



Deliberative Polling®

8 Regions in Texas

Averaging across 8 Deliberative Polls in Texas, the percentage willing to pay more on their monthly bill for wind and solar energy increased from 52% to 84%. And, in 2007, the state of Texas has become the leading state in wind power in the US - back in 1996, Texas was ranked near the bottom.



Macau-SAR of China

The Government of Macau issued a public tender for public consultation on Macau's current Press and Broadcasting Laws. The Deliberative Poll led by eRS Research in Macau has submitted their deliberation results to the Macau Government and the Government is expected to revise the current laws based on the Deliberative Polling results.

POLICY

Impacts



Brazil-Rio Grande do Sul

Deliberation results on civil servants' career reform were used to draft legislation for the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Participants moved away from "years in service" as a criterion for promotion and compensation. Parts of the legislation were passed into law in 2011.



China-Zeguo Township Wenling City

The first Deliberative Poll conducted in China, held in 2005. The Township leaders, including the Party Secretary, led the efforts to conduct the Deliberative Poll. The top twelve projects from the deliberation results were submitted to the Local Peoples' Congress; thereafter these projects went into implementation. This Township has since conducted Deliberative Polls almost annually.



Italy-Regione Lazio

When the percentage that believed the Regione should "convert some of its beds into other resources that make the structures more efficient" for healthcare increased from 45% to 62% after deliberation, the state government did so, transferring the money to more efficient poly-ambulatory clinics.

USA-California

The state-wide, bipartisan-led Deliberative Poll put forth 30 possible proposals for a scientific sample of the public to deliberate. Six proposals that received overwhelming support after deliberation have now been combined into an initiative, the Government Performance and Accountability Act, that appears on the California ballot as Proposition 31 in November 2012.



Bulgaria

In 2007, a national project on policies toward the Roma showed that participants, after deliberation, increased support for Roma schools to be closed and children to be bussed to new schools (42 to 66%) and also felt less strongly about preserving Roma schools (46 to 24%). Since then, the Bulgarian government has closed all the Roma only schools.



Japan

In May 2011, a representative microcosm of the Japanese public deliberated on the future of Japan's pension system. After deliberation, participants recognized the financial implications of the current system and supported increasing the consumption tax for social security. In June 2012, the lower house in the Japanese parliament passed a bill for consumption tax hike and the upper house is expected to approve and make this into a law.



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