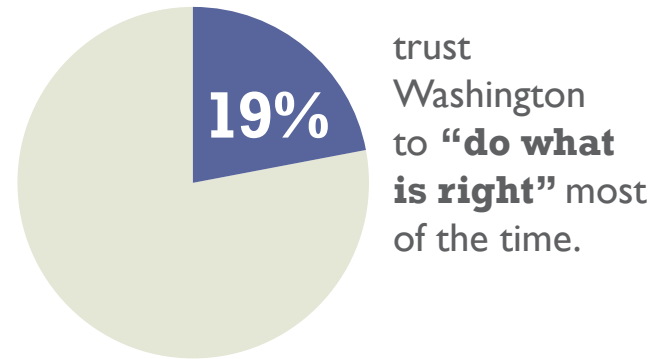
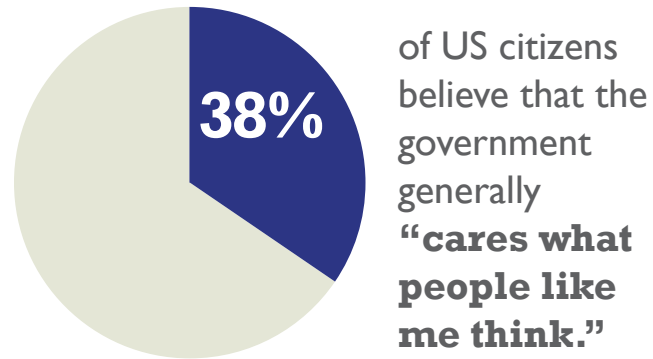
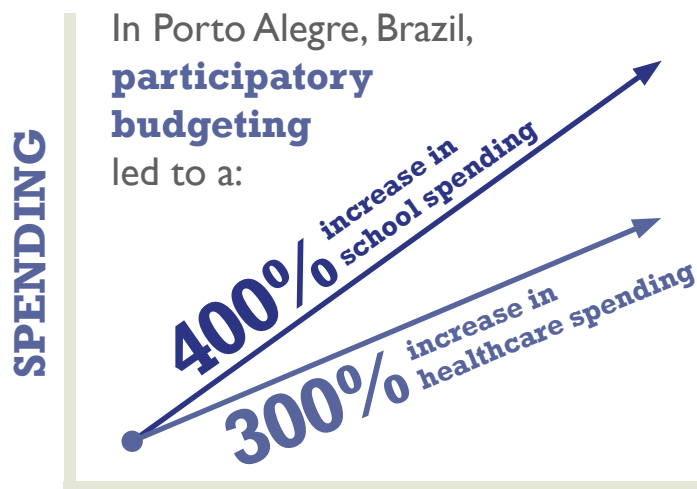


A look at the numbers...

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Participatory budgeting: One study found there is **greater transparency and more equitable spending** when citizens have a direct voice.



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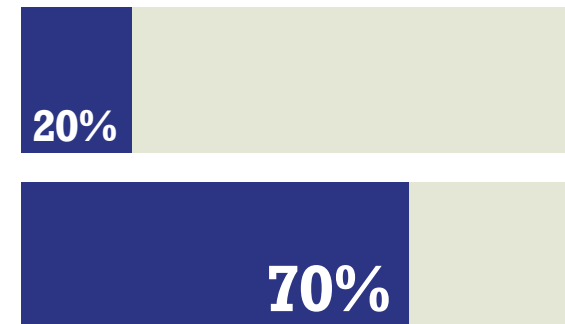
Number of New Orleans citizens who participated in a council to prepare a \$200 million rebuilding plan after Hurricane Katrina. 92% of the group supported the plan.

Training citizenship: **Citizens should do more than just vote** and can be empowered to take a more active role.

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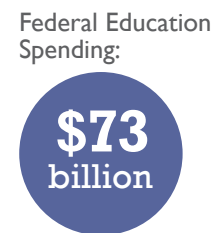
Likelihood that New Leaders principals in Chicago would oversee 20+ point gains in student proficiency scores after developing the New Leaders for New Schools program (to train highly effective principals) in 2000.

Graduates to College



In Hocking, OH, Principal George Wood gives his students more say in their education. Within a decade, the percentage of graduates going on to college climbed from 20% to 70%.

While health, education and other budgets fall short, defense **spending totaled \$690 billion** in 2010.

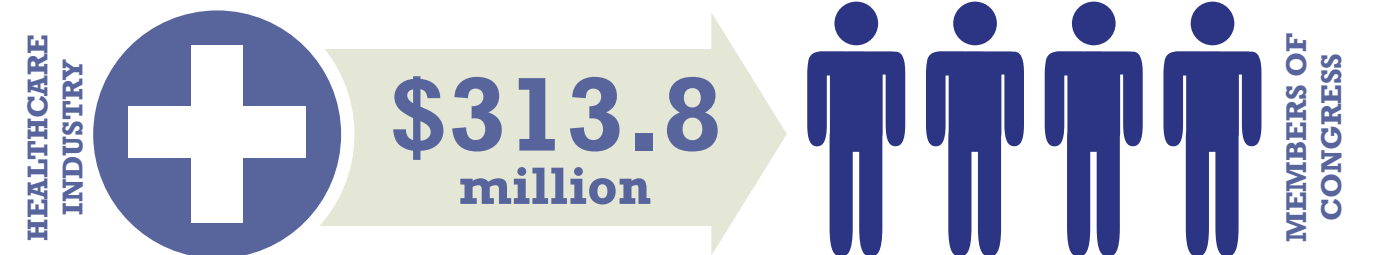


During the last presidential election cycle, elected officials solicited **\$5 billion in total campaign contributions**, an average of \$600,000 per hour.



\$300 million
 Amount Canada spent during the last presidential election cycle with spending limits and donation caps.

Between 1989 and 2009, the healthcare industry gave a total of **\$313.8 million in campaign contributions** to members of Congress.



\$100 maximum

Using Fair Elections public financing, candidates receive a 4:1 match from the state on donations of \$100 or less, but cannot accept any larger donations.

81%

Percentage of Connecticut state legislators who use the Fair Elections system voluntarily.



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