

Reading Comprehension Passage 18

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Recently, many government agencies have begun making data such as agency spending, visitor logs or political donations available to citizens as a way to encourage openness and transparency in government. Indeed, Americans appear to have a fairly healthy appetite for such information, as 40% of internet users took at least one of the following actions in the 12 months preceding our survey: 23% of online adults looked online to see how money from the recent stimulus package was being spent. 22% downloaded or read the text of legislation. 16% visited a website that provides access to government data, such as data.gov, recovery.gov or usaspending.gov. 14% looked for information on who contributes to the campaigns of elected officials.

At least when it comes to the federal government, these government data users tend to have more positive attitudes towards government openness and accountability. However, political ideology and partisan affiliations tend to outweigh this effect. Specifically, Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents tend to have more positive attitudes toward the federal government's openness compared with two years ago if they go online for government data. On the other hand, Republican voters tend to cast a skeptical eye toward government openness whether they get this type of data online or not.

Questions

1. The author mentions three examples for information search through the

Internet a year before this report was compiled, at least one of these are:

- 1) money for recent boost package was being spent.**
- 2) downloaded or read the text of a paper.**
- 3) visited a website that provides access to government jobs**
- 4) looked for information to see who is in charge.**

2. According to the author when it comes to the federal government:

- 1) government data users have positive attitudes about government openness.**
- 2) government data users have no attitudes about government openness.**
- 3) government data users believe government is not accountable.**
- 4) Not certain about government openness and accountability.**

3. Which of the followings could NOT be true regarding the federal government?

- 1)if they go online for data the attitudes more positive compared with two years ago.**
- 2)voters tend to cast a skeptical eye toward government openness**
- 3) Political ideology outweigh people's attitudes.**
- 4)people appear to have a fairly low appetite for government.**

4. The words "partisan and skeptical" as used by the text means:

- 1) fan - suspicious.**
- 2) hopeless - devotee.**
- 3) Follower - champion.**
- 4) doubting - fanatic.**

Answers

1 ==> 1

2 ==> 1

3 ==> 4

4 ==> 1