

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 Institutional Review Board 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.
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Section 2b: Performance

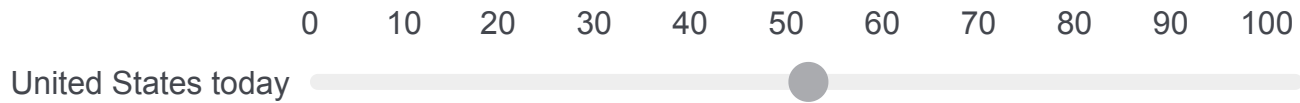
How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?

	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
Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The law is enforced equally for all persons.	<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	<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
Citizens can make their opinions heard in open debate about policies that are under consideration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	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
Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents	<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 geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All votes have equal impact on election outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 3: Overall Evaluation

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

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.

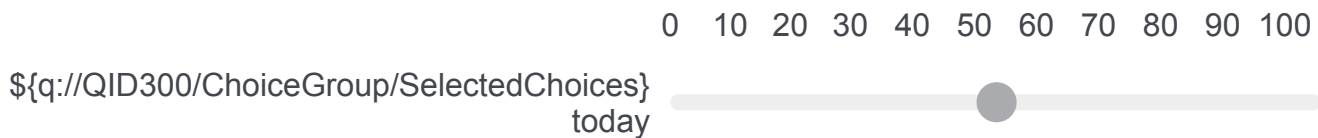
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- ☐ Florida
- ☐ Georgia
- ☐ Hawaii
- ☐ Idaho
- ☐ Illinois
- ☐ Indiana
- ☐ Iowa
- ☐ Kansas
- ☐ Kentucky
- ☐ Louisiana
- ☐ Maine

- ☐ 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

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania |
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Lowest:

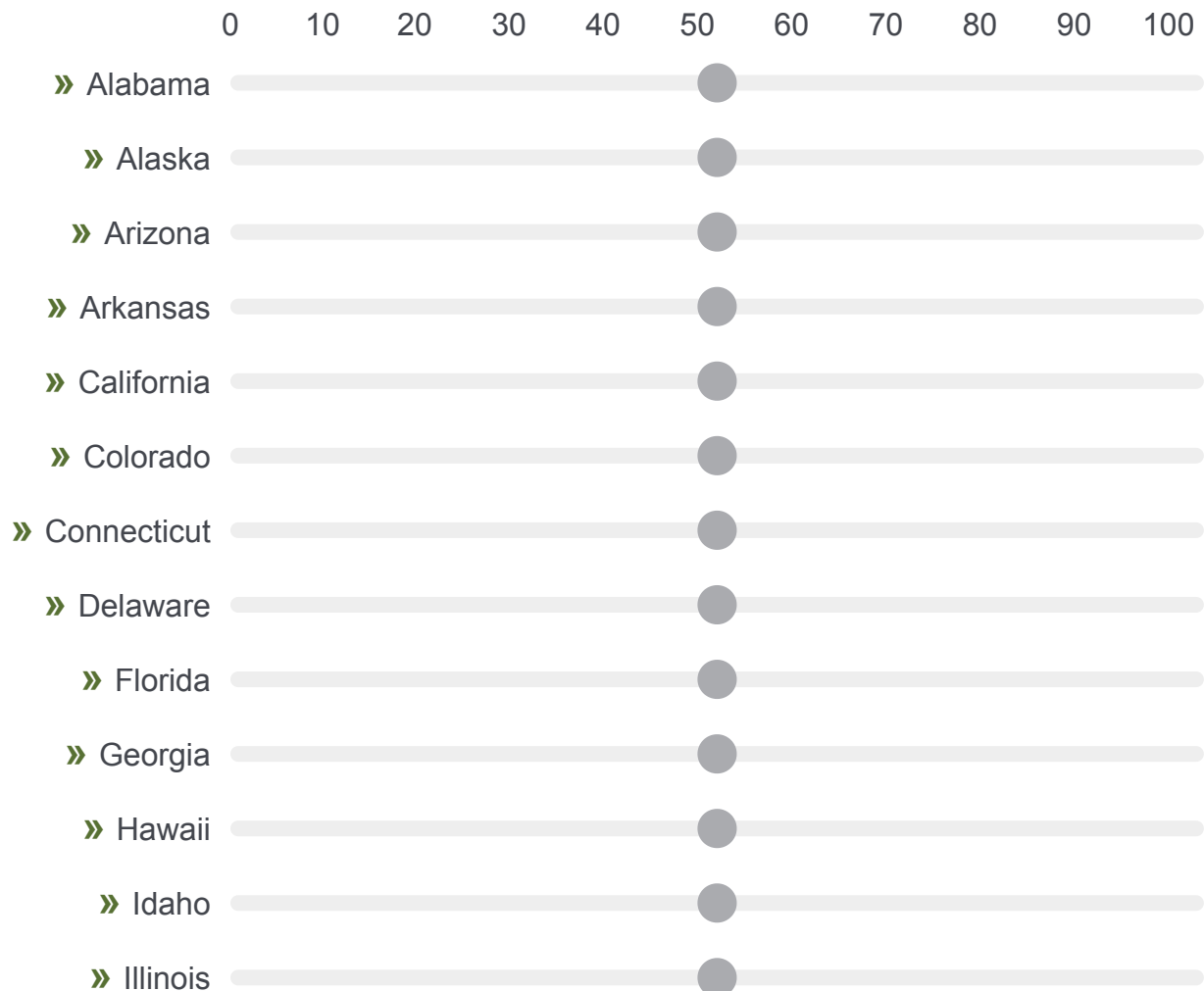
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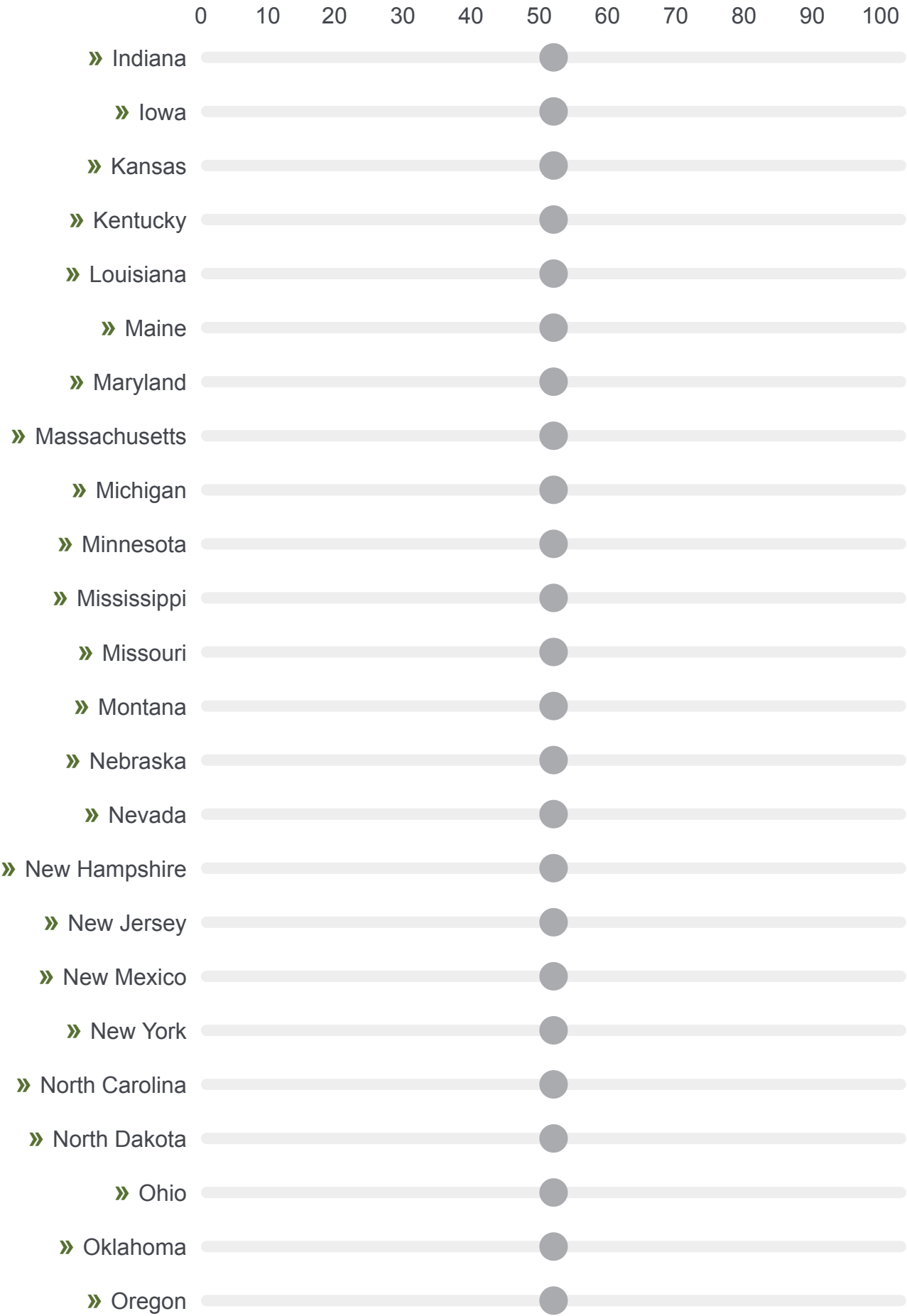
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- ☐ Minnesota
- ☐ Mississippi
- ☐ Missouri

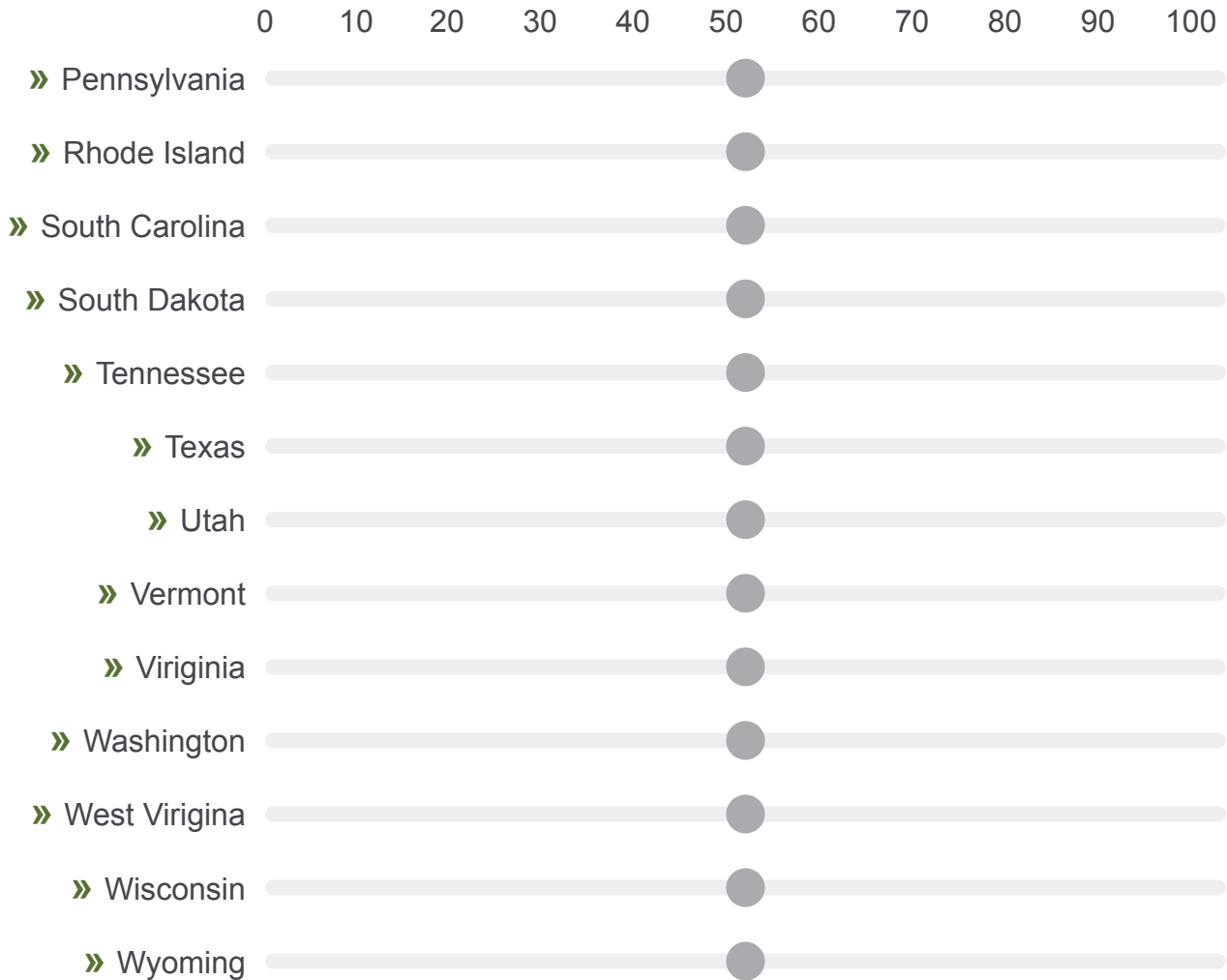
- ☐ Utah
- ☐ Vermont
- ☐ Virginia
- ☐ Washington
- ☐ West Virginia
- ☐ Wisconsin
- ☐ Wyoming

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 $\{q://QID472/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as (a) high-performing state(s). Using the same 0 to 100 scale as previously, rate the performance of democracy in each one.

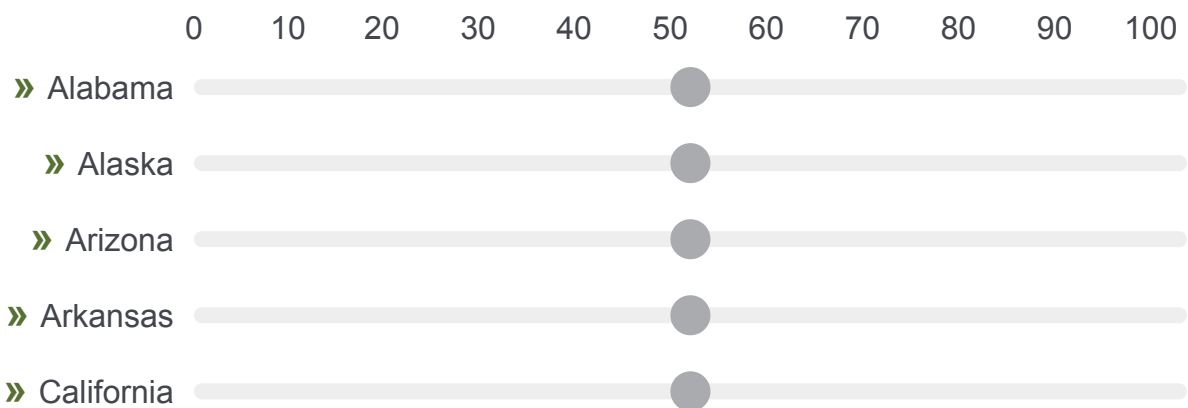


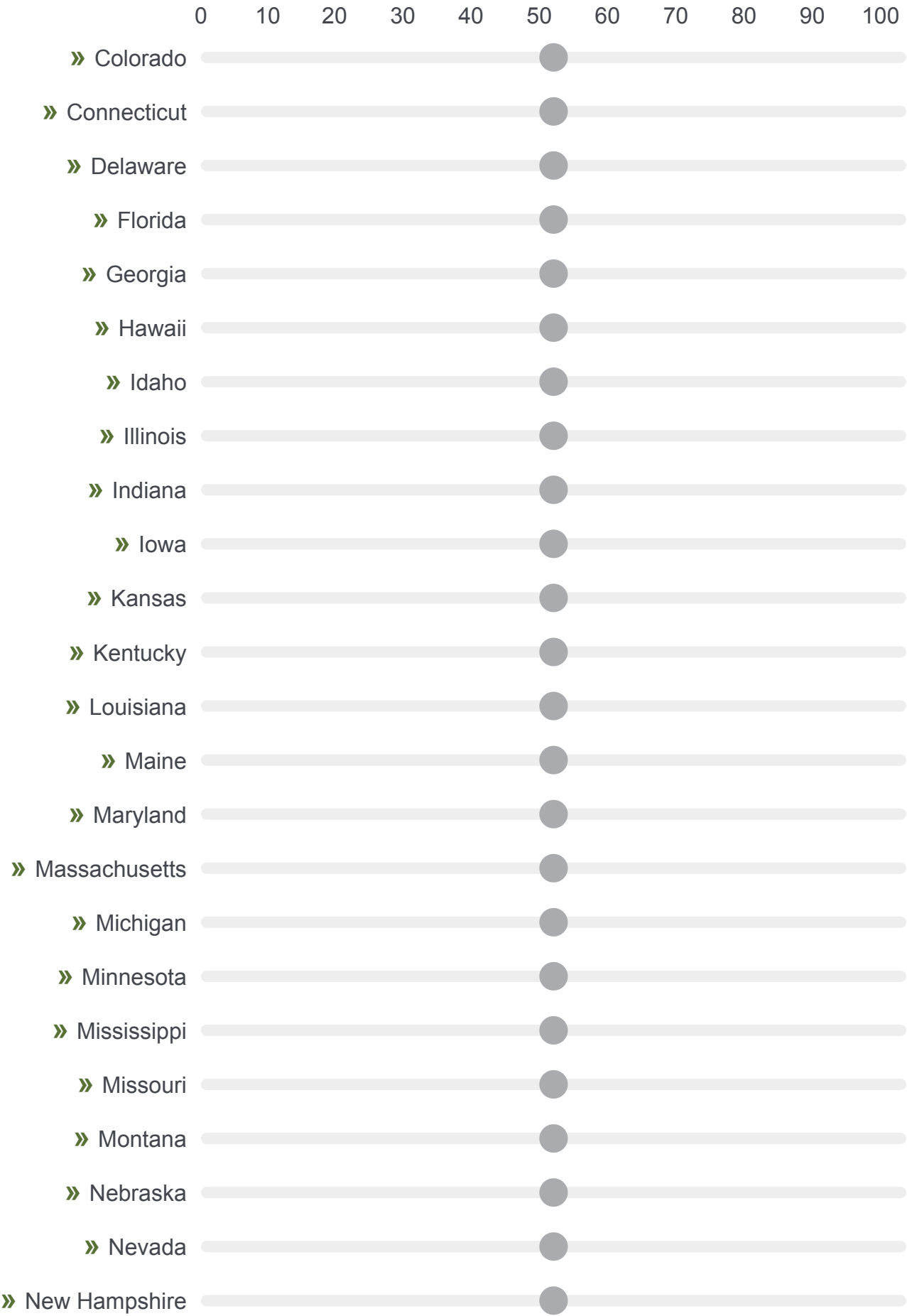


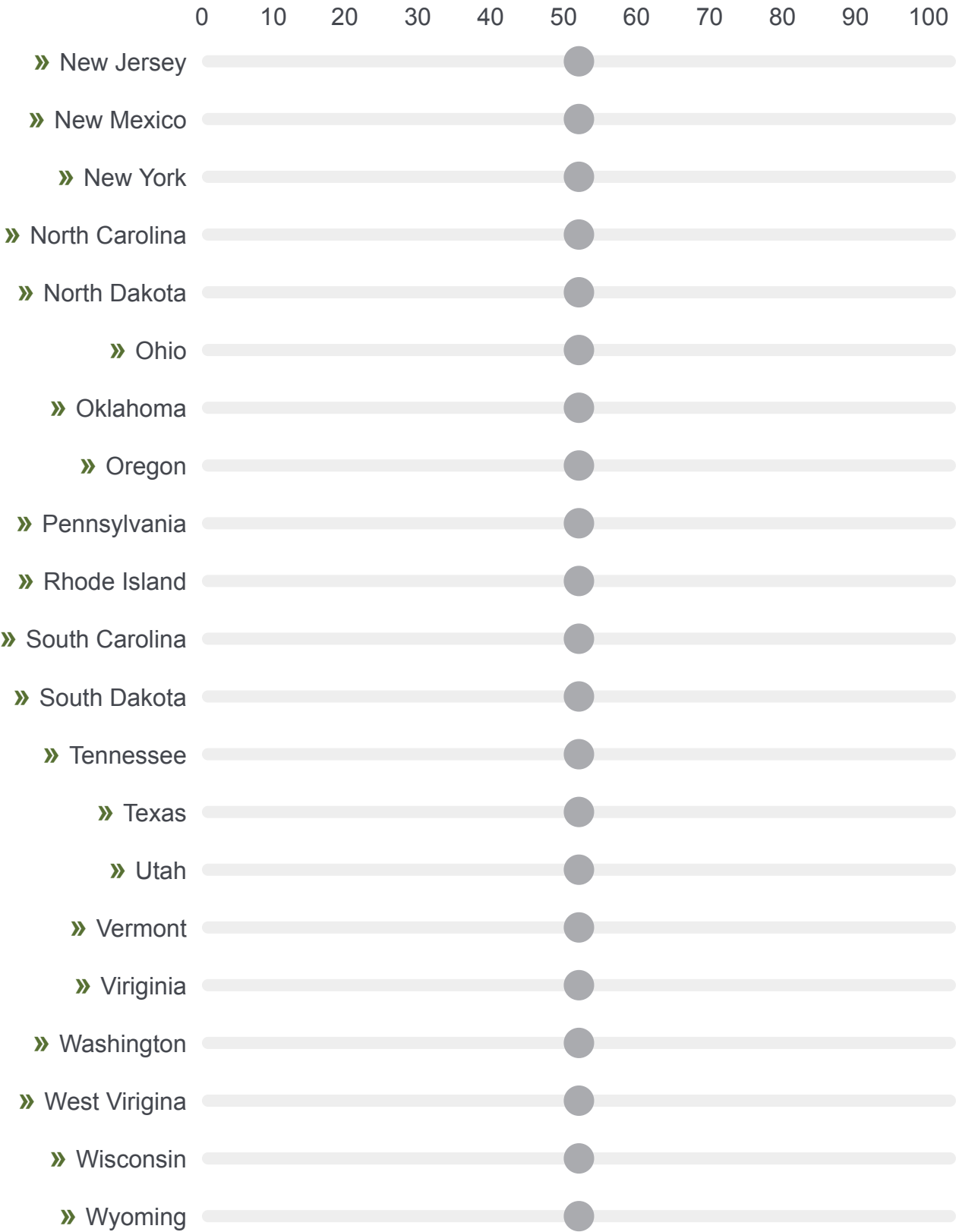


You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{q://QID520/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ and $\{q://QID300/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices\}$ as $\{q://QID302/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

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.







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

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 26 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

House Republicans oust Liz Cheney from leadership for calling out Trump's false election claims

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

House votes to remove Marjorie Taylor Greene from committees for promoting conspiracy theories

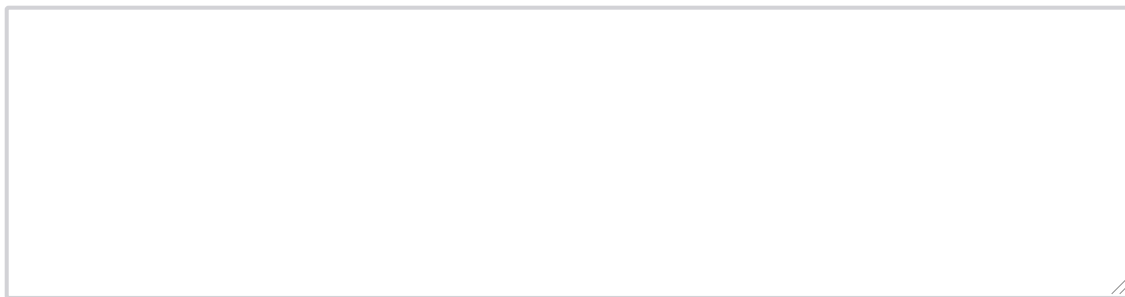
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Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Cuomo's top aides admit state hid data on nursing home deaths


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

Withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan

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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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

US rejoins Paris climate agreement

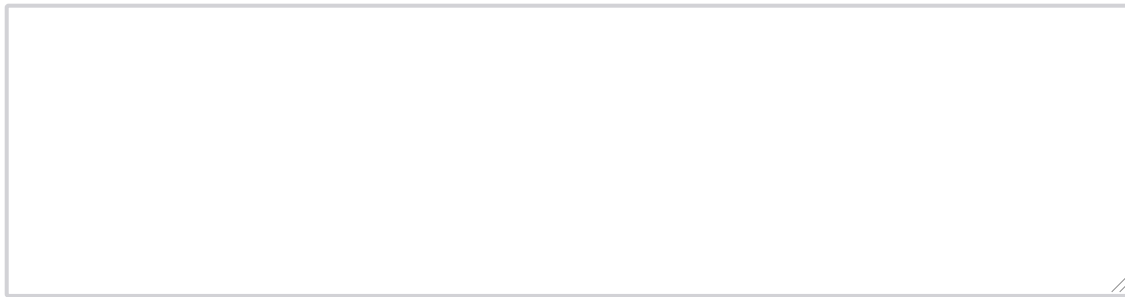
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 - ☐ Abnormal
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Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
 - ☐ Mostly unimportant
 - ☐ Semi-important
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 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Congress passes COVID relief package on party-line votes in both House and Senate

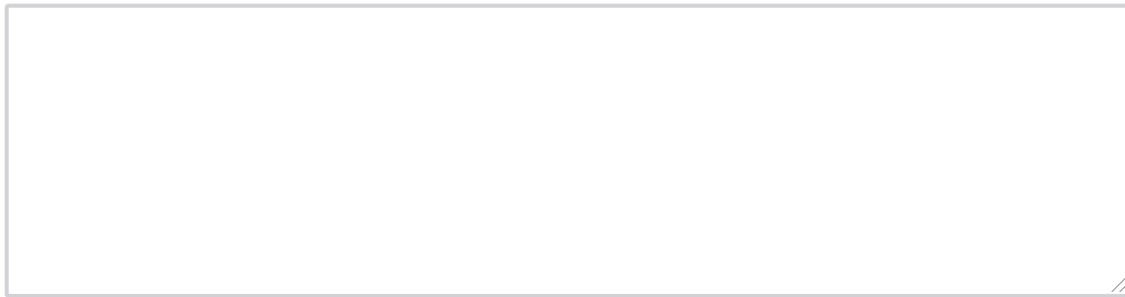
Is this normal or abnormal?

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 - ☐ Abnormal
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Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
 - ☐ Mostly unimportant
 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Major League Baseball moves its 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta to protest Georgia voting reform 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
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

Derek Chauvin is convicted of murdering George Floyd

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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Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

New CDC guidelines endorse fully vaccinated individuals not wearing masks in most places

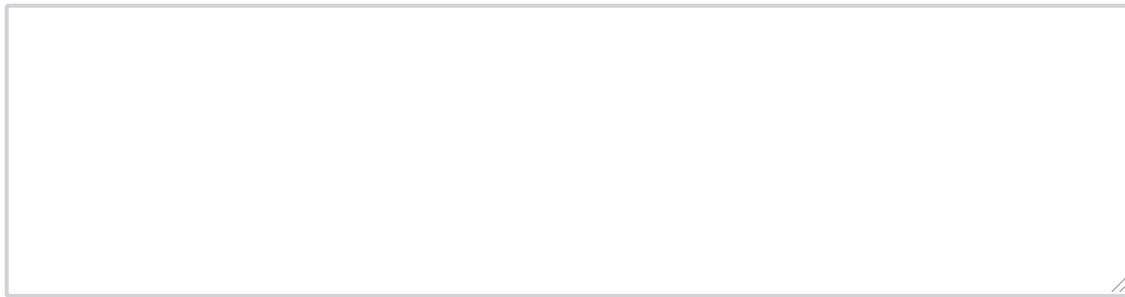
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 - ☐ Abnormal
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Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
 - ☐ Mostly unimportant
 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

A new Georgia law reduces responsibilities for Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Senate Republicans block a plan for an independent commission on Capitol riot

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Trump launches new communications platform after being banned from Twitter, Facebook

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Semi-important
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 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden administration imposes new economic sanctions on Russia over cyberspying

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

US sends initial allotment of 25 million vaccines abroad

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Is this unimportant or important?

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

Biden declares mass killing of Armenians a genocide

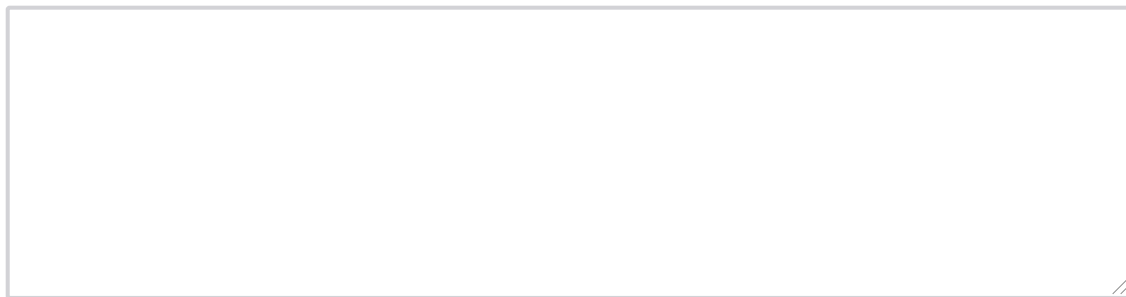
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 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden, speaking with Netanyahu, asserts Israel's 'right to defend itself'

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden administration increases support for managing arrival of unaccompanied children at border

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- ☐ Unimportant
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

Legislatures in Georgia, Texas, and other states pass laws creating new restrictions on voting access

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden meets with Mexican president amid migration issues


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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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden visits Tulsa for the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre

Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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

House Democrats pass elections bill, H.R. 1

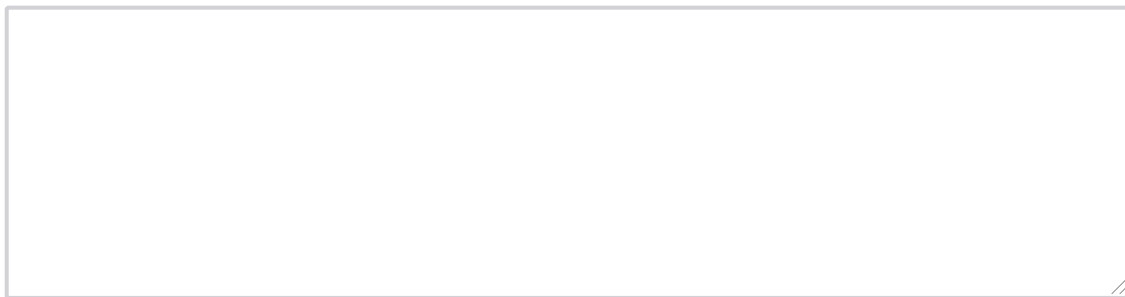
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Biden calls for an investigation into the possibility that COVID leaked from a Chinese laboratory

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

Former President Trump continues to publicly reject the legitimacy of his election defeat

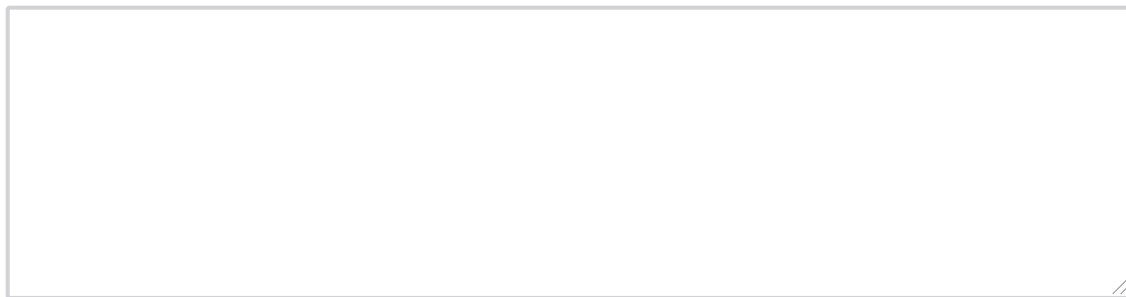
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Is this unimportant or important?

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 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Former President Trump promotes the idea that he will be “reinstated” in office after “audits” this summer

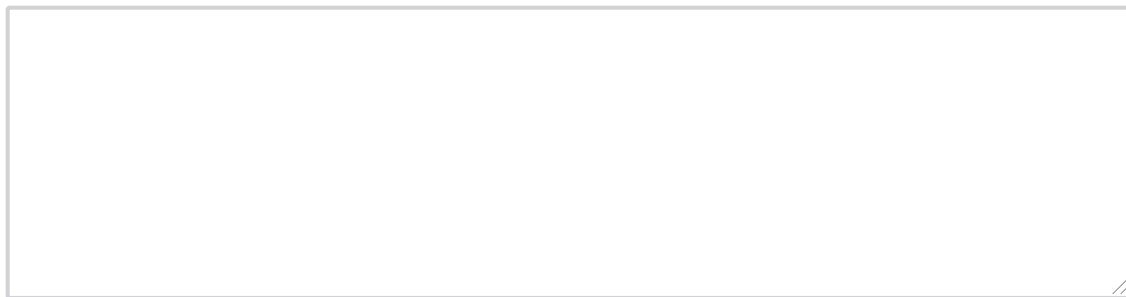
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Is this unimportant or important?

- ☐ Unimportant
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 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Arizona Republicans hire a firm called Cyber Ninjas to conduct an “audit” of the Maricopa County election results in 2020

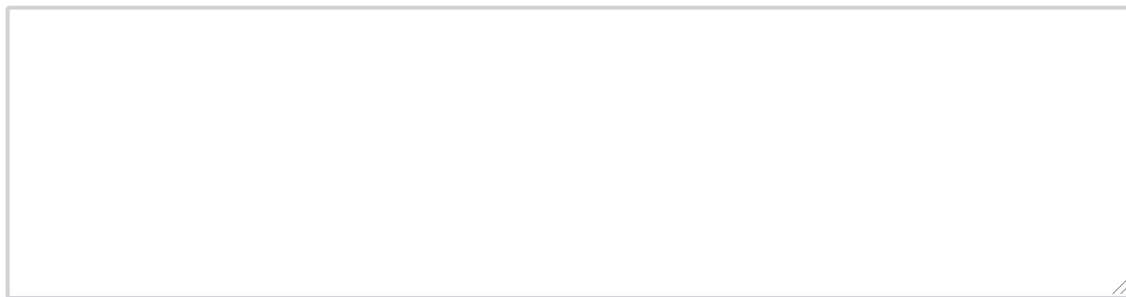
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).



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

Arizona Republicans hire a firm called Cyber Ninjas to conduct an “audit” of the Maricopa County election results in 2020

Is this normal or abnormal?

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Is this unimportant or important?

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 - ☐ Mostly unimportant
 - ☐ Semi-important
 - ☐ Mostly important
 - ☐ Important
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Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Are the following actions appropriate or inappropriate?

	Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
A majority party in either chamber of Congress refusing to raise the limit on the amount of money the U.S. government can legally borrow.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority party in the Senate abolishing the filibuster rule so it can pass legislation without minority party support.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The minority party in the Senate routinely using the filibuster rule to block legislation supported only by the majority party.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are the following actions appropriate or inappropriate?

Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
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	Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
A majority of the House of Representatives seeking to impeach a president because they believe he or she is unfit for office rather than because of specific evidence of high crimes and misdemeanors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority party in the Senate refusing to consider any nomination by a President to fill an open seat on the Supreme Court.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A party that controls Congress and the presidency creating and filling new seats on the Supreme Court to change the partisan balance of power.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are the following actions appropriate or inappropriate?

	Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
Local election officials refusing to certify vote totals recorded in their area that are viewed as legitimate by experts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A state legislature naming electors to the Electoral College other than those designated by the popular vote in that state.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
Congress refusing to certify presidential election results that have been submitted by one or more states and are viewed as legitimate by experts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are the following actions appropriate or inappropriate?

	Entirely inappropriate	Mostly inappropriate	Mostly appropriate	Entirely appropriate	Not sure
A party that controls both chambers of Congress granting statehood to Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A state political party drawing Congressional districts that ensure it will receive a share of seats much larger than its share of votes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A state political party proposing measures that make it more difficult to vote, especially for members of the other party.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 8: Nightmares

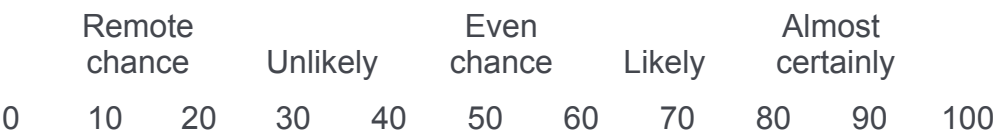
The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some events that could occur within the next year. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur. For example, we might ask you to rate the chances that the Democratic majority in the Senate abolishes the filibuster rule so it can pass legislation without Republican support.

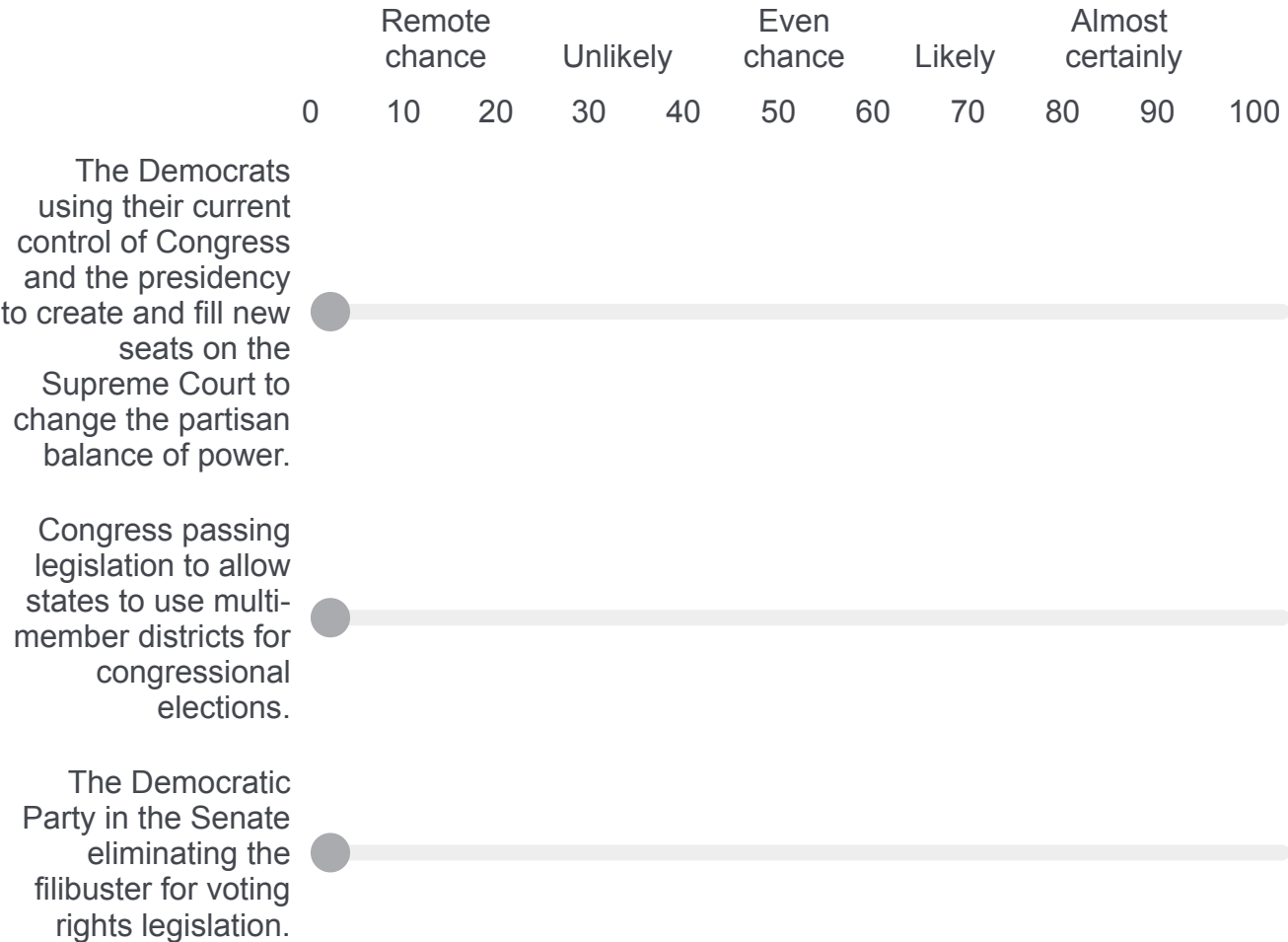
We ask you to provide your answers using numeric percentages. If you think the scenario will occur with near certainty, then you would give an answer close to 100%. If you think there is only a remote

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%.

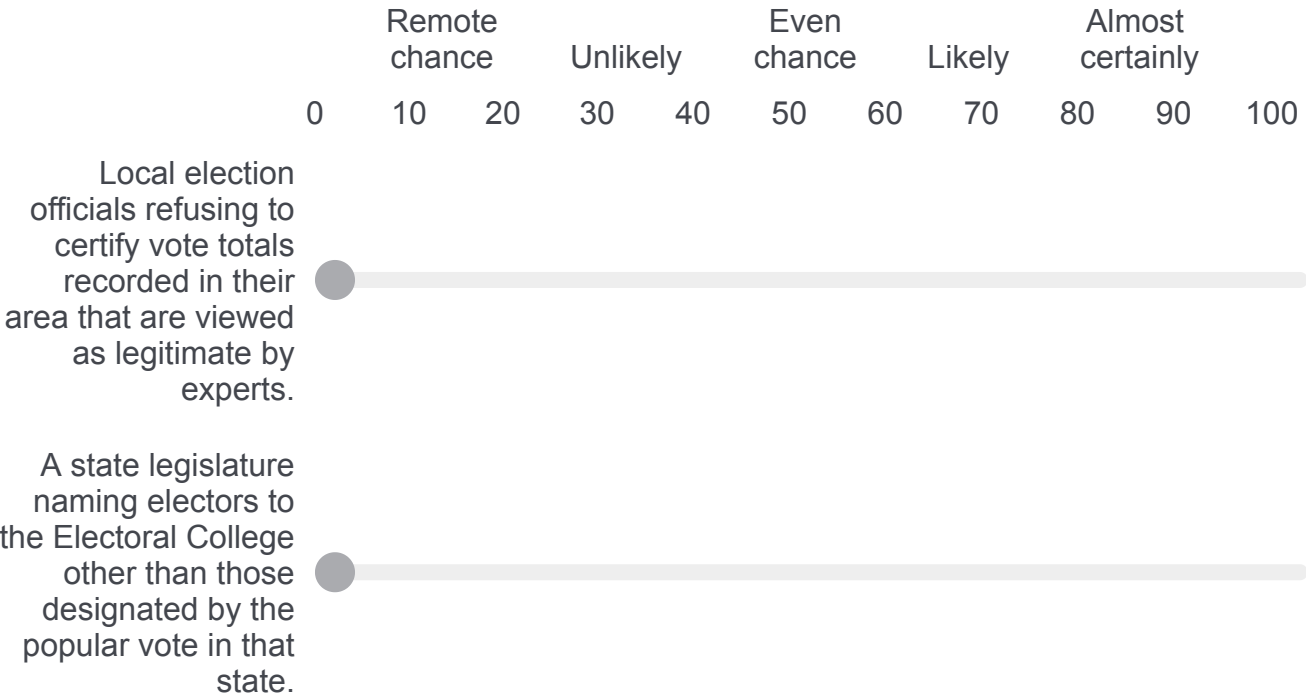


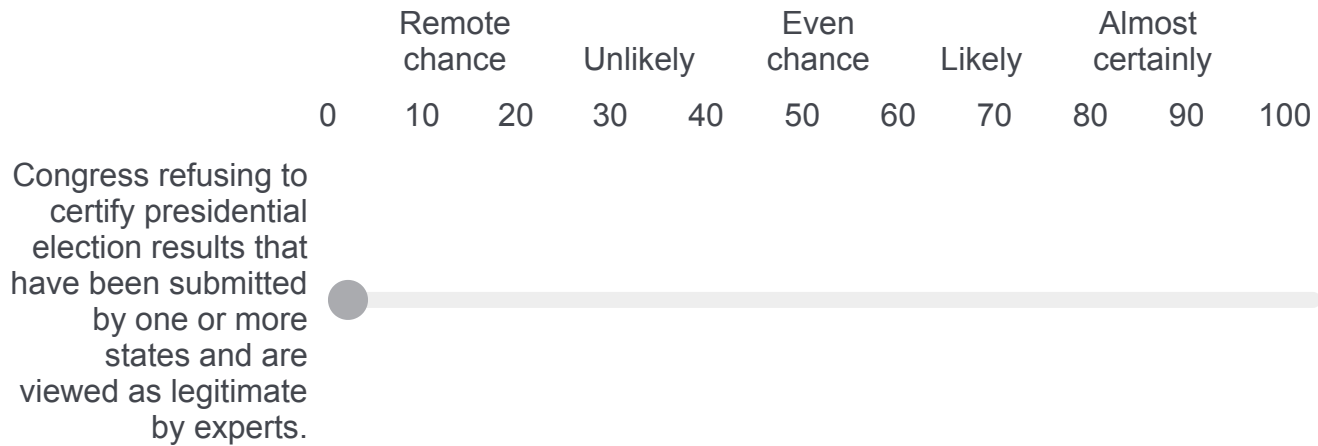
Next, we would like you to assess the likelihood of the following events occurring before January 20, 2025:





Next, we would like you to assess the likelihood of the following events occurring during or after the 2024 presidential election.





Section 9: Threats

In this section of the survey, we ask you to assess a series of potential changes to election law. If adopted, what impact (if any) would each have on American democracy?

	Benefit to American democracy	Will not affect American democracy	Threat to American democracy
Reducing the number of ballot drop boxes and increasing restrictions on when and how ballots can be dropped off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barring non-election workers from providing food and water to voters waiting in line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing restrictions on eligibility to vote by mail and the distribution of mail ballots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving state legislatures more control over state election boards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Empowering state election boards to suspend county election officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Benefit to American democracy	Will not affect American democracy	Threat to American democracy
Preventing counties from offering 24-hour or drive-through early voting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requiring voters to provide state-issued ID with absentee ballot applications or absentee ballot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You indicated that the following are benefits to American democracy. We would now like to you rate the degree to which they are a benefit to democracy.

	Little benefit to American democracy	Moderate benefit to American democracy	Serious benefit to American democracy	Extraordinary benefit to American democracy
» Reducing the number of ballot drop boxes and increasing restrictions on when and how ballots can be dropped off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Barring non-election workers from providing food and water to voters waiting in line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Increasing restrictions on eligibility to vote by mail and the distribution of mail ballots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Giving state legislatures more control over state election boards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Empowering state election boards to suspend county election officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Preventing counties from offering 24-hour or drive-through early voting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Little benefit to American democracy	Moderate benefit to American democracy	Serious benefit to American democracy	Extraordinary benefit to American democracy
» Requiring voters to provide state-issued ID with absentee ballot applications or absentee ballot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You indicated that the following are threats to American democracy. We would now like to you rate the degree to which they are a threat to democracy.

	Little threat to American democracy	Moderate threat to American democracy	Serious threat to American democracy	Grave threat to American democracy
» Reducing the number of ballot drop boxes and increasing restrictions on when and how ballots can be dropped off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Barring non-election workers from providing food and water to voters waiting in line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Increasing restrictions on eligibility to vote by mail and the distribution of mail ballots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Giving state legislatures more control over state election boards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Empowering state election boards to suspend county election officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
» Preventing counties from offering 24-hour or drive-through early voting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Little threat to American democracy	Moderate threat to American democracy	Serious threat to American democracy	Grave threat to American democracy
» Requiring voters to provide state-issued ID with absentee ballot applications or absentee ballot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 10: Occupation

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
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Section 11: Field of study

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
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What is your specific area of study?

Section 12: Comments

Do you have any comments about this survey?

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