Surveys and Elections

These are flexible tools that allow you to craft your own online survey for users to respond to at their leisure. They have varying levels of security and reach which lead to a variety of pricing options.

Election Buddy (#183)  http://www.electionbuddy.com/

Tool for small-scale elections that can also be used as a poll for issues of concern. Voting is anonymous and each ballot has one secure voting key to limit each person to one vote. Pricing depends on the number of voters, and is free for less than 20 voters.

Helios Voting (#203)  https://vote.heliosvoting.org/

Free voting system featuring verifiable and anonymous voting. Users log in via Google or Facebook. Anyone can administer an election and may keep it private or open it to the public, and may also set start and end times.

All Our Ideas (#242)  http://allourideas.org/

Simple, open sourced surveying tool for determining public priorities and concerns. Users are asked an open-ended question and then choose between two options at a time to show which option is more important to them. After several rounds of choosing between answers for the same question, options are repeated in different pairings to determine the user’s priorities amongst a long list of options. Participants can also present new questions to other users. Data can be downloaded for analysis and integrated with Google Analytics.

Textizen (#247)  http://www.textizen.com/

Engagement platform that uses text messages to obtain public feedback. Simple questions can be advertised to the public inviting them to text a number to share their thoughts. Follow-up questions then obtain additional responses. The platform sends, receives, and analyzes interactive text messages. Costs range depending on how many text messages you receive.

Townhall Mobile App (#462)  http://www.townhallapp.io/

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Survey Monkey (#38)  http://www.surveymonkey.com/

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same question, options are repeated in different pairings to determine the user’s priorities amongst a long list of options. Participants can also present new questions to other users. Data can be downloaded for analysis and integrated with Google Analytics.

**Live, real-time polls for meetings**

These tools allow you to ask questions of a live audience for instant response and then display results in real-time.

**Feedbackr (#195)  [https://www.feedbackr.io/](https://www.feedbackr.io/)**

Live polling and feedback tool for use during meetings and events. The tool administers surveys or single questions to audience members, who answer via smartphones or tablets. Results are collected instantly and are displayed graphically in real time for the audience to see. This tool helps create interactive meetings that allow participants to see how their opinion matches up against others’. Data can be exported to Google Sheets for further analysis. Pricing depends on the number of participants, with unlimited options available.

**Poll Everywhere (#246)  [https://www.polleverywhere.com](https://www.polleverywhere.com)**

Text message-based, real time audience polling program for use at live events. It is similar in functionality to keypad polling, but without needing specific devices. Participants use their mobile phones. Various pricing plans are available.

**Engagement Platforms with Polling Capabilities**

These tools are comprehensive engagement platforms offering a range of services, such as project websites, maps, forums, and contact lists. Polls are one feature of these services, but cannot be used individually. Pricing reflects the wide scope of services offered.

**EngagementHQ (#279)  [http://engagementhq.com/](http://engagementhq.com/)**

All-in-one engagement platform that includes capabilities for surveys and quick polls along with a host of other engagement tools. Polls can be easily integrated into the project site or turned on and off as needed.

**Cityzen (#244)  [http://cityzenpolls.com/citizen-engagement-software/](http://cityzenpolls.com/citizen-engagement-software/)**

Interactive polling and social media management software designed for governments to create fast, attractive polls and target online outreach more effectively. Polling is one tool in the suite of tools designed to streamline public engagement. Various pricing plans are available.