



## NATIONAL POLLING DATA ON DEMOCRATIC EQUALITY FOR DC

### METHODOLOGY

Purple Insights conducted 1011 telephone interviews of voters nationwide, including 809 contacted via landline telephone and 202 contacted via mobile phone between June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The margin of error is +/-3.1% and higher for subgroups.

1. As you may know, the more than 600,000 U.S. citizens who live in Washington, DC can vote in presidential elections. However, unlike other US citizens they cannot vote in elections for members of the US Congress, and have no voting representation in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. Do you favor or oppose giving citizens who live in Washington, DC voting representation in Congress, or don't you have an opinion on this?	National Voters
Not sure/No opinion	23
<b>NET FAVOR</b>	<b>53</b>
NET OPPOSE	24
2. Currently, the United States Congress has the power to overturn any decision made by the citizens of Washington DC through referendum. Do you think Congress should or should not have the power to overturn decisions made by Washington DC's citizens?	National Voters
Not sure/No opinion	13
NET SHOULD	27
<b>NET SHOULD NOT</b>	<b>60</b>
3. To provide full Congressional representation for residents of Washington, DC, would you favor or oppose making Washington, DC a state, or don't you have an opinion about this?	National Voters
Not sure/No opinion	29
<b>NET FAVOR</b>	<b>30</b>
NET OPPOSE	41

4. Now I'm going to list some things people have said about voting representation in Congress for citizens in Washington, DC. After each, please tell me whether you think it is a very convincing reason to provide voting representation in Congress for Washington, DC voters, a somewhat convincing reason, or not convincing as a reason to provide voting representation. If you are not sure how you feel about a particular item, please say so. Showing Very Convincing over Convincing/Not Convincing	National Voters			
	Very Convincing	Somewhat Convincing	Not Convincing	Don't know
SPLIT SAMPLE: Americans living in our nation's capital fulfill all of the obligations of citizenship, including serving in the military and fighting and dying in wars. They deserve the most basic American right: representation in Congress.	57	22	13	8
More than 600,000 US citizens live in Washington, DC, and pay full federal taxes, yet do not have voting representation in Congress. This is taxation without representation, and it's wrong.	52	23	19	6
The right to vote for a person to represent you in Congress is the most fundamental element of American democracy. Denying that right to the more than 600,000 Americans living in our nation's capital is simply wrong.	48	25	19	7
Washington, DC is the only jurisdiction in the entire country where citizens can't decide how their own tax dollars are used. Instead, the US Congress has control over their budget. It's time to change that.	47	25	21	7
SPLIT SAMPLE: Americans living in our nation's capital pay full federal income taxes - and in fact pay higher federal income taxes per person than any state. They deserve the most basic American right: representation in Congress.	47	25	21	7