Section 1: Introduction & Consent

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.
☐ I do not agree to continue.

Section 2: Performance

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

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<td>Even when there are disagreements about ideology or policy, political leaders generally share a common understanding of relevant facts</td>
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<td>The law is enforced equally for all persons.</td>
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<td>Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation</td>
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<td>Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern</td>
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<td>Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct</td>
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<td>The U.S. partly meets this standard</td>
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<td>Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public</td>
<td>The U.S. does not meet this standard</td>
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<td>Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference</td>
<td>The U.S. does not meet this standard</td>
<td>The U.S. partly meets this standard</td>
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<td>Government agencies are not used to monitor, attack, or punish political opponents</td>
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**Section 3: Overall Evaluation**

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

Section 4: State

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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
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
Section 5: State evaluations

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Now using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, how would you rate the political system of ${q://QID300/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}?

You rated the political system of the United States today as ${q://QID520/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}.

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
☐ Montana
☐ Alaska
☐ Nebraska
☐ Arizona
☐ Nevada
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You rated the political system of the United States today as ${q://QID520/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$ and ${q://QID300/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}$ as ${q://QID302/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$.

You selected ${q://QID472/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}$ as (a) high-performing state(s). Using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, rate the performance of democracy in each one.
You rated the political system of the United States today as
${q://QID520/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$ and ${q://QID300/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}$
as ${q://QID302/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$. 
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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?

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

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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 29 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.
Section 7a: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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President Trump declaring he won the election before the race had been called

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

Please comment on your responses above (optional).
Section 7b: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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President Trump claiming widespread fraud after being declared loser of the election

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important
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Section 7c: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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Rudy Giuliani holding a press conference at Four Seasons Total Landscaping

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
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Section 7d: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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President Trump creating the 1776 Commission to promote "patriotic education"

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?
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Section 7e: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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GSA administrator declining to release funds to Biden transition

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal
Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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George W. Bush and Mitt Romney congratulating Biden on presidential victory

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
0 Mostly abnormal
0 Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?
0 Unimportant
0 Mostly unimportant
0 Semi-important
0 Mostly important
0 Important

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

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Trump campaign posting doctored newspaper headline declaring Gore 2000 victor

Is this normal or abnormal?
Normal
Mostly normal
Borderline normal
Mostly abnormal
Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

Unimportant
Mostly unimportant
Semi-important
Mostly important
Important

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

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The Commission on Presidential Debates cancelling the October 15 debate
Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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Section 7: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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Senate Democrats boycotting Amy Coney Barrett's Judiciary Committee vote

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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President Trump firing Secretary of Defense Mark Esper after the election via tweet

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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President Trump abruptly ending a '60 Minutes' interview with Lesley Stahl

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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Section 7I: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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Lindsey Graham, Ted Cruz, and other Republican officials encouraging Trump not to concede

Is this normal or abnormal?

○ Normal
○ Mostly normal
○ Borderline normal
○ Mostly abnormal
○ Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

○ Unimportant
○ Mostly unimportant
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Section 7m: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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The Trump campaign filing legal challenges in swing states after election is called

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
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Section 7n: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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President Trump signing an executive order making it easier to fire federal civil service employees

Is this normal or abnormal?

☐ Normal
☐ Mostly normal
☐ Borderline normal
☐ Mostly abnormal
☐ Abnormal
Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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Rudy Giuliani obtaining Hunter Biden's laptop and promoting corruption claims against him

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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Attorney General Bill Barr authorizing DOJ to probe "clear and apparently-credible allegations" of election irregularities if they exist

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
Mostly normal
Borderline normal
Mostly abnormal
Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?
Unimportant
Mostly unimportant
Semi-important
Mostly important
Important

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

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David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler calling for the Georgia Secretary of State, a Republican, to step down
Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
- Mostly important
- Important

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

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Mitch McConnell declining to recognize Biden as president-elect in floor speech after race called

Is this normal or abnormal?

☐ Normal
☐ Mostly normal
☐ Borderline normal
☐ Mostly abnormal
☐ Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

☐ Unimportant
☐ Mostly unimportant
☐ Semi-important
☐ Mostly important
☐ Important

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

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President Trump deploying members of his cabinet as campaign surrogates before election

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
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Section 7t: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery
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President Trump cutting off negotiations for stimulus package and blaming Pelosi for the impasse

Is this normal or abnormal?
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- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?
- Unimportant
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Mike Pence and Kamala Harris participating in the vice presidential debate

Is this normal or abnormal?

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○ Mostly normal
○ Borderline normal
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○ Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

○ Unimportant
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Section 7v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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President Trump helping to facilitate peace agreement between Sudan and Israel

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
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Section 7w: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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FDA providing emergency authorization for Eli Lilly's experimental antibody drug to treat COVID-19

Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal
- Mostly normal
- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant
- Mostly unimportant
- Semi-important
Mostly important
Important

Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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President Trump promoting conspiracy theory that Osama Bin Laden killing was a hoax

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Is this unimportant or important?

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President Trump praising U.S. marshals killing antifa murder suspect in Portland

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Is this unimportant or important?

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President Trump refusing to disavow QAnon

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Mostly abnormal
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Is this unimportant or important?
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Right-wing militia members in Michigan plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

Is this normal or abnormal?
Normal

Mostly normal

Borderline normal

Mostly abnormal

Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

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Semi-important

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Important

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

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Businesses board up in major cities fearing post-election violence and protests
Is this normal or abnormal?

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Is this unimportant or important?

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President Trump refusing to concede defeat after being declared loser of the election

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Section 8: Nightmares

The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some events that could occur in the coming weeks and months. We will ask you to assess the
chances that each one will occur. For example, we might ask you “what are the chances that a faithless elector decides who wins the presidency?”

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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The Trump administration blocks government funding for the Biden transition until the Electoral College vote or afterward.

President Trump resigns and is pardoned by Mike Pence.

One or more legal disputes over the election are decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Trump preemptively pardons family members.

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.
Section 9: Threats

In this section of the survey, we ask you to assess the following events and indicate the extent of threat they pose (if any) to the quality and stability of American democracy.

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Section 10: Occupation

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Finally, we have just a few questions about you.

Which of the following best describes your occupation?

- Graduate student
- Post-doctoral fellow
- Adjunct faculty
- Full-time faculty
- Emeritus faculty
- Other

Section 11: Field of study

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What is your primary field of study?

- American politics
What is your specific area of study?

Section 12: Comments

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Do you have any comments about this survey?

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