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

☐ Yes

☐ No

[TERMINATE AND THANK ANYONE WHO DOES NOT CONSENT.]

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How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85 or older

Now we would like to ask you about your views on politics. On the next screen you will see questions about the executive (president), legislature (Congress), and judiciary (courts), as well as about the news media and the political actions of individual citizens. The questions will ask you how well certain principles or values to democracy are being upheld in practice in the United States.
How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?
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Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression.

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

Elections are free from foreign influence.

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

All adult citizens have equal opportunity to vote.

All votes have equal impact on election outcomes.

Elections are conducted, ballots counted, and winners determined without pervasive fraud or manipulation.
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Citizens can make their opinions heard in open debate about policies that are under consideration.

The geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party.

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

Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents.

Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern.
Government protects individuals’ right to engage in peaceful protest.

Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference.

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

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?

[slider bar as shown here]
How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On this scale where 1 means “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important,” what position would you choose?

[multiple choice, horizontal, with “Not at all important” and “Absolutely important” placed on top of the 1 and 10, respectively]

☐ 1 Not at all important
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10 Absolutely important
In what state do you currently reside?

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
○ Rhode Island
○ South Carolina
○ South Dakota
○ Tennessee
○ Texas
○ Utah
○ Vermont
○ Virginia
○ Washington
○ West Virginia
○ Wisconsin
○ Wyoming
○ Puerto Rico
○ I do not reside in the United States

What is your gender?

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

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

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

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Something else

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

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

- Strong Democrat
- Not very strong Democrat

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

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

- Strong Republican
- Not very strong Republican

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

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

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

- Closer to the Republican Party
- Closer to the Democratic Party
- Neither

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What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

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

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

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

- Yes
- No

With which race or ethnicity do you most identify?

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Multi-racial
- Hispanic/Latino/Chicano/a
- Other

Generally, how interested are you in politics?

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

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

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

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

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

- Yes
- No
For how many years is a United States Senator elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?

- Two years
- Four years
- Six years
- Eight years
- None of these
- Don't know

How many times can an individual be elected President of the United States under current laws?

- Once
- Twice
- Four times
- Unlimited number of terms
- Don't know
How many U.S. Senators are there from each state?

- One
- Two
- Four
- Depends on which state
- Don't know

Who is currently the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom? [randomize order of answer options except "don't know"]

- Richard Branson
- Nick Clegg
- Theresa May
- Boris Johnson
- Margaret Thatcher
- Don't know
For how many years is a member of the United States House of Representatives elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. House member?

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

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

- Yes, I looked up information
- No, I did not look up information
We sometimes find people don't always take surveys seriously, instead providing humorous or insincere responses to questions. How often do you do this?

- Never
- Rarely
- Some of the time
- Most of the time
- Always
Do you have any comments on the survey? Please let us know about any problems you had or aspects of the survey that were confusing.

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

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