end of World War II, it's time for our European, Asian and other allies to provide for their own defense.

Q. Which of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your view regarding the United States' role in the world?
Q. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. Government using drones to kill/spy on U.S. citizens living in the United States who are non-combatants but are working with the enemy?
Q. Thinking ahead to the 2016 Presidential election, who would you vote for as the next Republican nominee for President?