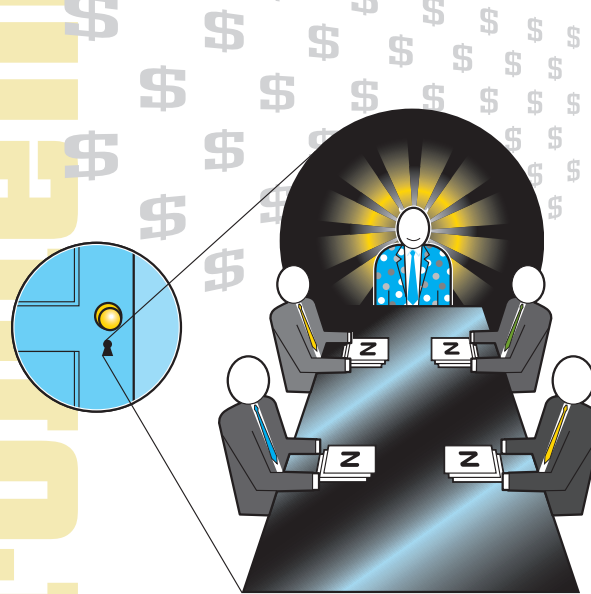


Theory

In theory, your U.S. Rep speaks for you on many moral issues. Do we go to war, or do we wage peace? Do we give health care to everybody or just to government employees? Do we grant illegal immigrants amnesty or should they pay a penalty? These are essentially moral questions, choices between right and wrong. Historically addressed by the clergy and royalty, democracy requires that they also be addressed by you and me.

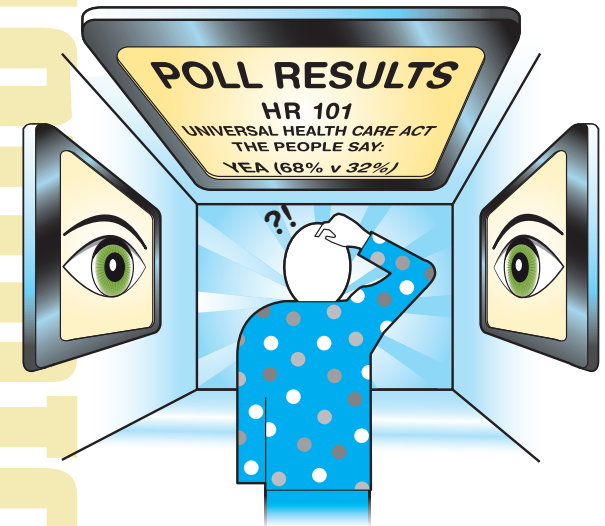
Enter our U.S. Representatives. We elect them to speak for us on these and other issues. To make the best decision, they need the best information, namely their own judgment *and* their constituents' opinions. Today, thanks to the Internet, they can easily poll all of us and publish the results.



Problem

But does your rep ever consult you? For most of us, the answer is "No." Yet, he or she is busy talking to others, just not to us. And that's the problem. Your representative—your public servant and your voice in government—speaks *for* you without ever speaking *to* you. The only people your representative consults, not counting friends of hers or his, are those who pay one way or another for the privilege, typically lobbyists who represent special interests.

Where is the voice of the people in all this? You guessed it—silent.



Solution

By requiring U.S. Reps to publish the results of district-wide polls at house.gov, we can make the will of the people visible on every House bill. Of course, we should still allow reps to vote however they want—once our will becomes visible, we can hold our reps more accountable. So, if we want government to be more responsive to the will of the people, let us do our part by making our will plainly visible.

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