

BLW wave 12 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: 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 how well various democratic principles or values are being upheld in practice in the United States. Nine statements have been randomly selected from a set of 30 (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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Q2.5 Timing
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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) |
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| Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (1) | <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 (2) | <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 (3) | <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 (4) | <input type="radio"/> | <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"/> | <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"/> | <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)

Government statistics and data are produced by experts who are not influenced by political considerations. (28)

The law is enforced equally for all persons. (29)

Incumbent politicians who lose elections publicly concede defeat. (30)

End of Block: Section 2: Performance

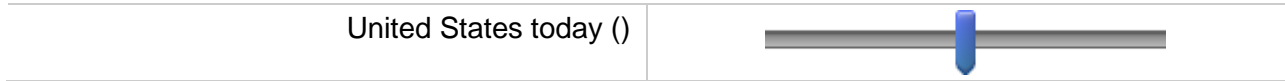
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Q3.2

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?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100



End of Block: Section 3: Overall Evaluation

Start of Block: Section 4: State

Q4.timer Timing

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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)
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- Maryland (21)
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- 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 evaluations

Q5.0 Timing

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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}](#).

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Q5.2 Next, still thinking about the performance of democracy at the state level, we'd like please name the states where, in your opinion, the quality of state-level democracy is highest and lowest. You can name up to two high-performing states and two low-performing states. Select the name of each state.

Highest:

Alabama (1)

Alaska (4)

Arizona (5)

Arkansas (6)

California (7)

Colorado (8)

Connecticut (9)

Delaware (10)

Florida (12)

Georgia (13)

Hawaii (14)

Idaho (15)

Illinois (16)

Indiana (17)

- Iowa (18)
- Kansas (19)
- Kentucky (20)
- Louisiana (21)
- Maine (22)
- Maryland (23)
- Massachusetts (24)
- Michigan (25)
- Minnesota (26)
- Mississippi (27)
- Missouri (28)
- Montana (29)
- Nebraska (30)
- Nevada (31)
- New Hampshire (32)
- New Jersey (33)
- New Mexico (34)

- New York (35)
- North Carolina (36)
- North Dakota (37)
- Ohio (38)
- Oklahoma (39)
- Oregon (40)
- Pennsylvania (41)
- Rhode Island (42)
- South Carolina (43)
- South Dakota (44)
- Tennessee (45)
- Texas (46)
- Utah (47)
- Vermont (48)
- Virginia (49)
- Washington (50)
- West Virginia (51)

Wisconsin (52)

Wyoming (53)



Q5.4 Lowest:

Alabama (1)

Alaska (4)

Arizona (5)

Arkansas (6)

California (7)

Colorado (8)

Connecticut (9)

Delaware (10)

District of Columbia (11)

Florida (12)

Georgia (13)

Hawaii (14)

Idaho (15)

Illinois (16)

Indiana (17)

Iowa (18)

Kansas (19)

- Kentucky (20)
- Louisiana (21)
- Maine (22)
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- Missouri (28)
- Montana (29)
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- New Hampshire (32)
- New Jersey (33)
- New Mexico (34)
- New York (35)
- North Carolina (36)

North Dakota (37)

Ohio (38)

Oklahoma (39)

Oregon (40)

Pennsylvania (41)

Rhode Island (42)

South Carolina (43)

South Dakota (44)

Tennessee (45)

Texas (46)

Utah (47)

Vermont (48)

Virginia (49)

Washington (50)

West Virginia (51)

Wisconsin (52)

Wyoming (53)























Carry Forward Selected Choices from "Next, still thinking about the performance of democracy at the state level, we'd like please name the states where, in your opinion, the quality of state-level democracy is highest and lowest. You can name up to two high-performing states and two low-performing states. Select the name of each state.Highest:"









Q5.2.a You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{Q3.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ and $\{Q4.1/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as $\{Q5.1/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

You selected $\{Q5.2/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as (a) high-performing state(s). Using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, rate the performance of democracy in each one.

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| Wisconsin () |  |
| Wyoming () |  |

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Carry Forward Selected Choices from "Lowest:"

























Q5.4.a








You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{Q3.2/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ and $\{Q4.1/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as $\{Q5.1/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

You selected $\{Q5.4/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as (a) low-performing state(s). Using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, rate the performance of democracy in each one.

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| West Virginia () |  |
| Wisconsin () |  |
| Wyoming () |  |

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Q5.6

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 evaluations

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 8 recent events that have taken place since our last expert survey (randomly selected from a list of 30 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 *Trump repeatedly interrupts Joe Biden at first presidential debate.*

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 *Trump says far-right Proud Boys group should "stand back and stand by" after being asked if he will disavow white supremacists.*

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)

Q8.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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- Q9.1 Timing
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Q9.2 *Trump says the election might be "fraudulent" during the first presidential debate.*

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 *The Justice Department intervenes on Trump's behalf in E. Jean Carroll defamation lawsuit.*

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

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Q11.2

President Trump accepts renomination in front of the White House.

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 claims the election will be "totally rigged" if mail-in ballots are allowed.*

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
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Q13.2 *Senate Republicans allocate \$1.75B from COVID relief bill to build FBI headquarters.*

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 signs executive actions after COVID stimulus talks break down.*

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 suggests supporters should try to vote twice.

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 suggests the 2020 election should be delayed.

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).

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

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

Q17.1 Timing

First Click (1)

Last Click (2)

Page Submit (3)

Click Count (4)

Q17.2

Pentagon training course refers to protesters and journalists as "adversaries."

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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 - Click Count (4)
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Q18.2
President Trump refuses to commit to a peaceful transition of power if he loses.

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 *The Director of National Intelligence cancels in-person election briefings for Congress.*

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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 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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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 calls incident of reporter getting hit with a rubber bullet "law and order."

Q20.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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).

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

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

- Q21.1 Timing
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 - Click Count (4)
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Q21.2

President Trump jokes about signing executive order barring Biden presidency.

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).

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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Last Click (2)
Page Submit (3)
Click Count (4)

Q22.2
President Trump calls for Goodyear boycott after company bans MAGA attire.

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)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - 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

The Secretary of Health and Human Services bans health agencies from issuing new rules.

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)
 - 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

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

- Q24.1 Timing
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 - Page Submit (3)
 - Click Count (4)
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Q24.2
The Trump administration bans WeChat from US app stores.

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)
 - 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 states that the Supreme Court needs nine justices, including his nominee, to handle election disputes.

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)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - 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

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

Q26.1 Timing

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Q26.2 *President Trump blames California for wildfires and threatens to withhold federal funds.*

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)
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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
- First Click (1)
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Q27.2
The Postmaster General implements measures that cause delays in mail delivery.

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)
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 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
-

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
First Click (1)
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Q28.2
President Trump approves \$13 billion in aid for Puerto Rico.

Q28.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q28.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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 - 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 bans diversity training in the federal government.*

Q29.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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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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 - Click Count (4)
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Q30.2
President Trump seeks to nominate and confirm a new Supreme Court justice weeks before the election.

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).

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

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

Q482 Timing
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Q483
President Trump suggests deploying law enforcement officials to monitor polls.

Q484 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q485 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q486 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

Q487 Timing

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Q488

WH officials pressure CDC to downplay risk of schools reopening.

Q489 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
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 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q490 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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- Important (5)

Q491 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

Q497 Timing
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Q498
Secretary of State Pompeo speaks at the GOP convention from Jerusalem.

Q499 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
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 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q500 Is this unimportant or important?

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 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q501 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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

Q502 Timing
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Q503
Bipartisan committee finds Manafort collaborated with Russians and shared internal polls.

Q504 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
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 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q505 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q506 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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

Q507 Timing

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Q508

The Trump administration seeks to end the Census early.

Q509 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q510 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q511 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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

Q512 Timing
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Q513
Attorney General Bill Barr says mail-in ballots are not secret and briefs President on investigation of 9 mishandled ballots.

Q514 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q515 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q516 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

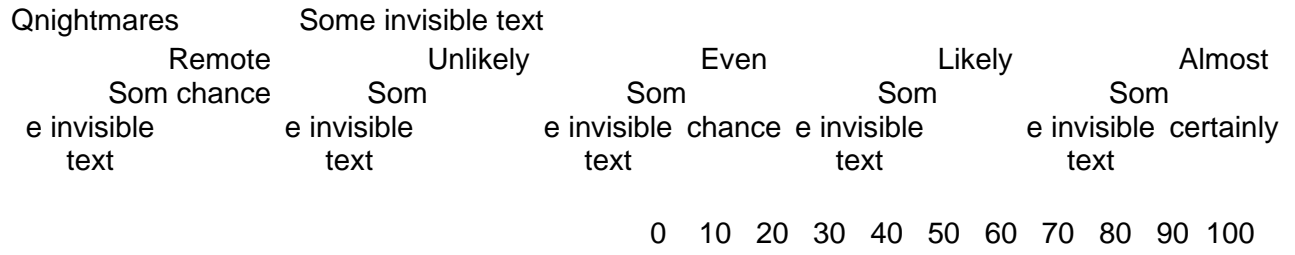
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Start of Block: Section 8: Nightmares















Qnightmares_intro The goal of the next portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some events that could occur during and after the 2020 U.S. presidential election. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur. For example, we might ask you "what are the chances that the Electoral College selects a president who does not win the popular vote?"

We ask you to provide your answers using numeric percentages. If you think the scenario will occur with near certainty, then you would give an answer close to 100%. If you think there is only a remote chance that the scenario will occur, then you would give an answer close to 0%, and if you think the scenario is as likely to occur as not to occur, then you would give an answer close to 50%.

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| Russian hackers cripple voter registration and election systems in one or more states. () |  |
| Stay-at-home orders prevent voters from going to the polls on Election Day in one or more large cities (250,000+). () |  |
| Millions of Americans are exposed to false claims about voter fraud and election integrity on social media from unknown or obscure sources on Election Day. () |  |
| One or both presidential candidates declare victory before the race has been called by the Associated Press. () |  |
| More than one thousand planned polling locations consolidate or shut down nationwide on Election Day due to poll worker shortages. () |  |
| Tens of thousands of voters are still in line when polls are scheduled to close in at least one state due to long lines and delays on Election Day. () |  |
| Postal service delays cause more than one million mail ballots sent by voters to not be delivered to election officials in time to be counted. () |  |
| President Trump attacks the "blue shift" toward Democrats as mail votes are counted, insisting that the initial totals on Election Night were correct. () |  |
| Interim election night totals understate Democratic votes, creating widespread suspicion of the results. () |  |
| President Trump is declared the loser of the election by the Associated Press but refuses to immediately concede defeat. () |  |
| President Trump makes statements or posts tweets encouraging violence and intimidation during voting or ballot counting. () |  |
| President Trump deploys federal law enforcement or the military during voting or ballot counting. () |  |
| The Department of Justice seeks to block the counting of mail-in ballots. () |  |
| President Trump attempts to negotiate legal amnesty for himself and his family after the election. () |  |

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| One or more states switch from the winner-take-all format to district-by-district allocation of presidential electors. () |  |
| One or more states send competing slates of electors to the Electoral College. () |  |
| One or more states are unable to resolve an election dispute before the safe harbor deadline. () |  |
| A dispute over the results of the election creates a conflict between the Vice President and the Speaker of the House over accepting Electoral College votes. () |  |
| A conflict over Electoral College votes causes the appointment of an acting president under the terms of the Twentieth Amendment on January 20, 2021. () |  |
| One or more legal disputes over the election are decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. () |  |
| One or more state legislatures enact a bill that would overturn the statewide popular vote as an allocation mechanism for electors and/or stop the counting of ballots. () |  |
| 5% or more of ballots cast by mail are rejected in one or more states. () |  |
| Biden seeks to overturn an apparent defeat in the Electoral College after winning the popular vote. () |  |
| Millions of counterfeit ballots are mailed to Americans from a foreign country. () |  |
| A faithless elector decides the presidency. () |  |
| The presidential election is decided by the House of Representatives. () |  |
| The RNC or DNC selects a replacement candidate for president before Election Day. () |  |
| President Trump temporarily turns over duties to Vice President Pence at least once. () |  |

End of Block: Section 8: Nightmares

Start of Block: Section 9: 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 9: Occupation

Start of Block: Section 10: 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 10: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 11: Comments

Q36.1 Timing

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