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Poll: How Buffett Should Outfox Fidelity

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[Berkshire Hathaway](#) should prevent shareholders from monopolizing questions to Warren Buffett — and from asking him irrelevant and inane questions — by collecting and choosing questions in advance. That’s according to a plurality of *Ignites* poll respondents.

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Niels Holch, executive director of the [Coalition of Mutual Fund Investors](#), agrees with the *Ignites* poll’s plurality opinion that a committee should pre-screen and select questions.

“If [Buffett] feels one or more of his investors are gaming the system, it seems logical to appoint a committee to pre-screen the questions and to select the ones that would be an interest to a majority of people at the annual meeting,” Holch says.

The committee should screen out questions that are more narrowly tailored and choose ones that have a wider appeal, such as asking about Berkshire Hathaway’s strategic direction, he explains.