

Mott Poll Questions



Cost of Kids

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 0-18 years old.

Q1. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. It's more expensive to have a baby than it should be.					
b. A baby's early development is important to their long-term health.					
c. People who can't afford the costs of raising a child shouldn't have children.					
d. Parents who need help should look to churches and charities, not taxpayers.					

[If parent has child age 0-3]

Q2. Have you done any of the following to deal with the cost of having a young child? *Select all that apply.*

1. Got clothes / baby equipment secondhand
2. Reduced spending on extras
3. Worked extra hours / saved up
4. Other
5. None of the above

[If parent has child age 0-3]

Q3. How would you describe your current financial situation?

1. Comfortable
2. Adequate
3. Getting by
4. Struggling

[If parent has child age 0-3]

Q4. How often do you worry about your financial situation?

1. Constantly
2. Often
3. Occasionally
4. Rarely

Q5. How much would you support programs in your state that provide the following to families with children 0-3 years?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Do not support
a. Free car seats			
b. Diapers			
c. Formula / healthy food			
d. Free / reduced tuition for childcare			
e. Paid leave for during pregnancy / newborn period			

Q6. Who do you think should qualify for state programs that provide this type of assistance?

1. Any family with a child 0-3 years
2. Only families that demonstrate financial need

[If parent only has child age 4-18]

Q7. In the past two years, have you made a financial donation to any of the following specifically to help families with young children (0-3 years)? *Select all that apply.*

1. People I know (family, neighbor, friend)
2. Local organization
3. National organization
4. Faith-based effort
5. None of the above

[If parent only has child age 4-18]

Q8. Please describe your agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Supporting families with young children is a good use of taxpayer dollars.					
b. I prefer to provide assistance to families I know personally than to strangers.					
c. I don't know which programs really provide the help young families need.					

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