

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:survey@brightlinewatch.org).

- I agree to continue.
- I do not agree to continue.

## Section 2a: Importance

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

The first group of questions will ask you to evaluate the importance of certain principles or values to democracy in general. Then, you will be asked how well those principles or values are being upheld in practice in the United States.

Statements have been randomly selected from a set of 30 (the full list will be available at the end of the survey).

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How important are the following principles or values to democracy in general?

	<b>Not relevant</b> This has no impact on democracy	<b>Beneficial</b> This enhances democracy, but is not required for democracy	<b>Important</b> If this is absent, democracy is compromised	<b>Essential</b> A country cannot be considered democratic without this
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## Section 2b: Performance

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

	The U.S. does not meet this standard	The U.S. partly meets this standard	The U.S. mostly meets this standard	The U.S. fully meets this standard	Not sure
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"/>
The elected branches respect judicial independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



The U.S. does not meet this standard    The U.S. partly meets this standard    The U.S. mostly meets this standard    The U.S. fully meets this standard    Not sure

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

### 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?

0    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

United States 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
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming
- Outside the United States

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

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

\${q://QID300/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}  
today

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:

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama     | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California  | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> New York       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware    | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii      | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho       | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa        | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas      | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee      |

- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri

- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Lowest:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts

- 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



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota   | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming       |

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.

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- » Alabama
- » Alaska
- » Arizona
- » Arkansas
- » California
- » Colorado
- » Connecticut
- » Delaware
- » Florida
- » Georgia
- » Hawaii
- » Idaho
- » Illinois
- » Indiana
- » Iowa
- » Kansas

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

- » 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

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

- » South Dakota
- » Tennessee
- » Texas
- » Utah
- » Vermont
- » Virginia
- » Washington
- » West Virginia
- » Wisconsin
- » Wyoming

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  $\{q://QID475/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$  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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- » Alabama
- » Alaska
- » Arizona
- » Arkansas
- » California
- » Colorado
- » Connecticut
- » Delaware

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

- » 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

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

- » North Carolina
- » North Dakota
- » Ohio
- » Oklahoma
- » Oregon
- » Pennsylvania
- » Rhode Island
- » South Carolina
- » South Dakota
- » Tennessee
- » Texas
- » Utah
- » Vermont
- » Virginia
- » Washington
- » West Virginia
- » Wisconsin
- » Wyoming

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  
important

Absolutely  
important

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

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10

## **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 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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*Trump pressures Georgia official to "find" enough votes to overturn state election results*

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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*Congress and Senate override Trump veto of military spending bill*

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).

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*All 10 living former defense secretaries say U.S. military has no role in election dispute*

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 7d: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery**

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*Pro-Trump insurrectionists storm the Capitol*

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 7e: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery**

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*147 Republicans in Congress support objections to the certification of President Biden's 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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*White House forces Georgia U.S. Attorney to resign for not investigating election fraud claims*

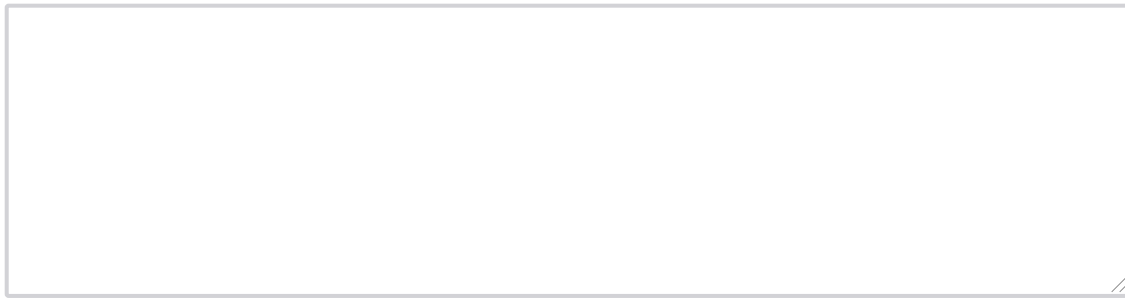
Is this normal or abnormal?

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- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

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

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*Trump issues Thanksgiving turkey pardon*

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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*Trump signs \$900 billion stimulus and government spending bill*

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).

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*Trump pardons Roger Stone, Paul Manafort, Steve Bannon, and Charles Kushner*

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

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*Trump contacts 31 GOP officials in battleground states to try to overturn 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

Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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*State attorneys general request SCOTUS invalidate election results in PA, WI, MI, and GA*

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).

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*Biden requests waiver allowing recently retired Army general to serve as Defense Secretary*

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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- Normal
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- Borderline normal
- Mostly abnormal
- Abnormal

Is this unimportant or important?

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

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### **Section 7n: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery**

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*Trump does not attend Biden inauguration*

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

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*Trump administration brokers deal to normalize relations between Morocco and Israel*

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

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*GOP congressman reports colleagues didn't vote to impeach Trump out of fear for family safety*

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).



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*House of Representatives impeaches Trump for the second time*

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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*Trump authorizes construction of women's suffrage monument in D.C.*

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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*Trump races to strip job protections from budget analysts before 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

Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

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*Biden signs 17 executive orders immediately after taking office to reverse Trump policies*

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 7u: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery**

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*Pelosi talks to Joint Chiefs about blocking Trump from accessing nuclear codes*

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 7v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery**

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*Top military leaders condemn violent invasion of the Capitol in joint statement*

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).

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*My Pillow founder encourages Trump to declare martial law during a White House visit*

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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*Social media companies deplatform President Trump*

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 8: OCP**

Next, you will be shown a set of eight proposed strategies for improving U.S. democracy. Please rate the degree to which you oppose or support each recommendation.



## Section 8a: OCP

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## Enlarge House of Representatives

Substantially enlarge the House of Representatives through federal legislation to make it and the Electoral College more representative of the nation's population.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## Section 8b: OCP

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## Ranked-choice voting

Introduce ranked-choice voting in presidential, congressional, and state elections.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose

Moderately support

Strongly support

### **Section 8c: OCP**

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### **Multi-member districts**

Repeal the 1967 law that mandates single-member districts for the House so that states have the option to use multi-member districts on the condition that they adopt a non-winner-take-all election model.

Strongly oppose

Moderately oppose

Moderately support

Strongly support

### **Section 8d: OCP**

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### **Redistricting commissions**

Federal legislation requiring fair congressional districts to be determined by state-established independent citizen-redistricting commissions.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

#### **Section 8e: OCP**

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#### **Campaign finance regulation**

Amend the Constitution to authorize the regulation of election contributions and spending to limit the undue influence of money in our political system.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

#### **Section 8f: OCP**

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### **Campaign finance transparency**

Pass strong campaign-finance disclosure laws in all fifty states that require full transparency for campaign donations, including from 501(c)(4) organizations and private companies.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8g: OCP**

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### **Public funding of campaigns**

Pass “clean election laws” for federal, state, and local elections through mechanisms such as public matching donation systems and democracy vouchers, which amplify the power of small donors.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8h: OCP**

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### **18-year Supreme Court terms**

Establish, through federal legislation, eighteen-year terms for Supreme Court justices with appointments staggered such that one nomination comes up during each term of Congress.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8i: OCP**

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### **Flexibility on when and how to vote**

Give people more choices about where and when they vote, with state-level legislation in all states that supports the implementation of vote centers and early voting.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## Section 8j: OCP

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## Election day on national holiday

Change federal election day to Veterans Day to honor the service of veterans and the sacrifices they have made in defense of our constitutional democracy, and to ensure that voting can occur on a day that many people have off from work.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## Section 8k: OCP

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## Same-day voter registration

Establish, through state and federal legislation, same-day registration and universal automatic voter registration.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8l: OCP**

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### **Pre-register young voters**

Establish, through state legislation, the preregistration of sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds and provide educational opportunities for them to practice voting as part of the pre-registration process.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8m: OCP**

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## Compulsory voting

Establish, through legislation, voting in federal elections to be a requirement of citizenship. All eligible voters would have to participate or submit a valid reason for nonparticipation.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## Section 8n: OCP

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## Suffrage for ex-felons

Restore federal and state voting rights to citizens with felony convictions immediately and automatically upon their release from prison.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## Section 8o: OCP

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### **National popular vote**

Change to a system in which the president is elected by direct popular vote, instead of by the Electoral College.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

### **Section 8p: OCP**

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### **Eliminate filibuster**

Change US Senate rules to eliminate the filibuster, allowing a simple majority of senators to bring any proposal to the floor for a vote.

- Strongly oppose
- Moderately oppose
- Moderately support
- Strongly support

## 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.

	No threat to democracy	Little threat to democracy	Moderate threat to democracy	Serious threat to democracy	Grave threat to democracy
Violent protests in Portland, Oregon and the creation of the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone in Seattle, Washington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Commission on Presidential Debates cancelling the October 15 debate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Media figures calling for President Trump's removal from office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pro-Trump protestors storming the U.S. Capitol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 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
- Comparative politics
- International relations
- Political theory
- Another field of political science
- Something other than political science

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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