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## WEEKLY SURVEY QUESTION—Amazon

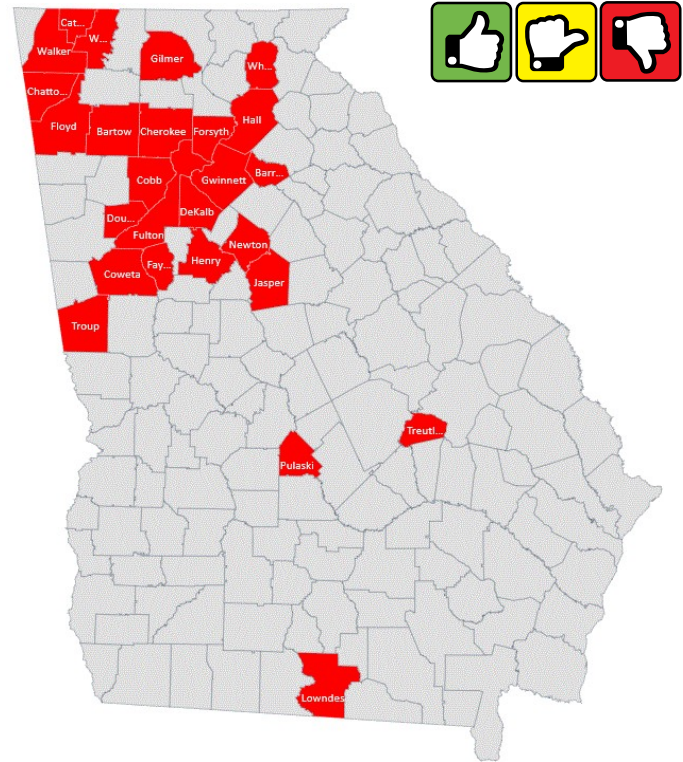
Should the state of Georgia use \$1 billion+ of taxpayer funded incentives to entice Amazon to move their headquarters to Georgia?

**25: Georgia Counties Reported**  
**0%: Voted YES**  
**0%: Voted MAYBE**  
**100%: Voted NO**

**Gov. Deal** - "I've made it very clear to our economic development team that this is a big one," said Deal. "And if we can get this one, it would be a very big coup for us." (Politically Georgia, Sep. 15, 2017)

## WHAT VOTERS THINK

- Amazon can move anytime it wants to. Will have a generations long negative effect on GA taxpayers. Will not necessarily hire native Georgians. Will have outsized negative effect on GA as a whole due to outsized political contributions. I see no benefit to offering 1B to Amazon.
- The deals being made with Amazon to "win" them over are being waged by the GA executive branch at multiple levels, moreover, there are layers of incentives being granted by multiple levels of local and state government. All of which are purposely kept secret so as not to reveal our cards to other competing states. The full breadth and depth of the costs and benefits of this deal-if won will not be known until after the deal is struck. The legislature approves the spending of taxpayer money to finance these deals. The inherent lack of transparency in spending my money is unacceptable to Georgia taxpayers and the local communities that will pay the price or benefit in a way not available to other Georgians who will be paying for it. We will survive losing this bid, but we cannot long survive corporate welfare and usurping transparency in state government.
- 1. It's poor tax policy, government shouldn't be favoring some businesses over others. 2. It's unfair to individual and small business taxpayers, who have to pay more tax in order for state to give incentives to multi-billion dollar corporations who can afford to build their own HQs 3. 50,000 new jobs will increase our already overcrowded highways and surface streets 4. Some will move from Seattle, bringing their West Coast values with them, which will make it more difficult to pass values-based legislation like RFRA. It will also accelerate the process of making Georgia a blue state 5. Amazon has a bad reputation for treating employees poorly.
- I want 100% full transparency, nothing less!!!
- It is time for Georgia legislators to put Georgian citizens first instead of corporations. No corporation should receive a welfare check from the state of Georgia. If Georgia legislators cannot woo new companies into our state without tax carve outs and gifts of taxpayer dollars, then the wrong men and women are sitting in those legislator chairs.
- This is corporate welfare and I think my tax dollars could be better spent.
- We in Cobb county are living with the increased costs of the Braves. It is foolish to bribe more companies to move here to cost the taxpayers even more. Amazon is richer than the entire state so let them pay for moving here! Their CEO is about to start his own health insurance company along with Warren Buffett and the CEO of Morgan Chase.
- What they call incentives is discrimination. When a choice few pick and choose a choice few.
- Stop wasting my tax dollars on corporate welfare!
- My thoughts would not be suitable for public consumption.



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