

# **BLW wave 18 experts**

## **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 (2 Questions)

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Standard: Section 3d: Other countries (1 Question)

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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)

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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](mailto:survey@brightlinewatch.org).

- I agree to continue (1)
- I do not agree to continue (2)

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**End of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent**

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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)

The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power (15)

The judiciary is able to effectively limit executive power (16)

The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)

Voter participation in elections is generally high (18)

Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public (19)

Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions (20)

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)

End of Block: Section 2: Performance

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Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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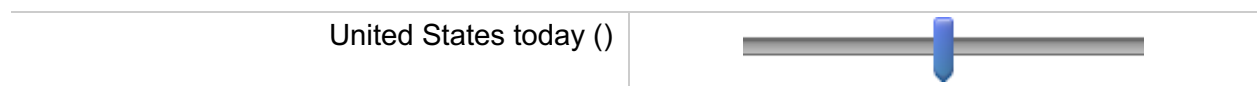
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rusa\_now

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?

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End of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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Start of Block: 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  $\{rusa\_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .



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?

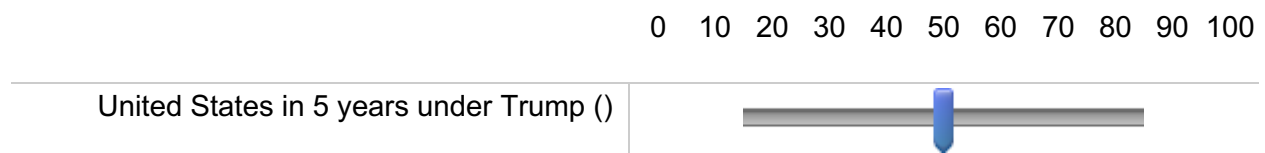


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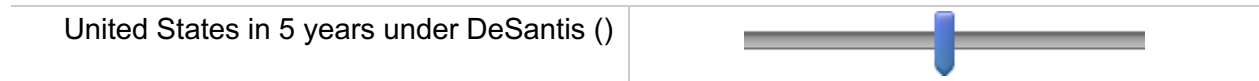
rusa\_trump Assuming that Donald Trump wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 5 years? You rated the US now as  $\{rusa\_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$



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

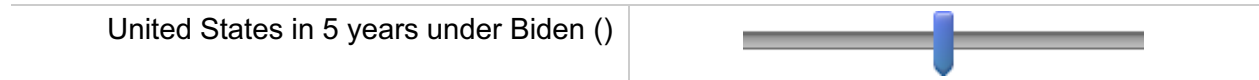
now as  $\{r_{usa\_now}/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .

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 $r_{usa\_biden}$  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  $\{r_{usa\_now}/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .

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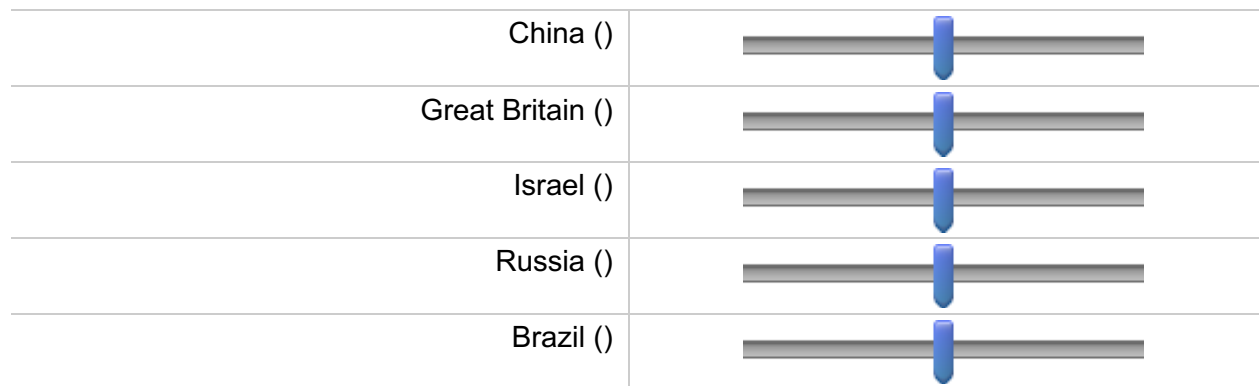
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Start of Block: Section 3d: Other countries



rother 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  $\{r_{usa\_now}/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .

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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.

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

Q5a.1 Timing  
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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.*

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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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Q5b.1 Timing  
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Q5b.2 Establishment Republican candidates who lost in the midterm elections admit defeat and concede.

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

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Q5c.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- Unimportant (1)
  - Mostly unimportant (2)
  - Semi-important (3)
  - Mostly important (4)
  - Important (5)
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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 President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping meet and agree to resume bilateral climate talks.

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Q5d.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5d.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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Q5e.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5e.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
  - Mostly unimportant (2)
  - Semi-important (3)
  - Mostly important (4)
  - Important (5)
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Q5e.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5f.1 Timing  
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Q5f.2 After losing the gubernatorial election in Arizona, Republican nominee Kari Lake refuses to concede.

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Q5f.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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

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Q5g.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5g.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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

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- Q5h.1 Timing
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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.

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Q5h.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5h.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
  - Mostly unimportant (2)
  - Semi-important (3)
  - Mostly important (4)
  - Important (5)
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Q5h.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5i.1 Timing  
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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.

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Q5i.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- Unimportant (1)
  - Mostly unimportant (2)
  - Semi-important (3)
  - Mostly important (4)
  - Important (5)
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Q5i.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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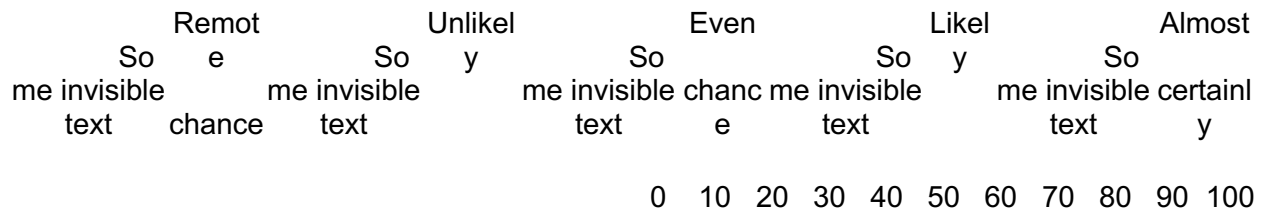
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Start of Block: Section 6: Nightmares



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%.



Disputes over the debt ceiling lead to a federal government shutdown in 2023. ()	
Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023. ()	
Three or more states adopt rules in 2023 requiring that all ballots in the 2024 election be hand-counted. ()	
Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election. ()	
Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election. ()	
Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election. ()	
President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden is indicted by the end of 2023. ()	
Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023. ()	
The Supreme Court rules in 2023 that race-conscious college admissions are unconstitutional. ()	

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End of Block: Section 6: Nightmares

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Start of Block: Section 7a.1: threats to democracy

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In this section of the survey, we ask you to assess a series of events that recently occurred. What impact (if any) has each had on American democracy?

End of Block: Section 7a.1: threats to democracy

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Start of Block: Section 7a.2: threats to democracy

threats\_binary\_1 Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the chances of the Democratic candidate in the general election

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

End of Block: Section 7a.2: threats to democracy

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Start of Block: Section 7a.3: threats to democracy

threats\_binary\_2

States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

End of Block: Section 7a.3: threats to democracy

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

threats\_binary\_3 Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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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

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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

*Display This Question:*

*If Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Benefit to American democracy*

benefit\_detail\_1 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 Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*

*If States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*

*If Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*

*If Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Benefit to American democracy*



Little benefit to American democracy (2)

Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)

Serious benefit to American democracy (4)

Extraordinary benefit to American democracy (5)

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Benefit to American democracy*

Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the chances of the Democratic candidate in the general election (2)



*Display This Choice:*  
*If States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Benefit to American democracy*

States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts (3)



*Display This Choice:*

*If Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Benefit to American democracy*

**Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election (9)**



*Display This Choice:*

*If Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Benefit to American democracy*

**Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigations into former president Trump (10)**



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*Display This Question:*

*If Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Threat to American democracy*

threat\_detail\_1 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 Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*

*If States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Threat to American democracy*

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*If Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*

*If Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Threat to American democracy*

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 Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the... = Threat to American democracy*

Democrats supporting election-denying candidates in Republican primaries in order to improve the chances of the Democratic candidate in the general election (2)



*Display This Choice:*  
*If States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts = Threat to American democracy*

States that lean Democratic adopting independent commissions to draw congressional districts (3)



*Display This Choice:*

*If Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election = Threat to American democracy*



**Facebook limiting sharing of the Hunter Biden laptop story before the 2020 election (9)**

*Display This Choice:*

*If Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigati... = Threat to American democracy*



**Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith as special counsel in charge of two investigations into former president Trump (10)**

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

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

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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?

End of Block: Section 7b.1: Threats to democracy

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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)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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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

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

End of Block: Section 7b.3: Threats to democracy

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

threats\_binary\_7 Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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**Start of Block: Section 7b.5: Threats to democracy**

threats\_binary\_8 Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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**Start of Block: Section 7b.6: Threats to democracy**

threats\_binary\_9 Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

**End of Block: Section 7b.6: Threats to democracy**

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



threats\_binary\_10 An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
- Threat to American democracy (3)

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

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**Start of Block: Section 7b.8: Threats to democracy**

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*Or Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023 = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023 = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives = Benefit to American democracy*

benefit\_detail\_2 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.

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*If An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives = Benefit to American democracy*

Little benefit to American democracy (2)

Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)

Serious benefit to American democracy (4)

Extraordinary benefit to American democracy (5)

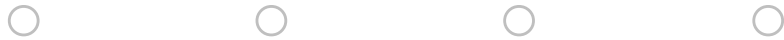
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Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (2)



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*If Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy*

Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (9)



*Display This Choice:*

*If Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy*

**Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (10)**



*Display This Choice:*

*If Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023 = Benefit to American democracy*

**Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023 (11)**



*Display This Choice:*

*If Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023 = Benefit to American democracy*

**Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023 (12)**



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financial activities  
by the House of  
Representatives =  
Benefit to  
American  
democracy*

**An investigation  
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Biden's financial  
activities by the  
House of  
Representatives  
(13)**



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*Or Criminal charges are filed against former president Donald Trump in 2023 = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Joe Biden is impeached by the House of Representatives in 2023 = Threat to American democracy*

*Or An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives = Threat to American democracy*

threat\_detail\_2 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.

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*If An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives = Threat to American democracy*

Little threat to American democracy (2)

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Serious threat to American democracy (4)

Extraordinary threat to American democracy (5)

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Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (2)



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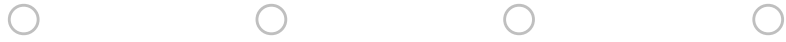




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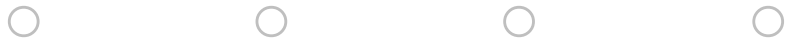
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An investigation of Hunter Biden's financial activities by the House of Representatives (13)



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Start of Block: Section 9: Occupation

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

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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

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Start of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Q10.1 Timing

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

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End of Block: Section 10: Field of study

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Start of Block: Section 11: Comments

Q11.1 Timing

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

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