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   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
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)
Q2.5 Timing
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Q2.6 How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?
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Citizens can make their opinions heard in open 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)
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?

United States today (%)
Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

End of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

Section 3b: US in the future

rusa_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 \[ \text{rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1} \].

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\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
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& 0 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 & 50 & 60 & 70 & 80 & 90 & 100 \\
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\text{United States in 5 years (}) & \text{[Rating]} \\
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rusa_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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& 0 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 & 50 & 60 & 70 & 80 & 90 & 100 \\
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\text{United States in 10 years (}) & \text{[Rating]} \\
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Section 3c: ratings under 2024 scenarios

rusa_trump Assuming that Donald Trump wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the US now as \[ \text{rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1} \].

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\text{United States in 5 years under Trump (}} & \text{[Rating]} \\
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rusa_desantis Assuming that Ron DeSantis wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the US
Assuming that Joe Biden wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the US now as \( \text{\$rusa}\). \[
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\text{United States in 5 years under DeSantis} & \\
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Assuming that Joe Biden wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the US now as \( \text{\$rusa}\). \[
\begin{array}{c|c}
\text{United States in 5 years under Biden} & \\
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0 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 & 50 & 60 & 70 & 80 & 90 & 100 \\
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Now using the same 0 to 100 scale, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, how would you rate the political systems of the following countries? You rated the political system of the United States today as \( \text{\$rusa}\). \[
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\text{Russia} & \\
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\text{Brazil} & \\
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Q5.2 On the following screens you will see a list of 5 recent events that have taken place since our last expert survey (randomly selected from a list of 9 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.

Q5a.2 Republican candidates for Secretary of State who denied the results of the 2020 election lose in eight of eleven states, including the battlegrounds of Arizona, Michigan, and Nevada.
Q5a.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5a.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

Q5a.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5b.2 Establishment Republican candidates who lost in the midterm elections admit defeat and concede.

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

Q5b.4 Is this unimportant or important?
- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)
Q5b.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5c.1 Timing
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Q5c.2 Most Trump-aligned Republican candidates who lost in the midterm elections admit defeat and concede.

Q5c.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
- Mostly abnormal (4)
- Abnormal (5)

Q5c.4 Is this unimportant or important?
- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)

Q5c.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).
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Q5d.1 Timing
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Q5d.2 President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping meet and agree to resume bilateral climate talks.

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)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
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- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)

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

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Q5e.1 Timing
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Q5e.2 In the midterm elections, the Republicans retake control of the House of Representatives and win the popular vote.
Q5e.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5e.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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

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Q5f.2 After losing the gubernatorial election in Arizona, Republican nominee Kari Lake refuses to concede.

Q5f.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
- Mostly abnormal (4)
- Abnormal (5)

Q5f.4 Is this unimportant or important?
- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
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- Mostly important (4)
- Important (5)
Q5f.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5g.1 Timing
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Q5g.2 Former president Donald Trump lashes out at Florida governor Ron DeSantis, a potential rival for the 2024 Republican nomination.

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).

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Q5h.2 Former president Donald Trump announces his bid for the presidency in 2024, just one week after the midterm elections.
Q5h.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
- Mostly abnormal (4)
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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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Q5i.2 Partisan control of the House of Representatives and the Senate is not clear until days after Election Day due to delays in counting ballots in multiple states.

Q5i.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
- Mostly abnormal (4)
- Abnormal (5)

Q5i.4 Is this unimportant or important?
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Start of Block: Section 6: Nightmares

Q6a The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some events that could occur between now and the 2024 elections. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur.

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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threats_binary_3 Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election

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End of Block: Section 7a.4: Threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.5: Threats to democracy

threats_binary_4 Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigations into former president Trump

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Start of Block: Section 7a.6: Threats to democracy

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End of Block: Section 7a.6: Threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7b.1: Threats to democracy
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?

Start of Block: Section 7b.2: Threats to democracy

threats_binary_5 Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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Start of Block: Section 7b.3: Threats to democracy

threats_binary_6 Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election

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End of Block: Section 7b.4: Threats to democracy

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End of Block: Section 7b.5: Threats to democracy

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Start of Block: Section 9: Occupation

Q9.1 Timing
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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

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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)
Q10.3 What is your specific area of study?

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End of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 11: Comments

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

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