

BLW wave 11 experts

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: Importance and Performance

Q2.1 Timing
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Q2.2 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 28 (the full list will be available at the end of the survey). Please click the arrow to continue to the next screen.

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Q2.4 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)
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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)

Government statistics and data are produced by experts who are not influenced by political considerations.

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Q2.5 Timing
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Carry Forward Selected Choices from "How important are these characteristics for democratic government?"



Q2.6 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)
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(x6) Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (x7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents' loyalty or patriotism (x8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elections are free from foreign influence (x9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parties and candidates are not barred due to their political beliefs and ideologies (x10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All adult citizens have equal opportunity to vote (x11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All votes have equal impact on election outcomes (x12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elections are conducted, ballots counted, and winners determined without pervasive fraud or	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

manipulation (x13)					
Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits (x14)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power (x15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The judiciary is able to effectively limit executive power (x16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The elected branches respect judicial independence (x17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voter participation in elections is generally high (x18)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public (x19)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions (x20)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizens can make their opinions heard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

in open debate about policies that are under consideration (x21)

The geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party (x22)

Even when there are disagreements about ideology or policy, political leaders generally share a common understanding of relevant facts (x23)

Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents (x24)

Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern (x25)

Government protects individuals' right to engage

in peaceful protest (x26)

Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference (x27)

Government statistics and data are produced by experts who are not influenced by political considerations. (x28)

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Start of Block: Section 3: Overall evaluation

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Q3.2

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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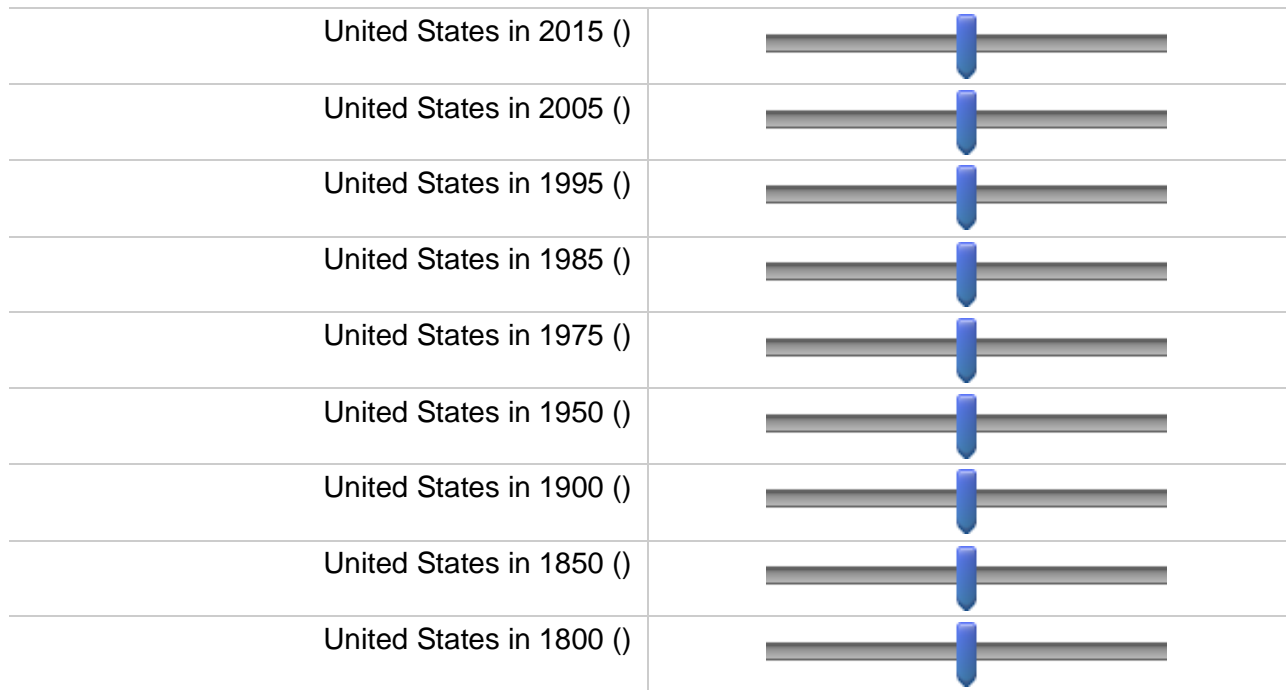
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Q158

Now using the same 0 to 100 scale, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, how would you rate the political system of the United States over time? You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{Q3.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100



Q162 Timing

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Q159

In previous questions about the political system of the United States, using a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, you gave the following ratings:

-United States in 2015: $\{Q158/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

-United States today: $\{Q3.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

Please briefly explain why you chose these ratings.

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End of Block: Section 3: Overall evaluation

Start of Block: Section 4: State



Q4.1 Now we'd like to ask you a question about democracy in your state. In which state is the academic institution where you work located? This information will not be used to identify you.

- 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 4: State

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

Q5.1 Now using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, how would you rate the political system of $\{Q4.1/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$?

You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{Q3.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

$\{Q4.1/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ today
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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 recent events that have taken place since our last expert survey (randomly selected from a list of 24 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.

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

Q7.1 Timing
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Q7.2 *President Trump deploys federal law enforcement officers to Portland, Oregon and other cities.*

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).

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Q8.1 Timing

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Q8.2 *President Trump commutes the sentence of Roger Stone, who was convicted of seven felonies for obstructing a congressional investigation into Mr. Trump's 2016 campaign.*

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).

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- Q9.1 Timing
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Q9.2 *President Trump threatens to withhold funds from Michigan and Nevada for their use of mail-in ballots in primaries during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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).

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Q10.1 Timing
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Q10.2

President Trump fires Inspector General Michael Atkinson months after Atkinson raised concerns that eventually led to Trump's impeachment in the House.

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).

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Q11.1 Timing

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Q11.2

The Justice Department moves to drop charges against former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn after he had already pled guilty to them in court.

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).

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Q12.1 Timing

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Q12.2

President Trump retweets a video of a supporter yelling "white power."

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).

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Q13.1 Timing
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Q13.2
The Trump administration blocks the promotion of impeachment witness Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, leading him to resign from the Army.

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).

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Q14.1 Timing

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Q14.2

Law enforcement officers use chemical irritants against protestors outside the White House, clearing a path for President Trump to take a photo outside St. John's Church.

Q14.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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).

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- Q15.1 Timing
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Q15.2

President Trump posts a tweet decrying protests against police violence in Minneapolis that includes the phrase "when the looting starts, the shooting starts."

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).

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

Q16.1 Timing
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Q16.2
President Trump declares that the United States will formally withdraw from the World Health Organization.

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

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

Q17.1 Timing

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Q17.2

President Trump encourages far-right political groups to protest social distancing restrictions and calls on states to lift restrictions.

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).

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Q18.1 Timing

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Q18.2

President Trump threatens to "regulate" or "close" down social media platforms after Twitter added a fact-check to one of his tweets.

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).

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

Q19.1 Timing
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Q19.2 *President Trump temporarily suspends all immigration to the United States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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

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Q20.1 Timing

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Q20.2

President Trump holds an indoor campaign rally in Tulsa against advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and requires attendees to sign a legal release.

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 promotes Goya food products from the Oval Office.

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

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Q22.1 Timing

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Q22.2

The captain of the USS Theodore Roosevelt is relieved of command for going outside the chain of command after an outbreak of the novel coronavirus on board.

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).

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- Q23.1 Timing
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Q23.2
President Trump repeatedly mentions his performance on a cognitive test.

Q23.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q23.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q23.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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Q24.1 Timing
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Q24.2
President Trump issues a tweet threatening the tax status of educational institutions who engage in "indoctrination."

Q24.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q24.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - 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 accuses former President Barack Obama of treason.

Q25.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q25.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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 *The House and Senate approve and President Trump signs the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).*

Q26.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q26.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - 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
The Trump administration releases plan to freeze anti-pollution and fuel-efficiency standards for cars.

Q27.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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

The Trump administration attempts to bar visas to all international students whose classes have gone online.

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

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

- Q29.1 Timing
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Q29.2 *President Trump gives a Fourth of July speech at Mount Rushmore.*

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).

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

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

Q30.1 Timing
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Q30.2
President Trump holds a joint press conference with Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador at the White House.

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)
-

Q30.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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
