

BLW Wave 8 Standard - Experts (March 2019)

Start of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent



Q1.1 Thank you for participating in the Bright Line Watch survey of political scientists. The purpose of this survey is to measure expert opinions about the state of American democracy.

Your responses will be anonymous. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or withdraw from the study at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers, and all of the information we collect will be stored securely. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Please contact the Social & Behavioral Sciences IRB at the University of Chicago with any questions or concerns (by phone at 773-834-7835 or by email at sbs-irb@uchicago.edu).

If you have any questions or comments about this survey, or if you would like to be removed from the mailing list for future surveys, please email survey@brightlinewatch.org.

- I agree to continue. (1)
- I do not agree to continue. (2)

End of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent

Start of Block: Section 2: State



Q2.1 In which state is the academic institution where you work located?

- Alabama (1)
- Alaska (2)
- Arizona (3)
- Arkansas (4)
- California (5)
- Colorado (6)
- Connecticut (7)
- Delaware (8)
- District of Columbia (9)
- Florida (10)
- Georgia (11)
- Hawaii (12)
- Idaho (13)
- Illinois (14)
- Indiana (15)
- Iowa (16)
- Kansas (17)
- Kentucky (18)
- Louisiana (19)
- Maine (20)
- Maryland (21)

- Massachusetts (22)
- Michigan (23)
- Minnesota (24)
- Mississippi (25)
- Missouri (26)
- Montana (27)
- Nebraska (28)
- Nevada (29)
- New Hampshire (30)
- New Jersey (31)
- New Mexico (32)
- New York (33)
- North Carolina (34)
- North Dakota (35)
- Ohio (36)
- Oklahoma (37)
- Oregon (38)
- Pennsylvania (39)
- Rhode Island (40)
- South Carolina (41)
- South Dakota (42)

- Tennessee (43)
- Texas (44)
- Utah (45)
- Vermont (46)
- Virginia (47)
- Washington (48)
- West Virginia (49)
- Wisconsin (50)
- Wyoming (51)
- Outside the United States (52)

End of Block: Section 2: State

Start of Block: Section 3: Importance and Performance

Q3.1 Timing

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Q3.2 On the next several screens you will see a series of statements related to democratic government.

The questions will ask you to evaluate the importance of certain principles or values to democracy in general, and how well those principles or values are being upheld in practice in the United States. Fourteen statements have been randomly selected from a set of twenty-seven statements (the full list will be available at the end of the survey).

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Q3.3 Timing
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Q3.4 How important are these characteristics for democratic government?

| | Not relevant This has no impact on democracy (1) | Beneficial This enhances democracy, but is not required for democracy (2) | Important If this is absent, democracy is compromised (3) | Essential A country cannot be considered democratic without this (4) |
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| Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (1) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government officials do not use public office for private gain (2) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government agencies are not used to monitor, attack, or punish political opponents (3) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (4) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government does not interfere with journalists or news organizations (5) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation (6) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (7)

Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents' loyalty or patriotism (8)

Elections are free from foreign influence (9)

Parties and candidates are not barred due to their political beliefs and ideologies (10)

All adult citizens have equal opportunity to vote (11)

All votes have equal impact on election outcomes (12)

Elections are conducted, ballots counted, and winners determined without pervasive fraud or manipulation (13)

Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits (14)

The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power (15)

The judiciary is able to effectively limit executive power (16)

The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)

Voter participation in elections is generally high (18)

Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public (19)

Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions (20)

Citizens can make their opinions heard in open debate about policies that are under consideration (21)

The geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party (22)

Even when there are disagreements about ideology or policy, political leaders generally share a common understanding of relevant facts (23)

Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents (24)

Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern (25)

Government protects individuals' right to engage in peaceful protest (26)

Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference (27)



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Q3.5 Timing
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Carry Forward Selected Choices from "How important are these characteristics for democratic government?"



Q3.6 How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?

| | The U.S. does not meet this standard (1) | The U.S. partly meets this standard (2) | The U.S. mostly meets this standard (3) | The U.S. fully meets this standard (4) | Not sure (5) |
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| Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (x1) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government officials do not use public office for private gain (x2) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government agencies are not used to monitor, attack, or punish political opponents (x3) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (x4) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government does not interfere with journalists or news organizations (x5) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation (x6)

Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (x7)

Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents' loyalty or patriotism (x8)

Elections are free from foreign influence (x9)

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End of Block: Section 3: Importance and Performance

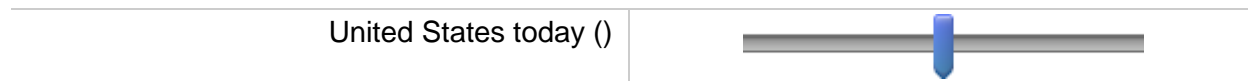
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- Q4.1 Timing
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Q4.2

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?

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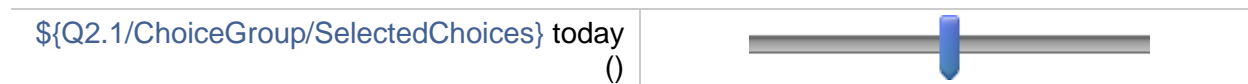
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Start of Block: Section 5: State evaluation and importance of democratic governance

Q5.1 Now using the same 0 to 100 scale, how would you rate the political system of [\\${Q2.1/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}](#)?

You rated the political system of the United States today as [\\${Q4.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}](#).

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100



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Q5.2 How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On this scale where 1 means it is “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important,” what position would you choose?

- Not at all important1 (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 (7)
- 8 (8)
- 9 (9)
- Absolutely important10 (10)

End of Block: Section 5: State evaluation and importance of democratic governance

Start of Block: Section 6: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery introduction

Q6.1 Timing

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Q6.2 On the following screens you will see a list of 10 events that have taken place since January 2017 (randomly selected from a list of 27 events; the full list will be available at the end of the survey). We ask that you please rate these events using the following two scales.

Normal or Abnormal, where 1 is business as usual for a presidential administration, like vetoing a bill or appointing a cabinet, and 5 is highly unusual for American democracy, like Iran-Contra

or ordering newspapers to halt the publication of the Pentagon Papers.

Unimportant or Important, where 1 has limited or no consequences for the federal government, like the first family's pets or the menu for a state dinner, and 5 creates a significant or lasting change, like the establishment of Social Security or the Voting Rights Act.

We also welcome any comments you may have that explain your evaluation.

End of Block: Section 6: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery introduction

Start of Block: Section 7a: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q7.1 Timing

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Q7.2

Sean Spicer exaggerating the crowd size at President Trump's inauguration.

Q7.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q7.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q7.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7a: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7b: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q8.1 Timing
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Q8.2 *President Trump leaving the position of director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy vacant for 19 months.*

Q8.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q8.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q8.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7b: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7c: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q9.1 Timing
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Q9.2 *President Trump and his aides discussing highly sensitive papers in public at Mar-a-Lago.*

Q9.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q9.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q9.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7c: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7d: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q10.1 Timing

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Q10.2

President Trump presiding over the longest government shutdown ever.

Q10.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q10.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q10.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7d: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7e: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q11.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
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 - Page Submit (3)
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Q11.2
President Trump saying the Soviets were justified in invading Afghanistan in 1979.

Q11.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q11.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q11.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7e: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7f: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q12.1 Timing

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Q12.2

President Trump attempting to revoke the press credentials of CNN's Jim Acosta and deny him access to White House.

Q12.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q12.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q12.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7f: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7g: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q13.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
 - Last Click (2)
 - Page Submit (3)
 - Click Count (4)
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Q13.2
President Trump tweeting that he has the absolute right to pardon himself.

Q13.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q13.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q13.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7g: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7h: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q14.1 Timing
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Q14.2
President Trump publicly criticizing NFL athletes who took a knee during the national anthem on live television to protest the treatment of people of color by police and the criminal justice system.

Q14.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q14.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q14.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7h: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7i: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q15.1 Timing
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Q15.2
President Trump refusing to release his tax returns.

Q15.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q15.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q15.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7i: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7j: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q16.1 Timing
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Q16.2
President Trump defending participants in a white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville, VA, saying there were "very fine people on both sides."

Q16.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q16.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)

Q16.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7j: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7k: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q17.1 Timing
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Q17.2
Attorney General Jeff Sessions resigning at the request of President Trump.

Q17.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q17.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q17.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7k: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7l: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q18.1 Timing
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Q18.2
President Trump visiting California to tour the devastation caused by wildfires.

Q18.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q18.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q18.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7l: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7m: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q19.1 Timing

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Q19.2

President Trump calling Saudi Arabia an ally in the wake of Jamal Khashoggi's murder.

Q19.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q19.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
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- Important (5)

Q19.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7m: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7n: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q20.1 Timing
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Q20.2
President Trump retweeting an image calling for his political opponents to be imprisoned for treason.

Q20.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q20.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q20.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q21.1 Timing

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Q21.2

President Trump canceling a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin over Moscow's capture of Ukrainian ships and sailors.

Q21.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q21.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)

Q21.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7o: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7p: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q22.1 Timing
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 - Click Count (4)

Q22.2
President Trump signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) along with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.

Q22.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q22.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
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 - Important (5)
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Q22.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7p: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7q: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q23.1 Timing

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Q23.2

Michael Cohen pleading guilty to lying to Congress in relation to the Mueller Russian investigation.

Q23.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q23.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q23.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7q: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7r: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q24.1 Timing
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Q24.2
President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump attending the funeral of former president George H.W. Bush.

Q24.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q24.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
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 - Important (5)
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Q24.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7r: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7s: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q25.1 Timing

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Q25.2

President Trump announcing that US troops will be returned from Syria without consulting with his aides, officials, or allies.

Q25.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q25.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
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 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q25.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7s: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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- Q26.1 Timing
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Q26.2

President Trump taking calls in the White House for the NORAD Santa Tracker and questioning a seven-year-old's belief in Santa.

Q26.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q26.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
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 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q26.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7t: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7u: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q27.1 Timing
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Q27.2
James Mattis resigning as the Secretary of Defense.

Q27.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q27.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q27.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7u: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q28.1 Timing
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Q28.2
President Trump postponing Nancy Pelosi's planned trips to Brussels, Egypt, and Afghanistan by withdrawing permission for the Speaker of the House to use US military aircraft.

Q28.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q28.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q28.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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Q29.1 Timing
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Q29.2
President Trump deploying thousands of troops to the southern US border as midterm elections approach.

Q29.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q29.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q29.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q30.1 Timing

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Q30.2

President Trump calling the press an “enemy of the people.”

Q30.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q30.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q30.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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- Q31.1 Timing
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Q31.2 *President Trump declaring a national emergency to secure funding for his border wall.*

Q31.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q31.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q31.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7y: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7z: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q32.1 Timing
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Q32.2 *Nancy Pelosi uninviting President Trump from delivering his State of the Union in Congress until the government shutdown is over.*

Q32.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q32.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q32.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 7z: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 7aa: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q33.1 Timing

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Q33.2 *The Supreme Court ruling that the Trump administration is allowed to limit military service by transgender people.*

Q33.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
-

Q33.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q33.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 8: Occupation

- Q34.1 Timing
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Q34.2 *Finally, we have just a few questions about you.*

Q34.3 Which of the following best describes your occupation?

- Graduate student (1)
- Post-doctoral fellow (2)
- Adjunct faculty (3)
- Full-time faculty (4)
- Emeritus faculty (5)
- Other (6)

End of Block: Section 8: Occupation

Start of Block: Section 9: Field of study

Q35.1 Timing

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Q35.2 What is your primary field of study?

- American politics (1)
 - Comparative politics (2)
 - International relations (3)
 - Political theory (4)
 - Another field of political science (5)
 - Something other than political science (6)
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Q35.3 What is your specific area of study?

End of Block: Section 9: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 10: Comments

Q36.1 Timing
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Q36.2 Do you have any comments about this survey?

End of Block: Section 10: Comments
