- 1. Zip code entry
  - The zip code field has whitespace in it when it is first selected.



Enter your zip code and we will look up your representatives for you.

- Usability heuristic: flexibility and efficiency. The zip code field does not have a fragile default. The page does place the cursor at the beginning though, which helps.
- Severity: minor
- 2. Phone number entry
  - All phone number fields are formatted consistently and look like a written phone number.



- Usability heuristic: match the real worlds, consistency and standards, external and internal consistency.
- Severity: good
- 3. Phone number entry
  - Phone number fields only allow numbers to be typed and a phone number can only be 10 digits long. This is good because it prevents mistakes, but it also limits the user's flexibility. What if my number has an extension?



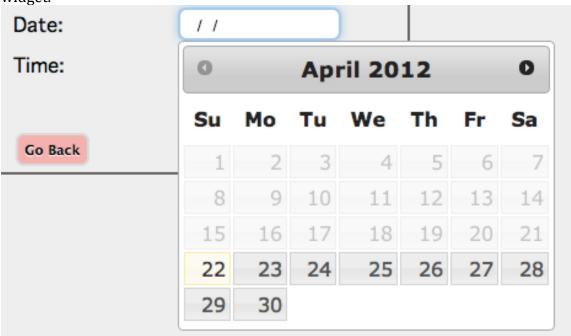
- Usability heuristics: error prevention, error reporting, user control & freedom
- Severity: good and minor
- 4. Date formatting
  - Description: Date fields have a fixed format.



- Usability heuristic: consistency and standards. Date formatting should respect locale settings.
- Severity: minor

#### 5. Date field calendar

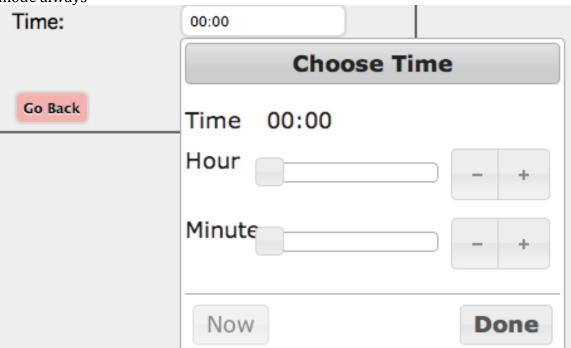
 Setting the date can be done by direct manipulation of a calendar widget.



- Usability heuristic: recognition not recall, human interface objects
- Severity: good

## 6. Time widget

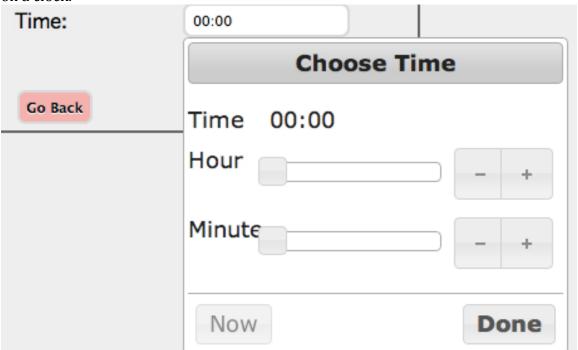
 Time display does not match user's locale. It is displayed in 24-hour mode always



- Usability heuristic: match the real world
- Severity: minor

## 7. Time widget

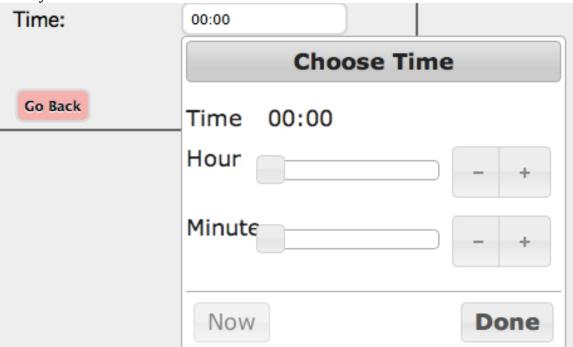
• Sliders do not provide a familiar, natural way to choose the time. This is less efficient than typing and not a metaphor of something like an alarm clock. The sliders also do not loop around like setting the time on a clock.



- Usability heuristic: affordances, efficiency
- Severity: major

## 8. Time widget

• The "set time to now" button does not look selectable because it is greyed out. Does this mean my time is set to now? Is the time actually a delay into the future?



- Usability heuristic: affordances, visibility of system status
- Severity: major

## 9. Scheduling a call errors

- If I attempt to schedule a call without filling out one of the fields, the schedule button silently fails. The schedule button always looks clickable.
- Usability heuristics: error reporting, affordances
- Severity: major

## 10. Scheduling multiple calls

- If I schedule multiple calls in the same session, the interface does not attempt to remember my number and auto-populate the phone number field
- Usability heuristics: flexibility and efficiency
- Severity: minor

## 11. Policymaker contact card

• Action buttons overlap contact info



- Usability heuristics: aesthetic & minimal design
- Severity: cosmetic

#### 12. Policymaker contact card

 Use of whitespace separates descriptive information about a policymaker from the contact information



- Usability heuristics: aesthetic & minimal design
- Severity: good

#### 13. Inconsistent use of browser history

• Clicking on "call now" from the results page pushes the call page onto the browser history. Once a call is made, that state is popped of the stack so the browser forward/back arrows look like this:

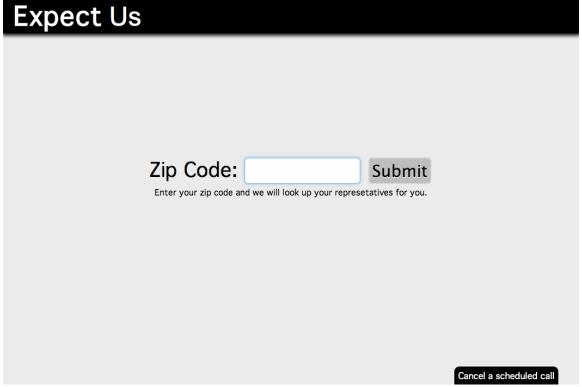


Going "back" at this point takes me back to the search page, which is where I was 4 page views ago.

- Usability heuristics: match the real world, consistency and standards, recognition not recall
- Severity: major

## 14. App self-description

• The landing page for Expect Us does no self-disclosure as to the purpose of the site. The only reason I knew what I was supposed to be doing was your wiki entries.



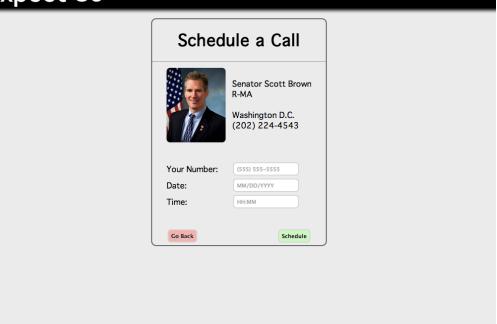
- Usability heuristics: help & documentation
- Severity: major

## 15. Navigation links are not always visible

• The ability to cancel a call is tied to which mode I happen to be in



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- Usability heuristics: internal consistency
- Severity: major