Whatever, Still Most Annoying Word, You Know. Like, Seriously? Just Sayin’
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This Marist Poll Reports:

It’s that time of the year, again! It’s time for The Marist Poll to reveal the word or phrase considered to be the most annoying in casual conversation. And, for the third consecutive year, “whatever” receives the dubious honor. Nearly four in ten adults nationally -- 38% -- say “whatever” grates on their nerves the most. “Like” one in five -- 20% -- say that verbal filler is the most irritating while 19% despise “you know.” “Just sayin” gets on the nerves of 11% of the population compared with 7% who report “seriously” should be banned from casual conversation. Five percent are unsure.

Last year, 39% told the Marist Poll “whatever” is the most bothersome word in casual conversation while 28% thought “like” was the epitome of irritating. At that time, the list also included “you know what I mean” -- 15% -- “to tell you the truth” -- 10% -- and “actually” -- 5%. Three percent were unsure.
Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,026 Adults

This survey of 1,026 adults was conducted on November 8th through November 10th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ±3.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.
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