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Survey Flow

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If Thank you for participating in the Bright Line Watch survey of political scientists. The purpose... I do not agree to continue Is Selected

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Standard: Section 2: Performance (2 Questions)

Standard: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 3b: US in the future (4 Questions)

Standard: Section 3c: Other countries (2 Questions)

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Standard: Section 4a: 2020 election investigation (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 4b: Capitol investigation (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 4c: documents investigation (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 5: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery introduction (2 Questions)

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Standard: Section 6: Nightmares (4 Questions)
Standard: Section 7: Threats to democracy (3 Questions)
Standard: Section 8: Twitter usage (2 Questions)
Standard: Section 9: Occupation (3 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

If

If Which of the following best describes your occupation? Other Is Not Selected

Standard: Section 10: Field of study (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 11: Comments (2 Questions)

EndSurvey: Advanced

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Start of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent



Q1.1 Thank you for participating in the Bright Line Watch survey of political scientists. The purpose of this survey is to measure expert opinions about the state of American democracy. Your responses will be anonymous. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or withdraw from the study at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers, and all of the information we collect will be stored securely. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Please contact the Social & Behavioral Sciences 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 (1)
- I do not agree to continue (2)

End of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent

Start of Block: Section 2: Performance

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Q2.5 Timing
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Q2.6 How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?

	The U.S. does not meet this standard (1)	The U.S. partly meets this standard (2)	The U.S. mostly meets this standard (3)	The U.S. fully meets this standard (4)	Not sure (5)
Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government officials do not use public office for private gain (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government agencies are not used to monitor, attack, or punish political opponents (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government does not interfere with journalists or news organizations (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government effectively prevents private actors from engaging in politically-motivated violence or intimidation (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (7)

Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents' loyalty or patriotism (8)

Elections are free from foreign influence (9)

Parties and candidates are not barred due to their political beliefs and ideologies (10)

All adult citizens have equal opportunity to vote (11)

All votes have equal impact on election outcomes (12)

Elections are conducted, ballots counted, and winners determined without pervasive fraud or manipulation (13)

Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits (14)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power (15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The judiciary is able to effectively limit executive power (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voter participation in elections is generally high (18)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public (19)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions (20)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizens can make their opinions heard in open	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

debate about policies that are under consideration (21)

The geographic boundaries of electoral districts do not systematically advantage any particular political party (22)

Even when there are disagreements about ideology or policy, political leaders generally share a common understanding of relevant facts (23)

Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents (24)

Citizens have access to information about candidates that is relevant to how they would govern (25)

Government protects individuals' right to

engage in peaceful protest (26)

Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference (27)

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

The law is enforced equally for all persons (29)

Incumbent politicians who lose elections publicly concede defeat (30)

End of Block: Section 2: Performance

Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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rusa_d50_now

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 ()



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If default_blank = 1

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rusa_dblank_now

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United States today ()



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End of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

Start of Block: Section 3b: US in the future

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rusa_d50_5y Using the same 0 to 100 scale, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{rusa_d50_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

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United States in 5 years ()



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rusa_dblank_5y

Using the same 0 to 100 scale, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the political system of the United States today as $\{rusa_dblack_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.

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United States in 5 years ()



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rusa_d50_10y And still using the 0 to 100 scale, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 10 years?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

United States in 10 years ()



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rusa_dblank_10y And still using the 0 to 100 scale, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 10 years?

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United States in 10 years ()



End of Block: Section 3b: US in the future

Start of Block: Section 3c: Other countries

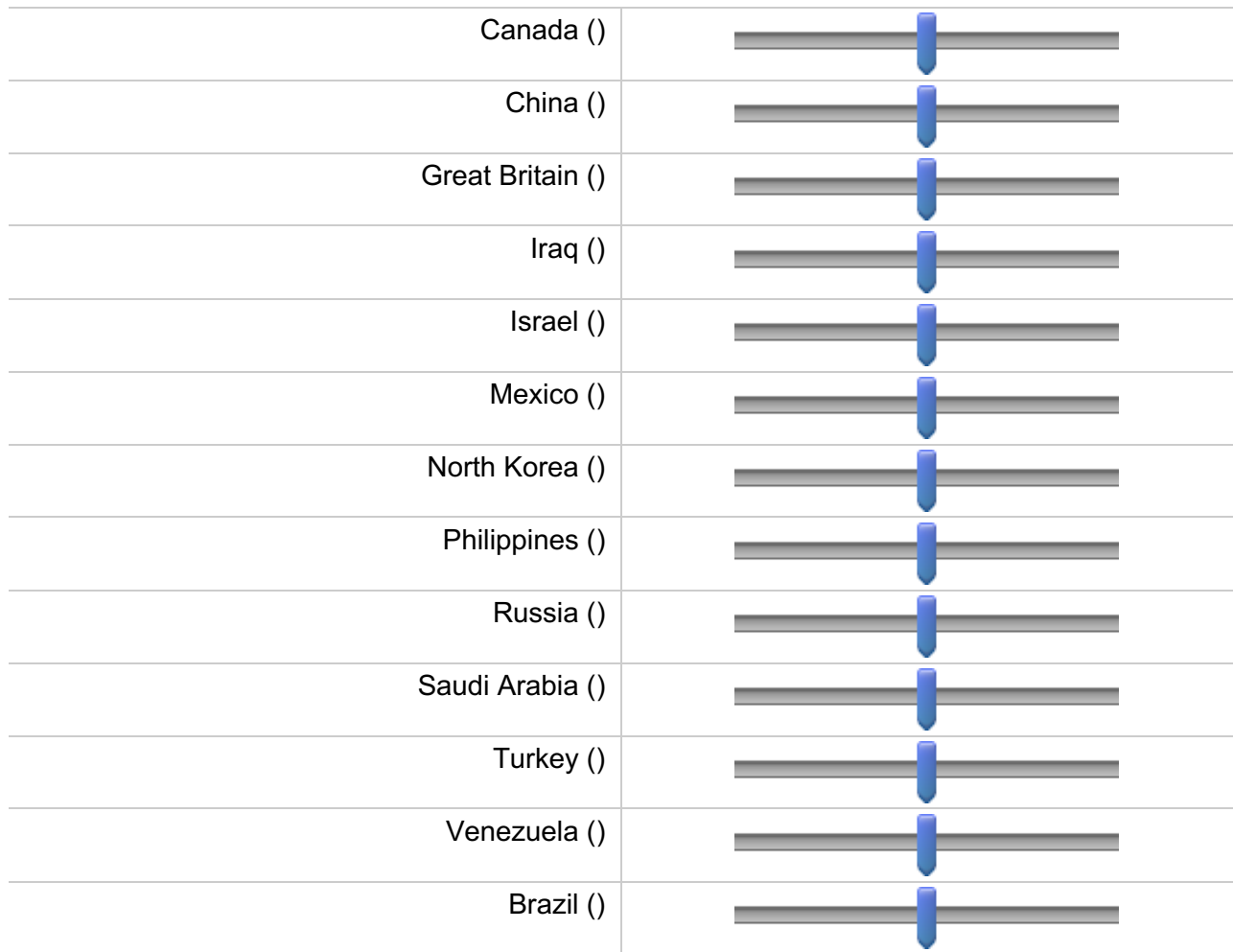
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Canada ()	
China ()	
Great Britain ()	
Iraq ()	
Israel ()	
Mexico ()	
North Korea ()	
Philippines ()	
Russia ()	
Saudi Arabia ()	
Turkey ()	
Venezuela ()	
Brazil ()	

End of Block: Section 3c: Other countries

Start of Block: Section 4a: 2020 election investigation

Q4a_i In thinking about former President Trump's **efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election**, do you think he committed a crime, or not?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Display This Choice:

If prosecute_dk = 1

Don't know (3)

Q4a_ii Do you think that former President Trump should be prosecuted for **his efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election?**

Yes (1)

No (2)

Display This Choice:

If prosecute_dk = 1

Don't know (3)

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If Q4a_j = 1

And Q4a_ji = 2

Q4a_iii You indicated that you believe former President Trump committed a crime in relation to **his efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election**, but that you oppose prosecuting him. Please select the statement that best represents why you oppose a prosecution in this case:

- Former presidents should be exempt from prosecution (1)
- A prosecution of Trump would not lead to a conviction (2)
- A prosecution of Trump would increase political tensions (3)
- A prosecution of Trump would benefit him politically (4)
- A prosecution of Trump would encourage future administrations to prosecute their opponents (5)

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End of Block: Section 4a: 2020 election investigation

Start of Block: Section 4b: Capitol investigation

Q4b_i In thinking about former President Trump's **role in the events of January 6, 2021**, do you think he committed a crime, or not?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Display This Choice:

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Don't know (3)

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Q4b_ii Do you think that former President Trump should be prosecuted for **his role in the events of January 6, 2021**?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Don't know (3)

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If Q4b_j = 1

And Q4b_ji = 2

Q4b_iii You indicated that you believe former President Trump committed a crime in relation to **his role in the events of January 6, 2021**, but that you oppose prosecuting him. Please select the statement that best represents why you oppose a prosecution in this case:

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- A prosecution of Trump would encourage future administrations to prosecute their opponents (5)

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End of Block: Section 4b: Capitol investigation

Start of Block: Section 4c: documents investigation

Q4c_i In thinking about former President Trump's **handling of classified documents after leaving the White House**, do you think he committed a crime, or not?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Don't know (3)

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Q4c_ii Do you think that former President Trump should be prosecuted for **his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House?**

Yes (1)

No (2)

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If prosecute_dk = 1

Don't know (3)

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If Q4c_i = 1

And Q4c_ii = 2

Q4c_iii You indicated that you believe former President Trump committed a crime in relation to **his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House**, but that you oppose prosecuting him. Please select the statement that best represents why you oppose a prosecution in this case:

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Start of Block: Section 5: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery introduction

Q5.1 Timing

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Q5.2 On the following screens you will see a list of 8 recent events that have taken place since our last expert survey (randomly selected from a list of 25 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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Start of Block: Section 5a: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5a.1 Timing

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Q5a.2 *3 Republicans who were at the Capitol riot on January 6 win party nominations in 2022 House contests*

Q5a.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5a.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5a.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5b: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5b.1 Timing
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Q5b.2 *Trump says he would pardon January 6 rioters if he wins the presidency in 2024*

Q5b.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5b.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q5b.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5c: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5c.1 Timing

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Q5c.2 *After the 2020 election, Ginni Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, pressed White House chief of staff to overturn results*

Q5c.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
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 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5c.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q5c.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5d.1 Timing

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Q5d.2 *The FBI searches Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago*

Q5d.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

Normal (1)

Mostly normal (2)

Borderline normal (3)

Mostly abnormal (4)

Abnormal (5)

Q5d.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q5d.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5e: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q5e.1 Timing
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Q5e.2 *Justice Stephen Breyer retires from the Supreme Court*

Q5e.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
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Q5e.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5e.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5f: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5f.1 Timing
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Q5f.2 *The Supreme Court strikes down Obama-era regulations that the EPA imposed on coal-fired power plants*

Q5f.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
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Q5f.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5f.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5g: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5g.1 Timing

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Q5g.2 *Drone strike carried out by U.S. forces kills al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri*

Q5g.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5g.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q5g.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5g: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

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- Q5h.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
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Q5h.2 *Biden administration announces plan to cancel \$10,000 in student debt*

Q5h.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
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 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5h.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5h.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5i: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5i.1 Timing
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Q5i.2 *January 6 committee hears testimony that Trump was personally involved in plan to put forward slates of fake electors in battleground states following the 2020 election*

Q5i.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
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Q5i.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5i.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5j: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5j.1 Timing

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Q5j.2 *FBI finds documents related to foreign nations' nuclear capabilities during search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence*

Q5j.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5j.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5j.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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- Q5k.1 Timing
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Q5k.2 Over 40% of Republican candidates for statewide office in the 2022 elections refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy of the 2020 election

Q5k.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5k.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5k.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5l: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5l.1 Timing
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Q5l.2 *The U.S. sends billions in military aid to Ukraine after Russia invades*

Q5l.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5l.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5l.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5m.1 Timing

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Q5m.2 *January 6 committee presents evidence that Trump was told that using VP Pence to overturn the 2020 election was illegal*

Q5m.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5m.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5m.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5n: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5n.1 Timing
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Q5n.2 *18 months into the Biden presidency, polls show that a majority of Democrats wants a new presidential nominee in 2024*

Q5n.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5n.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5n.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5o.1 Timing
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Q5o.2 Congress passes the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes \$370 billion in spending and tax credits for low-emission forms of energy

Q5o.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5o.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5p: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5p.1 Timing

First Click (1)

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Q5p.2 *FBI investigates the theft of the personal diary of Biden's daughter*

Q5p.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

Normal (1)

Mostly normal (2)

Borderline normal (3)

Mostly abnormal (4)

Abnormal (5)

Q5p.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

Q5p.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5p: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5q: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q5q.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
 - Last Click (2)
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 - Click Count (4)

Q5q.2 *Biden tests positive for COVID-19 and experiences mild symptoms*

Q5q.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5q.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5q.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5q: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5r: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5r.1 Timing
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Q5r.2 *News reports indicate that toilets in the Trump White House were clogged by papers*

Q5r.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5r.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5r.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5r: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5s: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5s.1 Timing

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Q5s.2 *Florida voter fraud task force arrests 20 people for voting illegally, many of whom had been told they were eligible to vote*

Q5s.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5s.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

Q5s.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5s: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5t: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5t.1 Timing

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Q5t.2 *Speaking at a Trump rally, Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene claims that Democratic 'killings' of Republicans have started*

Q5t.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5t.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5t.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5u: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5u.1 Timing
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Q5u.2 *The Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, allowing state-level restrictions on abortion*

Q5u.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5u.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5u.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5v.1 Timing

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Q5v.2 *Republican Representative Liz Cheney, a critic of Trump's claims regarding the 2020 election, loses her primary to a Trump-backed challenger*

Q5v.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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Q5v.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

Q5v.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5v: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5w: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

- Q5w.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
 - Last Click (2)
 - Page Submit (3)
 - Click Count (4)

Q5w.2 *Following Disney's criticism of a Florida bill regulating classroom discussions of gender and sexuality, the state legislature terminates the company's special tax status*

Q5w.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5w.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5w.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 5x: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5x.1 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Q5x.2 *Florida flies dozens of migrants to Martha's Vineyard to protest illegal immigration under Biden*

Q5x.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5x.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5x.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: Section 5x: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Start of Block: Section 5y: (Ab)normal / (un)important battery

Q5y.1 Timing

First Click (1)

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Click Count (4)

Q5y.2 *Florida adopts regulations that limit classroom discussions of gender and sexuality*

Q5y.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5y.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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Q5y.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 6: Nightmares

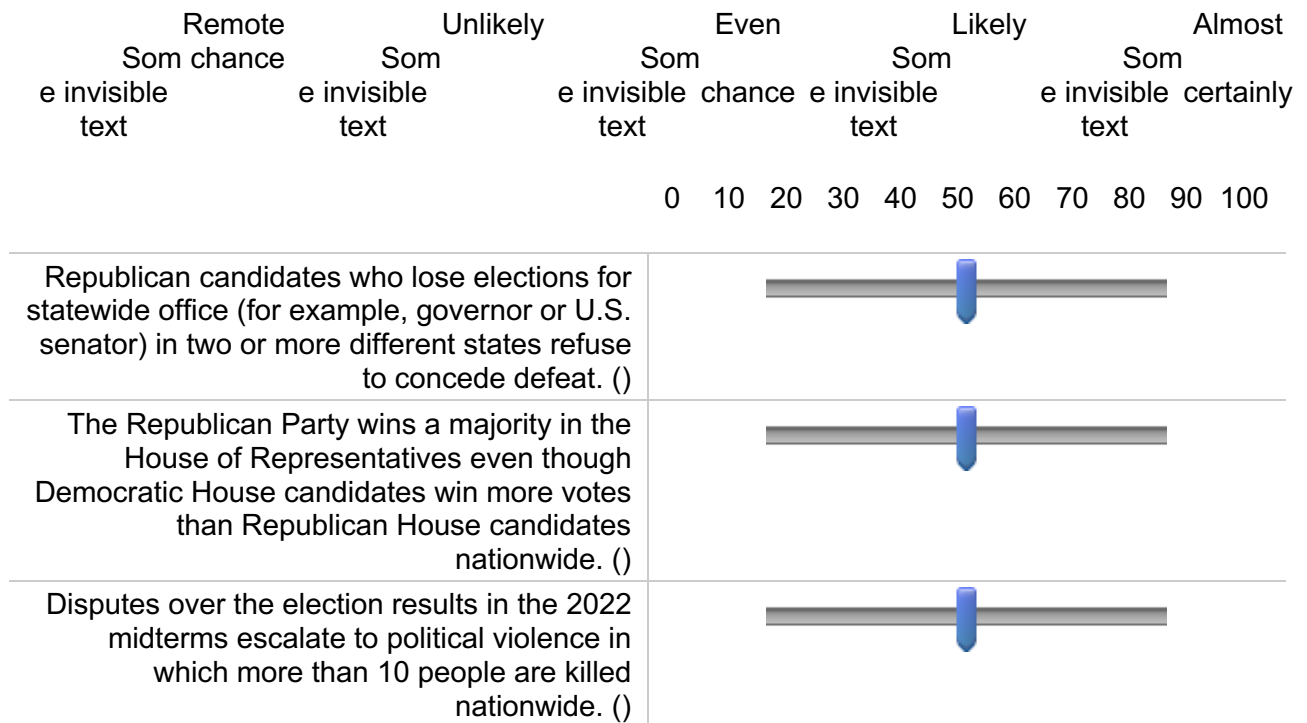
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We ask you to provide your answers using numeric percentages. If you think the scenario will occur with near certainty, then you would give an answer close to 100%. If you think there is only a remote chance that the scenario will occur, then you would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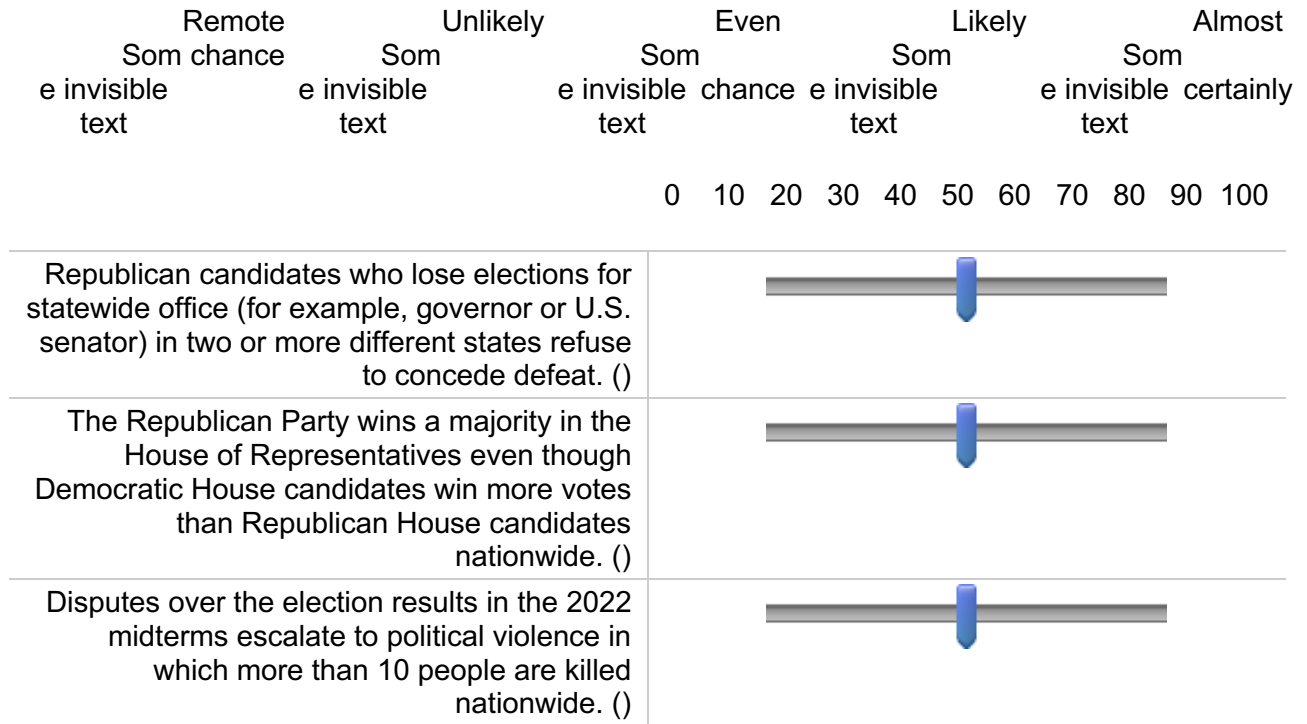
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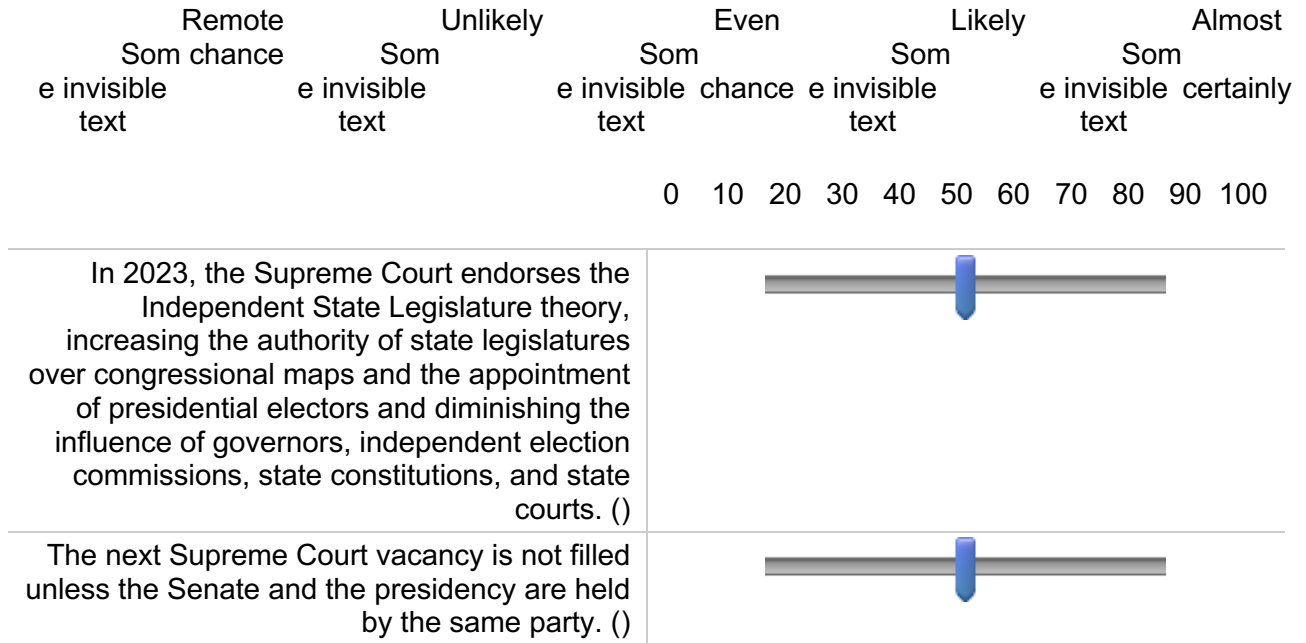


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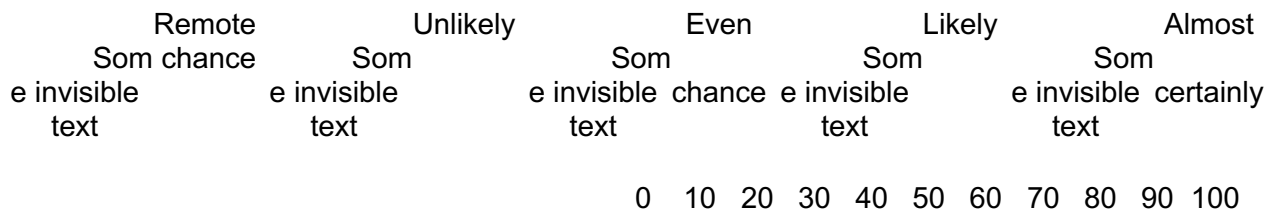
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If default_blank = 1



Q6b_defaultblank Next, we would like you to assess the likelihood of the following events occurring:



In 2023, the Supreme Court endorses the Independent State Legislature theory, increasing the authority of state legislatures over congressional maps and the appointment of presidential electors and diminishing the influence of governors, independent election commissions, state constitutions, and state courts. ()



The next Supreme Court vacancy is not filled unless the Senate and the presidency are held by the same party. ()



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End of Block: Section 6: Nightmares

Start of Block: Section 7: Threats to democracy

threats_binary

In this section of the survey, we ask you to assess a series of events that may materialize in the future. What impact (if any) would each have on American democracy?

	Benefit to American democracy (1)	Will not affect American democracy (2)	Threat to American democracy (3)
A Trump candidacy for president in the 2024 cycle (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A prosecution of former President Donald Trump (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Display This Question:

If threats_binary [1] (Count) > 0

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

Display This Choice:
If threats_binary = 2 [1]

Display This Choice:
If threats_binary = 3 [1]

	Little benefit to American democracy (2)	Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)	Serious benefit to American democracy (4)	Extraordinary benefit to American democracy (5)
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i> <i>If threats_binary = 2 [1]</i></p> <p>A Trump candidacy for president in the 2024 cycle (2)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i> <i>If threats_binary = 3 [1]</i></p> <p>A prosecution of former President Donald Trump (3)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Display This Question:
If threats_binary [3] (Count) > 0

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

Display This Choice:
If threats_binary = 2 [3]
Display This Choice:
If threats_binary = 3 [3]

	Little threat to American democracy (2)	Moderate threat to American democracy (3)	Serious threat to American democracy (4)	Extraordinary threat to American democracy (5)
Display This Choice: If threats_binary = 2 [3] A Trump candidacy for president in the 2024 cycle (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Display This Choice: If threats_binary = 3 [3] A prosecution of former President Donald Trump (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q8a

How often do you use Twitter?

- Daily (1)
- A few times a week (2)
- Once a week (3)
- A few times a month (4)
- Once a month (5)
- Less than once a month (6)
- Never (7)

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Display This Question:

If Q8a != 7



Q8b How often do you tweet about issues related to the state of American democracy?

- Daily (1)
- A few times a week (2)
- Once a week (3)
- A few times a month (4)
- Once a month (5)
- Less than once a month (6)
- Never (7)

End of Block: Section 8: Twitter usage

Start of Block: Section 9: Occupation

Q9.1 Timing

First Click (1)

Last Click (2)

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Click Count (4)

Q9.2 *Finally, we have just a few questions about you.*

Q9.3 Which of the following best describes your occupation?

- Graduate student (1)
- Post-doctoral fellow (2)
- Adjunct faculty (3)
- Full-time faculty (4)
- Emeritus faculty (5)
- Other (6)

End of Block: Section 9: Occupation

Start of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Q10.1 Timing

First Click (1)

Last Click (2)

Page Submit (3)

Click Count (4)

Q10.2 What is your primary field of study?

- American politics (1)
 - Comparative politics (2)
 - International relations (3)
 - Political theory (4)
 - Another field of political science (5)
 - Something other than political science (6)
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Q10.3 What is your specific area of study?

End of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 11: Comments

Q11.1 Timing

First Click (1)

Last Click (2)

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Click Count (4)

Q11.2 Do you have any comments about this survey?

End of Block: Section 11: Comments
