

# **BLW wave 19 experts**

## **Survey Flow**

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Standard: Section 2: Performance (2 Questions)

Standard: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation (2 Questions)

Standard: Section 3b: US in the future (2 Questions)

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

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Standard: trump\_investigate\_docs (4 Questions)

Standard: docs\_claims\_intro (1 Question)  
Standard: docs\_claims\_1 (3 Questions)

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Standard: docs\_claims\_3 (3 Questions)  
Standard: docs\_claims\_4 (3 Questions)

Standard: indict\_other (4 Questions)  
Standard: media (1 Question)  
Standard: Section 9: Occupation (3 Questions)

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

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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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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)

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Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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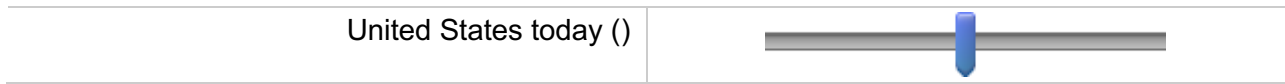
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On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, how would you rate the political system of the United States as of today?

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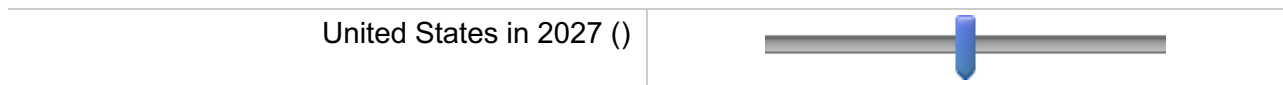
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rusa\_5y

You rated the political system of the United States today as  $\{rusa\_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .

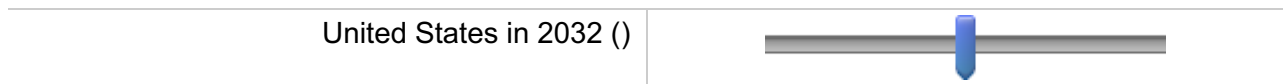
Using the same 0 to 100 scale, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 2027?

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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 2032?

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Start of Block: Section 3c: 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  $\{rusa\_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$ .

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Great Britain ()	
Israel ()	
Mexico ()	
Brazil ()	
Philippines ()	
Turkey ()	
Hungary ()	
Poland ()	
India ()	
Italy ()	
Kenya ()	
Peru ()	

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Q5.1 Timing

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Q5.2 On the following screens you will see a list of 6 recent events that have taken place since our last expert survey (randomly selected from a list of 21 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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Q5a.1 Timing

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Q5a.2 Tennessee Republicans expel two Democratic lawmakers from the state Legislature for their role in a pro-gun control protest in the chamber of the state House

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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 Speaking about a potential second term, former president Trump declares: "I am your justice. And for those who have been wronged and betrayed, I am your retribution."

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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)
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  - 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 A few days before the U.S. was set to default on its debt, congressional Republicans and the Biden administration agree on a deal to raise the debt ceiling in exchange for spending limits

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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)
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  - 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 The Supreme Court strikes down Alabama's congressional map because it limited the political power exercised by Black voters

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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 As the issue of LGBTQ rights rises in salience, drag show events in multiple states attract protests

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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)
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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 The U.S. Congress passes a bill that protects same-sex marriage

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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)
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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 A journalistic investigation reveals that George Santos, recently elected to represent New York's 3rd congressional district, repeatedly lied about his resume during the campaign

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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)
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- 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 A Chinese spy balloon traverses the continental U.S. before the U.S. military shoots it down over the Atlantic Ocean

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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)
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  - 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 The Biden administration approves the sale of over \$600 million worth of weapons to Taiwan as tensions mount with China

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

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Q5j.1 Timing

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Q5j.2 Montana bans the popular mobile application TikTok amid mounting concerns about user privacy and its Chinese ownership

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Q5j.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5j.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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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 Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, a Republican, is impeached by the Republican majority in the state House of Representatives following accusations of bribery and obstruction of justice

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Q5k.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
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  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5k.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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Q5k.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Q5l.1 Timing

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Q5l.2 Former president Donald Trump vows to appoint a special prosecutor to "go after" Joe Biden if he is re-elected

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Q5l.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
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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 Following a lengthy confrontation with ultraconservative members of the House, representative Kevin McCarthy is elected Speaker of the House on the 15th ballot -- the longest delay since 1859

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Q5m.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
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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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Q5n.2 Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden, agrees to a plea deal with federal prosecutors following accusations that he illegally acquired a firearm and committed tax crimes

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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 In a social media post, former president Trump asserts that election fraud "allows for the termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution."

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Q5o.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5o.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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Q5p.1 Timing

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Q5p.2 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives vote to censure Adam Schiff over his role in congressional investigations of former president Trump

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Q5p.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5p.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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Q5q.2 The Supreme Court rules against the "independent state legislature" theory, which asserts that the actions of state legislatures in regulating elections, including the drawing of electoral maps, cannot be reviewed by the courts

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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).

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

Q5r.1 Timing

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Q5r.2 President Trump stores classified documents he was not allowed to retain after leaving office in his Mar-a-Lago estate

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Q5r.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
  - Mostly normal (2)
  - Borderline normal (3)
  - Mostly abnormal (4)
  - Abnormal (5)
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Q5r.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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Q5s.1 Timing

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Q5s.2 President Trump makes hush money payments just before the 2016 election to an adult film star

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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)

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

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Q5t.1 Timing

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Q5t.2 After appointing conservative allies to a new state-appointed board regulating Disney's Reedy Creek Improvement District, Florida governor Ron DeSantis says "I think all of these board members very much would like to see the type of entertainment that all families can appreciate."

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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)
  - Mostly unimportant (2)
  - 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 Paul Pelosi, the husband of then-House speaker Nancy Pelosi, is attacked and seriously injured by a home intruder who wanted to kidnap Nancy Pelosi

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Q5u.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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 7a.1: threats to democracy

threats\_binary\_0

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 Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg for falsification of business records in relation to a hush money payment to Stormy Daniels during the 2016 election campaign

- 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 Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House

- 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 Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis, and Nikki Haley

- 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 Senator Dianne Feinstein refuses to resign and returns to Washington following a lengthy health-related absence

- 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

threats\_binary\_5 President Joe Biden calls MAGA Republicans “semi-fascist”

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

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

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

threats\_binary\_6 The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presidential candidates next year

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

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

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Start of Block: Section 7a.8: Threats to democracy

threats\_binary\_7 The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and holds hearings

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

End of Block: Section 7a.8: Threats to democracy

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Start of Block: Section 7a.9: Threats to democracy

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*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg for fa... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or Senator Dianne Feinstein refuses to resign and returns to Washington following a lengthy health-r... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or President Joe Biden calls MAGA Republicans "semi-fascist" = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presid... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Or The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and ho... = 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.

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*Display This Choice:*  
*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Senator Dianne Feinstein refuses to resign and returns to Washington following a lengthy health-r... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If President Joe Biden calls MAGA Republicans "semi-fascist" = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presid... = Benefit to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and ho... = 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)
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg for fa... = Benefit to American democracy</i></p> <p>Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

District Attorney Alvin Bragg for falsification of business records in relation to a hush money payment to Stormy Daniels during the 2016 election campaign (2)

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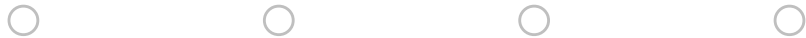
*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Benefit to American democracy*

Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House (3)

*Display This Choice:*

*If Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Benefit to American democracy*

Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024



presidential race,  
joining Donald  
Trump, Ron  
DeSantis, and  
Nikki Haley (9)

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Choice:*  
  
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Dianne Feinstein  
refuses to resign  
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Washington  
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health-r... =  
Benefit to  
American  
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Senator Dianne  
Feinstein refuses  
to resign and  
returns to  
Washington  
following a  
lengthy health-  
related absence  
(10)

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*If President  
Joe Biden calls  
MAGA  
Republicans  
"semi-fascist" =  
Benefit to  
American  
democracy*

President Joe  
Biden calls  
MAGA  
Republicans  
"semi-fascist"  
(11)

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Choice:*  
  
*If The group  
No Labels seeks  
to secure ballot*



*access to  
potentially  
challenge the  
major-party  
presid... = Benefit  
to American  
democracy*

The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presidential candidates next year (12)

*Display This  
Choice:  
  
If The House  
Committee on the  
Weaponization of  
the Federal  
Government  
conducts  
investigations and  
ho... = Benefit to  
American  
democracy*

The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and holds hearings (13)



*Display This Question:*

*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg for fa... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or Senator Dianne Feinstein refuses to resign and returns to Washington following a lengthy health-r... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or President Joe Biden calls MAGA Republicans "semi-fascist" = Threat to American democracy*

*Or The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presid... = Threat to American democracy*

*Or The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and ho... = 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.

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*Display This Choice:*  
*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Threat to American democracy*

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*If Senator Dianne Feinstein refuses to resign and returns to Washington following a lengthy health-r... = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If President Joe Biden calls MAGA Republicans "semi-fascist" = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presid... = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and ho... = 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)
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg for fa... = Threat to American democracy</i></p> <p>Former president Donald Trump is indicted by New York County</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

District Attorney Alvin Bragg for falsification of business records in relation to a hush money payment to Stormy Daniels during the 2016 election campaign (2)

*Display This Choice:*

*If Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of clas... = Threat to American democracy*

Former president Donald Trump is indicted by special counsel Jack Smith over his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House (3)

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*If Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024 presidential race, joining Donald Trump, Ron DeSant... = Threat to American democracy*

Numerous Republican candidates enter the 2024



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DeSantis, and  
Nikki Haley (9)

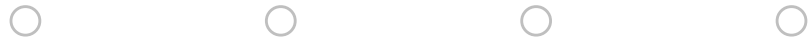
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health-r... = Threat  
to American  
democracy*

Senator Dianne  
Feinstein refuses  
to resign and  
returns to  
Washington  
following a  
lengthy health-  
related absence  
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Threat to  
American  
democracy*

President Joe  
Biden calls  
MAGA  
Republicans  
"semi-fascist"  
(11)

*Display This  
Choice:*  
  
*If The group  
No Labels seeks  
to secure ballot  
access to*





*potentially challenge the major-party presid... = Threat to American democracy*

The group No Labels seeks to secure ballot access to potentially challenge the major-party presidential candidates next year (12)

*Display This Choice:  
If The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and ho... = Threat to American democracy*

The House Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government conducts investigations and holds hearings (13)



End of Block: Section 7a.9: Threats to democracy

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

threats\_binary\_4.5

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\_8 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\_9

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\_10 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**

*Display This Question:*

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

*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*

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.

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy*

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

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election = 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)
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American democracy</i></p> <p>Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (2)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Benefit to American</i></p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*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)



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*Display This Question:*

*If Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Threat to American democracy*

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

*Or Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election = 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.

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Threat to American democracy*

*Display This Choice:*  
*If Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election = 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)
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Threat to American democracy</i></p> <p>Donald Trump is nominated as the Republican candidate for president ahead of the 2024 elections (2)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p><i>Display This Choice:</i>  <i>If Ron DeSantis is nominated as the Republican candidate for president in the 2024 election = Threat to American</i></p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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 = Threat to American democracy

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



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

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Start of Block: biden\_investigate

biden\_crime In thinking about Joe Biden's handling of classified documents upon leaving the White House in 2017 at the end of his term as Vice President, do you think he committed a crime, or not?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know (3)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about Joe Biden's handling of classified documents upon leaving the White House in 20... = Yes*

biden\_crime\_yes You said Joe Biden's handling of classified documents is a crime. In your view, what is the appropriate punishment for this conduct if Biden were convicted?

- No punishment should be imposed (1)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (2)
  - Up to one year in prison (3)
  - One to five years in prison (4)
  - More than five years in prison (5)
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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about Joe Biden's handling of classified documents upon leaving the White House in 20... = No*

biden\_crime\_no You said Joe Biden's handling of classified documents is not a crime. Which of the following best describes your view of these allegations?

- Biden did not take the alleged actions (1)
  - Biden took the alleged actions but these actions were not a crime (2)
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End of Block: biden\_investigate

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Start of Block: trump\_investigate\_elec

trump\_crime\_elec 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)
- Don't know (3)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential... = Yes*

trump\_crime\_elec\_y You said former president Trump's efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election is a crime. In your view, what is the appropriate punishment for this conduct if Trump were convicted?

- No punishment should be imposed (1)
- A fine and/or probation but not prison time (2)
- Up to one year in prison (3)
- One to five years in prison (4)
- More than five years in prison (5)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential... = No*

trump\_crime\_elec\_n You said former president Trump's efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election is not a crime. Which of the following best describes your view of these allegations?

- Trump did not take the alleged actions (1)
- Trump took the alleged actions but these actions were not a crime (2)

End of Block: trump\_investigate\_elec

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Start of Block: trump\_investigate\_j6

trump\_crime\_j6 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)
- Don't know (3)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's role in the events of January 6, 2021, do you think he...  
= Yes*

trump\_crime\_j6\_y You said former president Trump's role in the events of January 6, 2021 is a crime. In your view, what is the appropriate punishment for this conduct if Trump were convicted?

- No punishment should be imposed (1)
- A fine and/or probation but not prison time (2)
- Up to one year in prison (3)
- One to five years in prison (4)
- More than five years in prison (5)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's role in the events of January 6, 2021, do you think he...  
= No*

trump\_crime\_j6\_n You said former president Trump's role in the events of January 6, 2021 is not a crime. Which of the following best describes your view of these allegations?

- Trump did not take the alleged actions (1)
- Trump took the alleged actions but these actions were not a crime (2)

End of Block: trump\_investigate\_j6

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Start of Block: trump\_investigate\_stormy

trump\_crime\_stormy In thinking about former President Trump's payment of hush money to an adult film actress, do you think he committed a crime, or not?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know (3)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's payment of hush money to an adult film actress, do you... = Yes*

trump\_crime\_stormy\_y You said former president Trump's payment of hush money to an adult film actress is a crime. In your view, what is the appropriate punishment for this conduct if Trump were convicted?

- No punishment should be imposed (1)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (2)
  - Up to one year in prison (3)
  - One to five years in prison (4)
  - More than five years in prison (5)
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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's payment of hush money to an adult film actress, do you... = No*

trump\_crime\_stormy\_n You said former president Trump's payment of hush money to an adult film actress is not a crime. Which of the following best describes your view of these allegations?

- Trump did not take the alleged actions (1)
  - Trump took the alleged actions but these actions were not a crime (2)
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trump\_stormy\_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Trump would not have been prosecuted for paying hush money to an adult film actress if he were someone else.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Somewhat agree (2)
- Somewhat disagree (3)
- Strongly disagree (4)

End of Block: trump\_investigate\_stormy

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Start of Block: trump\_investigate\_docs

trump\_crime\_docs 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)
- Don't know (3)

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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's handling of classified documents after leaving the White House, do you think it is a crime?*  
= Yes

trump\_crime\_docs\_y You said former president Trump's handling of classified documents after leaving the White House is a crime. In your view, what is the appropriate punishment for this conduct if Trump were convicted?

- No punishment should be imposed (1)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (2)
  - Up to one year in prison (3)
  - One to five years in prison (4)
  - More than five years in prison (5)
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*Display This Question:*

*If In thinking about former President Trump's handling of classified documents after leaving the White House, do you think it is not a crime?*  
= No

trump\_crime\_docs\_n You said former president Trump's handling of classified documents after leaving the White House is not a crime. Which of the following best describes your view of these allegations?

- Trump did not take the alleged actions (1)
  - Trump took the alleged actions but these actions were not a crime (2)
- 

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trump\_docs\_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Trump would not have been prosecuted for his handling of classified documents if he were someone else.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Somewhat agree (2)
- Somewhat disagree (3)
- Strongly disagree (4)

End of Block: trump\_investigate\_docs

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Start of Block: docs\_claims\_intro

Q454 Former president Trump was indicted in June by federal prosecutors over his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House. In the indictment, prosecutors made a series of specific claims regarding Trump's behavior. In the next section, we will ask you some questions about these claims.

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Start of Block: docs\_claims\_1

docs\_claim\_1\_state

The indictment alleges that former president Trump...

**deliberately brought classified documents to his Mar-a-Lago resort upon leaving the White House in January 2021.**

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docs\_claim\_1\_punish *If this allegation were true*, what do you think would be the appropriate punishment?

- None, this is not a crime (1)
  - None, this is technically a crime but should not be prosecuted (2)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (3)
  - Up to one year in prison (4)
  - One to five years in prison (5)
  - More than five years in prison (6)
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docs\_claim\_1\_true Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

- Definitely true (1)
- Probably true (2)
- Probably not true (3)
- Definitely not true (4)

End of Block: docs\_claims\_1

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Start of Block: docs\_claims\_2

docs\_claim\_2\_state

The indictment alleges that former president Trump...

**stored classified documents in unsecured locations, including a ballroom and a bathroom at his Mar-a-Lago resort.**

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docs\_claim\_2\_punish *If this allegation were true*, what do you think would be the appropriate punishment?

- None, this is not a crime (1)
  - None, this is technically a crime but should not be prosecuted (2)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (3)
  - Up to one year in prison (4)
  - One to five years in prison (5)
  - More than five years in prison (6)
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docs\_claim\_2\_true Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

- Definitely true (1)
- Probably true (2)
- Probably not true (3)
- Definitely not true (4)

End of Block: docs\_claims\_2

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Start of Block: docs\_claims\_3

docs\_claim\_3\_state

The indictment alleges that former president Trump...

**showed classified documents to people with no security clearance.**

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docs\_claim\_3\_punish *If this allegation were true*, what do you think would be the appropriate punishment?

- None, this is not a crime (1)
  - None, this is technically a crime but should not be prosecuted (2)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (3)
  - Up to one year in prison (4)
  - One to five years in prison (5)
  - More than five years in prison (6)
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docs\_claim\_3\_true Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

- Definitely true (1)
- Probably true (2)
- Probably not true (3)
- Definitely not true (4)

End of Block: docs\_claims\_3

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Start of Block: docs\_claims\_4

docs\_claim\_4\_state

The indictment alleges that former president Trump...

**suggested that his attorney hide or destroy classified documents before federal authorities could recover them.**

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docs\_claim\_4\_punish *If this allegation were true*, what do you think would be the appropriate punishment?

- None, this is not a crime (1)
  - None, this is technically a crime but should not be prosecuted (2)
  - A fine and/or probation but not prison time (3)
  - Up to one year in prison (4)
  - One to five years in prison (5)
  - More than five years in prison (6)
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docs\_claim\_4\_true Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

- Definitely true (1)
- Probably true (2)
- Probably not true (3)
- Definitely not true (4)

End of Block: docs\_claims\_4

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Start of Block: indict\_other

indict\_standard Regardless of your views of former president Donald Trump or the cases against him, which of the following comes closest to your view on the legal standards that should be applied to prosecutions of a former president?

- The evidentiary standard for prosecuting a former president should be lower than it is for regular citizens (1)
- The evidentiary standard for prosecuting a former president should be the same as it is for regular citizens (2)
- The evidentiary standard for prosecuting a former president should be higher than it is for regular citizens (3)
- Former presidents should not be prosecuted (4)

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Q468 We are interested in your view on the relative strength of the evidence and the probability of conviction in the two indictments against Donald Trump.

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indict\_strength Regarding the **strength of evidence**, which statement comes closer to your view?

- The indictment filed in New York related to hush money payments contains stronger evidence against Donald Trump (1)
  - The indictment filed in Florida related to the handling of classified documents contains stronger evidence against Donald Trump (2)
  - The two indictments contain evidence of roughly equal strength (3)
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indict\_probability Regarding the **probability of conviction**, which statement comes closer to your view?

- Former president Trump is more likely to be convicted in the New York case related to hush money payments (1)
- Former president Trump is more likely to be convicted in the Florida case related to the handling of classified documents (2)
- Former president Trump is about equally likely to be convicted in either case (3)

End of Block: indict\_other

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Start of Block: media

media\_approach As you may know, there have been debates about the best approach to covering Donald Trump's candidacy in the 2024 presidential election. Which of the following best represents your view of how his candidacy should be covered by the news media?

- The news media should cover Trump like the other candidates (1)
- The news media should not air Trump campaign rallies live or hold town halls with him (2)
- The news media should minimize all coverage of Trump (3)

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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.

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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: Little and Meng

vdem\_invite Have you ever been invited to participate as an expert coder in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) project?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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*Display This Question:*

*If Have you ever been invited to participate as an expert coder in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem... = Yes*

vdem\_participate Have you ever agreed to participate in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) project as an expert coder?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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*Display This Question:*

*If Have you ever been invited to participate as an expert coder in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem... = No*

vdem\_would If V-Dem asked you to participate as an expert coder, would you do so?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Display This Question:

If V-Dem asked you to participate as an expert coder, would you do so? = Yes

Or Have you ever agreed to participate in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) project as an expert co... = Yes

vdem\_countries For which country (or countries) would you be able to serve as an expert cover for V-Dem?

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Q11.1 Timing

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

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