Success with ARS

How to Efficiently Train the Trainer

A how-to guide for presenters/speakers who are not familiar with EZ-VOTE Audience Response Plugin

What is Polling?

EZ-VOTE is a PowerPoint plugin (toolbar) that makes some of the slides in your slide deck interactive. Other slides remain unchanged and function the same way as always.

What do you do with it?

You can use your wireless advancer/clicker to go through the presentation just like you did before.

Instruct the audience on how to use the keypads with a few simple steps:

As soon as you come to such "question" or "ARS" slide, polling is open. This means attendees can vote with their wireless keypads.

All you have to do is pause and wait. Perhaps you can read the question to them, or even read the answers, if they may be difficult to understand.
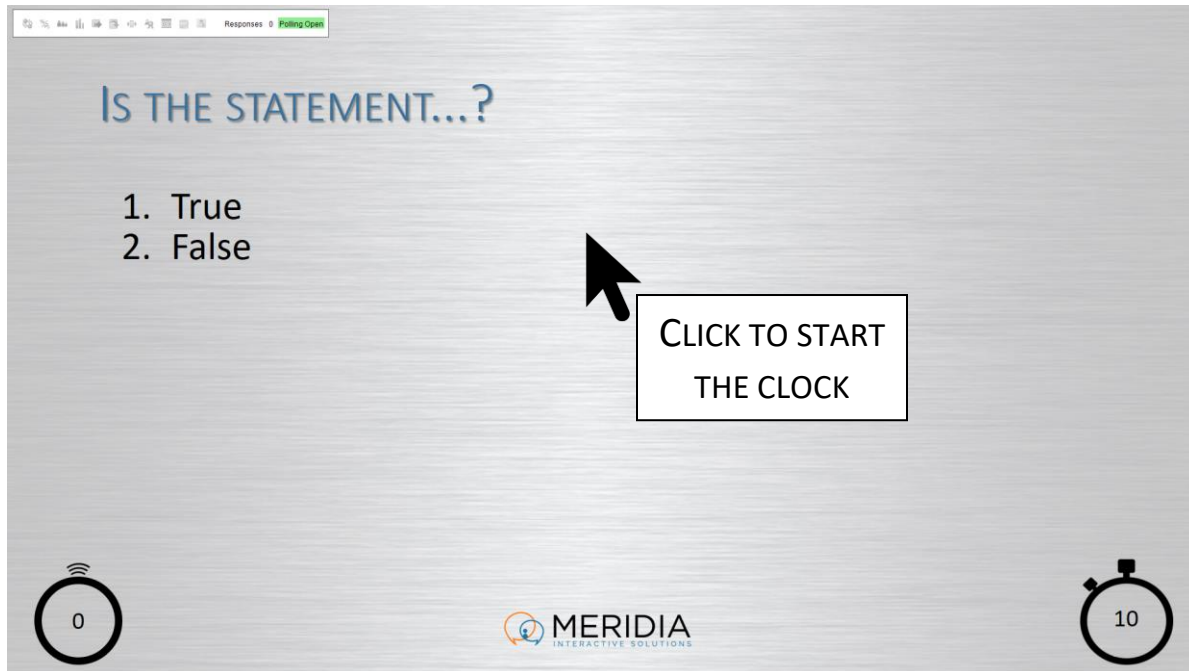
As stated on the instruction slide above, only the LAST vote counts, so users can change their vote if polling is open. However, this doesn't apply if the question allows for multi-vote – multiple votes from the same keypad.

Once you have enough votes coming in, navigate forward (click) to start the clock, or stop polling. Wait until you see the results.
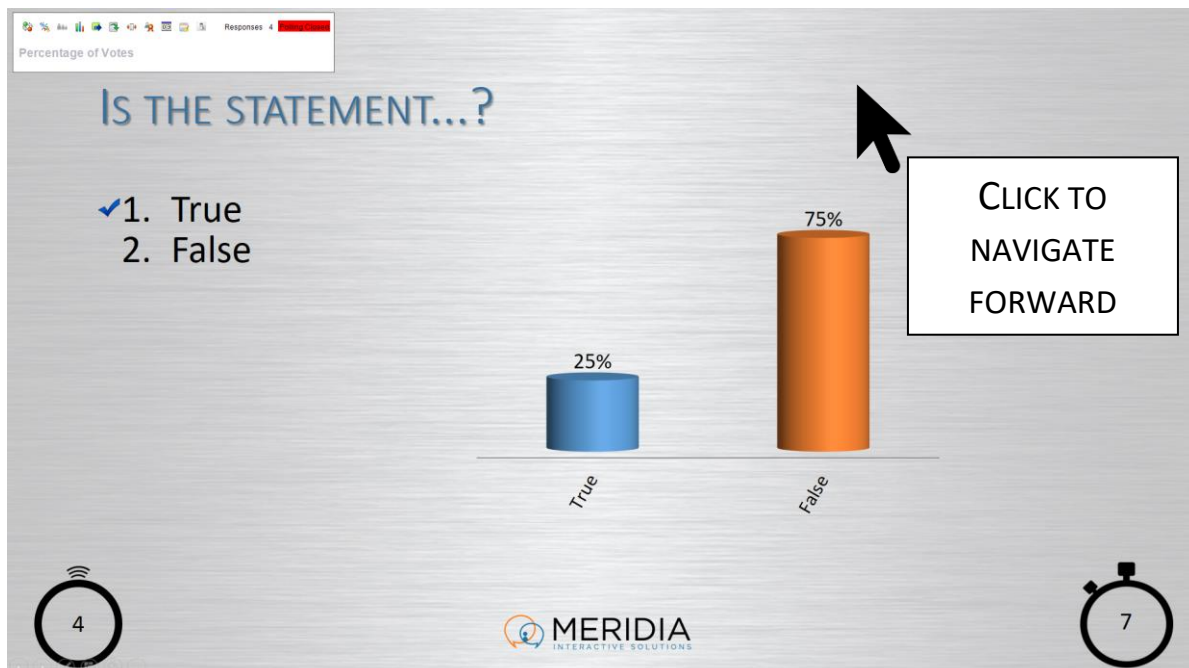
It's a good idea to discuss the results if it makes sense and then you can move on, and navigate forward (click) to go to the next slide.
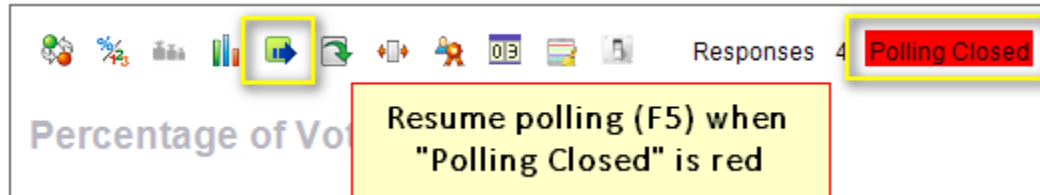
Navigation

Notice the "Polling Open" in the upper-left corner, within the Control Bar. If you see a countdown clock on the slide, navigating forward (click) will start the clock.
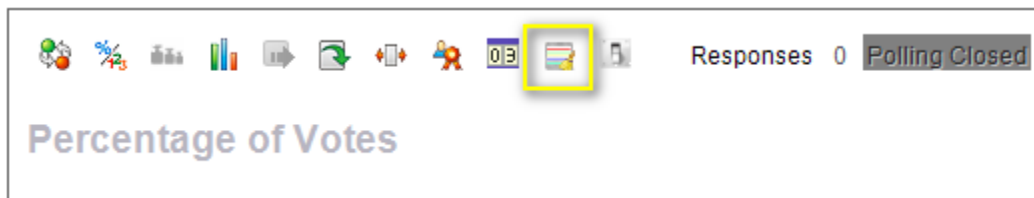

When the clock reaches zero (0), results will be show, and if this particular slide had a designated correct answer, it will be shown, as well. Notice the "Polling Closed" in red. No further votes will be registered now. Now is a good time to discuss the results and answer any follow-up questions there might be.

To reopen/resume polling, in case you need more people to vote, or if you just want to see how people's minds were changed, press F5 on the keyboard. This will only work if you are still on the same slide you just closed polling on.

Another option is to clear responses, which **DELETES** all data on the current slide.

There's a third option, in case you need to **KEEP** the data from the first poll and create a new poll to be able to compare the two (and store data from both).

First, exit out of the Presentation Mode (**press ESC**) into Design Mode and **DUPLICATE** the slide you just polled. This will create an identical copy that's ready to be polled. Press **SHIFT + F5** to start polling directly from the new slide.