This study is being conducted by John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, Brendan Nyhan, and Susan Stokes, who are professors at Dartmouth College (Carey and Nyhan), the University of Rochester (Helmke), and Yale University (Stokes). We ask for your attention for a few minutes and we thank you for your attention and your responses. Your participation is voluntary and you may decline the survey or withdraw at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Do you consent to participate in the survey?

- Yes
- No

How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85 or older
Now we would like to ask you about your views on politics. On the next several screens you will see questions about the executive (president), legislature (Congress), and judiciary (courts), as well as about the news media and the political actions of individual citizens. The questions will ask you to evaluate how well certain principles or values of democratic government are being upheld in practice in the United States.
How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today? [Randomly display 14 of 27.]

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<th>The U.S. does not meet this standard</th>
<th>The U.S. partly meets this standard</th>
<th>The U.S. mostly meets this standard</th>
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<td>Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct</td>
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<td>Government officials do not use public office for private gain</td>
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<td>Government agencies are not used to monitor, attack, or punish political opponents</td>
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<td>All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights</td>
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<td>Government does not interfere with journalists or news organizations</td>
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<td>Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation</td>
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Government protects individuals’ right to engage in unpopular speech or expression.

Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents’ loyalty or patriotism.

Elections are free from foreign influence.

Parties and candidates are not barred due to their political beliefs and ideologies.

All adult citizens have equal opportunity to vote.

All votes have equal impact on election outcomes.

Elections are conducted, ballots counted, and winners determined without pervasive fraud or manipulation.
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<td>Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits</td>
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<td>The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power</td>
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<td>The elected branches respect judicial independence</td>
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<td>Voter participation in elections is generally high</td>
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<td>Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public</td>
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<td>Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions</td>
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<td>Citizens can make their opinions heard in open debate about policies that are under</td>
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The geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party. Even when there are disagreements about ideology or policy, political leaders generally share a common understanding of relevant facts. Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents. Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern. Government protects individuals’ right to engage in peaceful protest. Law enforcement investigations
of public
officials or
their
associates are
free from
political
influence or
interference

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On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, how would you rate the political system of the United States as of today?

United States today

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In what state do you currently reside?

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming
Puerto Rico
I do not reside in the United States

What is your gender?
Male
Female
Other
When it comes to politics, would you describe yourself as liberal, conservative, or neither liberal nor conservative?

- Very conservative
- Somewhat conservative
- Slightly conservative
- Moderate; middle of the road
- Slightly liberal
- Somewhat liberal
- Very liberal

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Something else

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If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,.. Democrat Is Selected

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- Strong Democrat
- Not very strong Democrat

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,.. Republican Is Selected

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- Strong Republican
- Not very strong Republican

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Independent Is Selected

Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... Something else Is Selected

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- Closer to the Republican Party
- Closer to the Democratic Party
- Neither
What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- Did not graduate from high school
- High school diploma or the equivalent (GED)
- Some college
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional or doctorate degree

Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Multi-racial
- Other
Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?

- Yes
- No

Generally, how interested are you in politics?

- Extremely interested
- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove

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The next set of questions helps us learn what types of information are commonly known to the public. Please answer these questions on your own without asking anyone or looking up the answers. Many people don’t know the answers to these questions, but we’d be grateful if you would please answer every question even if you’re not sure what the right answer is.

It is important to us that you do NOT use outside sources like the Internet to search for the correct answer. Will you answer the following questions without help from outside sources?

- Yes
- No

For how many years is a United States Senator elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?

- Two years
- Four years
- Six years
- Eight years
- None of these
- Don’t know
How many times can an individual be elected President of the United States under current laws?

- Once
- Twice
- Four times
- Unlimited number of terms
- Don't know

How many U.S. Senators are there from each state?

- One
- Two
- Four
- Depends on which state
- Don't know
Who is currently the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

- Richard Branson
- Nick Clegg
- David Cameron
- Theresa May
- Margaret Thatcher
- Don’t know

For how many years is a member of the United States House of Representatives elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. House member?

- Two years
- Four years
- Six years
- Eight years
- For life
- Don’t know

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It is essential for the validity of this study that we know whether participants looked up any information online during the study. Did you make an effort to look up information during the
study? Please be honest; you will still be paid and you will not be penalized in any way if you did.

- Yes, I looked up information
- No, I did not look up information
Do you have any comments on the survey? Please let us know about any problems you had or aspects of the survey that were confusing.

[textbox]

Thank you for answering these questions. This research is not intended to support or oppose any political candidate or office. The research has no affiliation with any political candidate or campaign and has received no financial support from any political candidate or campaign. Should you have any questions about this study, please contact Prof. Brendan Nyhan at brendan.j.nyhan@dartmouth.edu.

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