

2017 AP[®] STATISTICS FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2. The manager of a local fast-food restaurant is concerned about customers who ask for a water cup when placing an order but fill the cup with a soft drink from the beverage fountain instead of filling the cup with water. The manager selected a random sample of 80 customers who asked for a water cup when placing an order and found that 23 of those customers filled the cup with a soft drink from the beverage fountain.
- Construct and interpret a 95 percent confidence interval for the proportion of all customers who, having asked for a water cup when placing an order, will fill the cup with a soft drink from the beverage fountain.
 - The manager estimates that each customer who asks for a water cup but fills it with a soft drink costs the restaurant \$0.25. Suppose that in the month of June 3,000 customers ask for a water cup when placing an order. Use the confidence interval constructed in part (a) to give an interval estimate for the cost to the restaurant for the month of June from the customers who ask for a water cup but fill the cup with a soft drink.

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4. Each person in a random sample of 1,026 adults in the United States was asked the following question.

“Based on what you know about the Social Security system today, what would you like Congress and the President to do during this next year?”

The response choices and the percentages selecting them are shown below.

Completely overhaul the system	19%
Make some major changes	39%
Make some minor adjustments	30%
Leave the system the way it is now	11%
No opinion	1%

- (a) Find a 95% confidence interval for the proportion of all United States adults who would respond “Make some major changes” to the question. Give an interpretation of the confidence interval and give an interpretation of the confidence level.
- (b) An advocate for leaving the system as it is now commented, “Based on this poll, only 39% of adults in the sample responded that they want some major changes made to the system, while 41% responded that they want only minor changes or no changes at all. Therefore, we should not change the system.” Explain why this statement, while technically correct, is misleading.