

# Target customization

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The *Customization* tab under each target's settings has many fields. Changes here can wreak havoc upon your poll unit, so it's best not to change them lightly.

## Basic customizations

### In-article polling

*In Article Polling* has four options.

- *None* means that [pinning of questions](#) through the poll unit admin tool is disabled.
- *Allowed* permits the pinning of questions but does not require it. When a question is not pinned, a typical sequence of questions will be displayed.
- *Required* has been deprecated. Please do not use it.
- *Target* would make this target a [meta-target](#) and disable the pinning of questions to it.

### Custom text and URLs

The following six fields are relatively self-explanatory.

- The *NEXT* button establishes the label for the next question button in the poll unit for the two types of questions that don't auto-advance ([checkbox and matrix](#)). It is also used to progress through the poll results.
- The *SEE RESULTS* button label appears beneath a question that doesn't auto-advance.
- The *THANK YOU* text isn't seen very often, but if a respondent answers all the available questions, the "thank you" text will be displayed along with a request that they return on another day.
- The *User Site Link* is the URL of the site users will go to if they choose to continue answering questions after seeing the first group of poll results. It defaults to the [CivicScience poll site](#), but media partners may also set up a [polling hub](#) and use its address here.
- The *Privacy Policy Link* is an optional link to present your privacy policy. (The CivicScience privacy policy is always available to respondents.) It would appear in the [respondent menu](#). If you put anything in this field, you must also fill in the *Partner Name* field in the *Advanced* section.
- The *Learn More Link* can link to a page where you explain the polls. It would also be shown in the respondent menu. If you put anything in this field, you must also fill in the *Partner Name* field in the *Advanced* section.

**NEXT Button:**

**SEE RESULTS Button:**

**THANK YOU Text:**

**User Site Link:**

**Privacy Policy Link:**

**Learn More Link:**

## Size and position

The next three settings affect the poll unit's sizing and positioning. They should only be used by

someone familiar with CSS.

Each of these settings is controlled with a slider switch. Their required fields are only displayed when the settings are enabled.

## Fixed sizing

When *Fixed Sizing* is enabled, the poll unit is limited to the specified width and height. The sizes may be stated in px (pixels), % (relative to the parent element), or vw/vh (relative to viewport width/height).

Note: Normally, the poll unit changes its width and height to accommodate questions of different lengths and numbers of answer options. Using a fixed width size is inadvisable. The visitor will see a horizontal scroll bar when a question is too long for the fixed width and a vertical scroll bar when there are too many answer options for the fixed height. Either is a poor experience for the user, and there will sometimes be horizontal and vertical scroll bars.

### Sizing

Fixed Sizing

### Positioning

Positionable

### Delay <sup>?</sup>

Delayed  
Render

Width: \*

0

Unit: \*

Plea: ▾

Height: \*

0

Unit: \*

Plea: ▾

## Positioning

If *Positioning* is set to the on position, the poll unit can be moved to another spot on a web page using the [poll unit administration tool](#).

The *Position* CSS field allows you to customize the *csw-positionable* style.

The *Position Sibling NOT selector* identifies CSS selectors the poll unit should not render next to.

## Widget Sizing and Positioning

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### Position CSS: <sup>?</sup>

example: `.csw-positionable { padding:..`

### Position Sibling NOT selector: <sup>?</sup>

example: `img|.not-here-style-class`

## Delayed render

When *Delayed Render* is enabled, the poll unit will not load until the viewer is within the specified number of pixels of its position.

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Delayed Render

### Delayed Rendering Offset

(pixels): \*

0

## Advanced settings

The final set of fields is labeled *Advanced*.

- The *Hostname Override* has been deprecated and will be removed.
- The *Radio/Select Minimum* is the number of answer options that should be shown before the poll unit is switched from a radio display to a dropdown list. Leaving it blank allows the poll unit to display polls with any number of answers normally. If set to zero (0), the poll unit will always display as a dropdown list.
- The *Minimum Height (pixels)* can be set to any integer but should not be set without consultation with CivicScience.
- *Partner Name* can be left blank or set to your organization's name. If the *Privacy Policy Link* or *Learn More Link* fields above are used, the *Partner Name* must be filled in.
- *Askable Chooser Fallback Roles* should be kept to *On*. If it is turned off, respondents may run out

of questions to answer.

Advanced

Hostname Override:

www.domain-name.com ✓

Radio/Select Minimum: <sup>ⓘ</sup>

5 ✓

Minimum Height (pixels)

0 ✓

Partner Name:

Herald Bugle ✓

Askable Chooser Fallback Roles <sup>ⓘ</sup>

Askable Fallback Roles

[Reset](#) [Update Target](#)

Changes made to any field on this page are not applied until the *Update Target* button is used.

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