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Overview

Pol.is is a real-time survey system that helps identify the different ways a large group of people think about a divisive or complicated topic. Here's a basic breakdown of some terms you'll need to know in order to understand this report.

Participants: These are the people who participated in the conversation by voting and writing statements. Based on how they voted, each participant is sorted into an opinion group.

Statements: Participants may submit statements for other participants to vote on. Statements are assigned a number in the order they're submitted.

Opinion groups: Groups are made of participants who voted similarly to each other, and differently from the other groups.

This pol.is conversation was run by Chris McDonough. The topic was 'City of Mount Vernon Community Survey'.

137

people voted

84

people grouped

1,796

votes were cast

36

statements were submitted

13.11

votes per voter on average

1.46

statements per author on average

How divisive was the conversation?

Statements (here as little circles) to the left were voted on the same way—either everyone agreed or everyone disagreed. Statements to the right were divisive—participants were split between agreement and disagreement.

How to use this: Hover to see the statement text. Start on the far right to find out what the most divisive statement was.



Consensus statements

Divisive statements

STATEMENT	OVERALL	A 26	B 58
24 Mount Vernon has too much housing for people with low incomes.	39% 34% 26% (41)	35% 28% 35% (14)	40% 37% 22% (27)

Majority

Here's what most people agreed with.

60% or more of all participants voted one way or the other, regardless of whether large amounts of certain minority opinion groups voted the other way.



STATEMENT	OVERALL 84	A 26	B 58
1 The City of Mount Vernon has an obligation to make sure the animal shelter is run well.	82% 3% 13% (79)	41% 12% 45% (24)	100% 0% 0% (55)
4 On the city website, there should be a map that shows roads that have been recently paved and roads that are scheduled to be paved and when.	76% 7% 15% (69)	36% 22% 40% (22)	95% 0% 4% (47)
7 CMVNY needs to focus more on rebuilding its economic foundation through attracting business and industry to expand/strengthen the tax base.	85% 6% 7% (64)	68% 13% 18% (22)	95% 2% 2% (42)
9 We need to fix our sewer system before we even think about building more apartment buildings.	85% 4% 9% (61)	65% 10% 25% (20)	95% 2% 2% (41)
14 The Mount Vernon's Building Department continues to create negative customer experiences. This hurts tenants, homeowners, and businesses.	83% 1% 15% (53)	70% 5% 23% (17)	88% 0% 11% (36)
18 Mount Vernon should create new taxes in order to raise more revenue.	15% 76% 8% (46)	0% 66% 33% (12)	20% 79% 0% (34)
20 The city provides a lot of services to residents so the taxes we pay are fair.	2% 78% 18% (37)	10% 60% 30% (10)	0% 85% 14% (27)

Opinion Groups

Across 84 total participants, opinion groups emerged. There are two factors that define an opinion group. First, each opinion group is made up of a number of participants who tended to vote similarly on multiple statements. Second, each group of participants who voted similarly will have also voted distinctly differently from other groups.

Group A: 26 participants

Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:

STATEMENT	OVERALL 84	A 26	B 58
30 Improved quality of life begins with clean streets.	92% 3% 3% (26)	90% 0% 9% (11)	93% 6% 0% (15)

Group B: 58 participants

Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:

STATEMENT	OVERALL 84	A 26	B 58
2 The City of Mount Vernon should allocate 1% (\$410k) of the \$41m in federal ARPA funds it received to fixing the animal shelter.	62% 16% 20% (78)	0% 45% 54% (24)	90% 3% 5% (54)

12	The MV Animal Shelter has been in severe decline for over a decade. The current administration should have fixed it instead of closing it.	56% 10% 32% (55)	0% 22% 77% (18)	83% 5% 10% (37)
0	The City of Mount Vernon needs it's own animal shelter	68% 11% 19% (77)	12% 37% 50% (24)	94% 0% 5% (53)
3	The animal shelter is a good example of the City's inability to competently deliver and administer a public service to the community.	76% 13% 10% (68)	23% 42% 33% (21)	100% 0% 0% (47)
1	The City of Mount Vernon has an obligation to make sure the animal shelter is run well.	82% 3% 13% (79)	41% 12% 45% (24)	100% 0% 0% (55)

Areas of uncertainty

Across all 84 participants, there was uncertainty about the following statements. Greater than 30% of participants who saw these statements 'passed'.

Areas of uncertainty can provide avenues to educate and open dialogue with your community.

STATEMENT	OVERALL 84	A 26	B 58
13 Mt. Vernon quality of life is declining, noise pollution is out of control.	45% 11% 43% (51)	26% 20% 53% (15)	52% 8% 38% (36)
15 I believe Quality Of Life is subjective and that "out of control" noise pollution is neither responsible nor a measurement of QOL.	24% 34% 40% (49)	30% 23% 46% (13)	22% 38% 38% (36)
31 Improved quality of life begins with 24 hr. alternate side street parking.	25% 20% 55% (20)	14% 28% 57% (7)	30% 15% 53% (13)
25 Mount Vernon needs more housing for senior citizens.	40% 18% 40% (37)	41% 16% 41% (12)	40% 20% 40% (25)
34 The Administration is working diligently to repair the damage of previous decades and restore MV to economic strength, but this takes time.	27% 27% 44% (18)	50% 0% 50% (8)	10% 50% 40% (10)

Graph

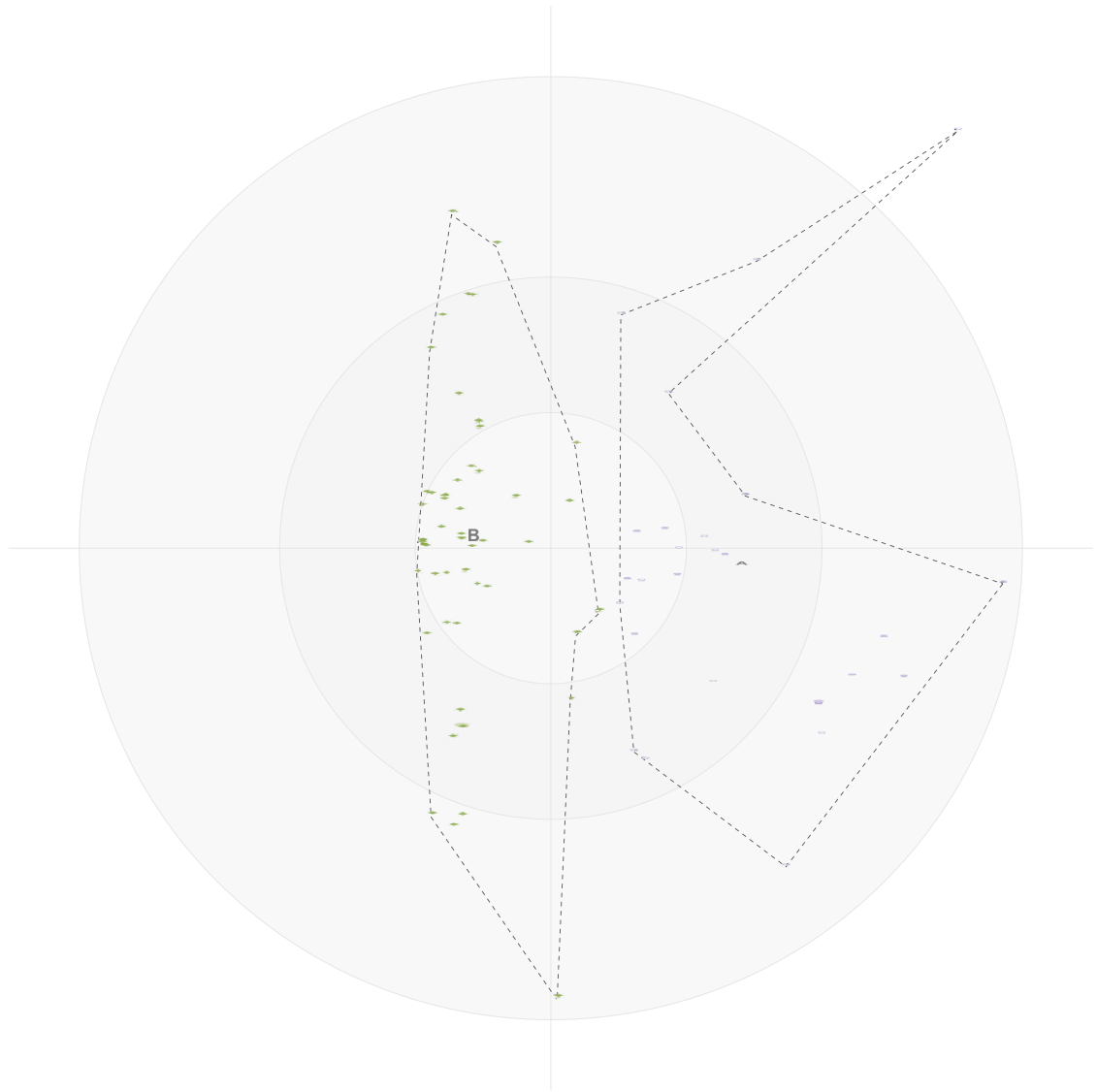
Which statements were voted on similarly? How do participants relate to each other?

In this graph, statements are positioned more closely to statements which were voted on similarly. Participants, in turn, are positioned more closely to statements on which they agreed, and further from statements on which they disagreed. This means participants who voted similarly are closer together.

- Axes
- Radial axes
- Statements
- Participants (bucketized)
- Group outline
- Group labels

Click a statement, identified by its number, to explore regions of the graph.

- A
- B



All statements

Group votes across all statements, excluding those statements which were moderated out.

Sort by: ▼

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3 The animal shelter is a good example of the City's inability to competently deliver and administer a public service to the community.	76% 13% 10% (68)	23% 42% 33% (21)	100% 0% 0% (47)
4 On the city website, there should be a map that shows roads that have been recently paved and roads that are scheduled to be paved and when.	76% 7% 15% (69)	36% 22% 40% (22)	95% 0% 4% (47)
5 Do you regularly have issues contacting the city offices during regular business hours (e.g. phones calls going to voicemail)?	61% 8% 29% (67)	33% 19% 47% (21)	73% 4% 21% (46)
6 I don't think our elected officials are being honest with us.	61% 11% 26% (26)	33% 25% 41% (12)	85% 0% 14% (14)
7 CMVNY needs to focus more on rebuilding its economic foundation through attracting business and industry to expand/strengthen the tax base.	85% 6% 7% (64)	68% 13% 18% (22)	95% 2% 2% (42)
8 The closing of the Animal Shelter is a clear example that any pretense of public involvement or transparency is just smoke and mirrors.	62% 16% 21% (61)	15% 45% 40% (20)	85% 2% 12% (41)
9 We need to fix our sewer system before we even think about building more apartment buildings.	85% 4% 9% (61)	65% 10% 25% (20)	95% 2% 2% (41)
10 The MV Animal Shelter has been in severe decline for over a decade. The current administration made the right decision by closing it.	18% 54% 27% (55)	33% 5% 61% (18)	10% 78% 10% (37)
11 The Business Development department within City Hall needs to hire staff who have solid experience with attracting diverse businesses.	80% 7% 12% (57)	52% 15% 31% (19)	94% 2% 2% (38)
12 The MV Animal Shelter has been in severe decline for over a decade. The current administration should have fixed it instead of closing it.	56% 10% 32% (55)	0% 22% 77% (18)	83% 5% 10% (37)
13 Mt. Vernon quality of life is declining, noise pollution is out of control.	45% 11% 43% (51)	26% 20% 53% (15)	52% 8% 38% (36)
14 The Mount Vernon's Building Department continues to create negative customer experiences. This hurts tenants, homeowners, and businesses.	83% 1% 15% (53)	70% 5% 23% (17)	88% 0% 11% (36)
15 I believe Quality Of Life is subjective and that "out of control" noise pollution is neither responsible nor a measurement of QOL.	24% 34% 40% (49)	30% 23% 46% (13)	22% 38% 38% (36)
16 Mount Vernon would be more dynamic and people-centered if the Public Access system were better equipped and managed.	68% 9% 22% (54)	41% 5% 52% (17)	81% 10% 8% (37)
17 If Mount Vernon had locally grown, organic farm-to-table infrastructure, its populace would be physiologically and economically healthier.	55% 11% 33% (54)	37% 12% 50% (16)	63% 10% 26% (38)
18 Mount Vernon should create new taxes in order to raise more revenue.	15% 76% 8% (46)	0% 66% 33% (12)	20% 79% 0% (34)
19 The City of Mount Vernon is run by a group of friends and family who get/give jobs based on group membership not merit.	69% 8% 21% (46)	23% 30% 46% (13)	87% 0% 12% (33)
20 The city provides a lot of services to residents so the taxes we pay are fair.	2% 78% 18% (37)	10% 60% 30% (10)	0% 85% 14% (27)
21 The New Haven Line "cut" divides the city. We need a plan to "cover the cut", redevelop our business district, and unite the city.	69% 11% 18% (43)	46% 7% 46% (13)	80% 13% 6% (30)

22	Mount Vernon's Republican Party needs a serious re-grouping and overhaul so it can become a greater presence.	64% 7% 28% (42)	30% 15% 53% (13)	79% 3% 17% (29)
23	Mount Vernon needs more housing for people with low incomes.	26% 52% 21% (38)	25% 33% 41% (12)	26% 61% 11% (26)
24	Mount Vernon has too much housing for people with low incomes.	39% 34% 26% (41)	35% 28% 35% (14)	40% 37% 22% (27)
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26	The location of MV is great. The leaders do not understand the value. Economics and safety are the first steps to a great city.	78% 7% 13% (38)	41% 16% 41% (12)	96% 3% 0% (26)
27	Corruption is endemic in Mount Vernon city government and some form of outside oversight is desperately needed.	55% 22% 22% (36)	9% 45% 45% (11)	76% 12% 12% (25)
28	Street parking in Mount Vernon is a problem.	51% 24% 24% (33)	18% 45% 36% (11)	68% 13% 18% (22)
29	Mount Vernon needs to issue more fines to people who litter and businesses that do not keep their property clean.	89% 0% 10% (28)	84% 0% 15% (13)	93% 0% 6% (15)
30	Improved quality of life begins with clean streets.	92% 3% 3% (26)	90% 0% 9% (11)	93% 6% 0% (15)
31	Improved quality of life begins with 24 hr. alternate side street parking.	25% 20% 55% (20)	14% 28% 57% (7)	30% 15% 53% (13)
32	The City Council goes along with whatever the mayor wants.	48% 16% 36% (25)	0% 40% 60% (10)	80% 0% 20% (15)
33	90% of the city's costs are for payroll and staff benefits. That's too high. To save money, the city needs to make staff cuts.	60% 28% 12% (25)	33% 44% 22% (9)	75% 18% 6% (16)
34	The Administration is working diligently to repair the damage of previous decades and restore MV to economic strength, but this takes time.	27% 27% 44% (18)	50% 0% 50% (8)	10% 50% 40% (10)

