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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)
Standard: Section 3b: US in the future (2 Questions)
Standard: Section 3c: Other countries (1 Question)

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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

Standard: Section 10: Field of study (3 Questions)
Standard: Little and Meng (4 Questions)
Standard: Section 11: Comments (2 Questions)
Q1.1 Thank you for participating in the Bright Line Watch survey of political scientists. The purpose of this survey is to measure expert opinions about the state of American democracy. Your responses will be anonymous. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or withdraw from the study at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers, and all of the information we collect will be stored securely. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Please contact the Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board at the University of Chicago with any questions or concerns (by phone at 773-834-7835 or by email at sbs-irb@uchicago.edu).

If you have any questions or comments about this survey, or if you would like to be removed from the mailing list for future surveys, please email survey@brightlinewatch.org.

- I agree to continue (1)
- I do not agree to continue (2)
Q2.5 Timing
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Q2.6 How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?

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<th>The U.S. does not meet this standard (1)</th>
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<th>The U.S. fully meets this standard (4)</th>
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<td>Citizens can make their opinions heard in open</td>
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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
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<td>Government statistics and data are produced by experts who are not influenced by political considerations (28)</td>
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<td>The law is enforced equally for all persons (29)</td>
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<td>Incumbent politicians who lose elections publicly concede defeat (30)</td>
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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?
End of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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

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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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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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

Q5a.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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

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

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Q5b.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."
Q5b.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5b.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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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.

Q5c.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5c.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
- Mostly unimportant (2)
- Semi-important (3)
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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

Q5d.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

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

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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
Q5e.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

Q5e.4 Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
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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

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

Q5f.4 Is this unimportant or important?
- Unimportant (1)
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- Semi-important (3)
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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

Q5g.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

○ Normal (1)

○ Mostly normal (2)

○ Borderline normal (3)

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○ Abnormal (5)
Q5g.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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Q5h.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
Q5h.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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

- Unimportant (1)
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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

Q5i.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
- Mostly abnormal (4)
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Q5i.4 Is this unimportant or important?
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Q5i.5 Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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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

Q5j.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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○ Mostly normal (2)

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Q5j.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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

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Q5k.1 Timing
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Q5k.2 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
Q5k.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
- Mostly normal (2)
- Borderline normal (3)
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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

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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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

Q5m.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

☐ Normal (1)

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Q5m.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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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
Q5n.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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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."

Q5o.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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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

Q5p.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
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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.
Q5q.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5q.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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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

Q5r.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
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Q5s.2 President Trump makes hush money payments just before the 2016 election to an adult film star

Q5s.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5s.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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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."
Q5t.3 Is this normal or abnormal?

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Q5t.4 Is this unimportant or important?

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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.

Q5u.3 Is this normal or abnormal?
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threats_binary_0
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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

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

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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?

- 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)

- 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)
threats_binary_10 Joe Biden is nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in the 2024 election

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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### Notes
- Please rate each option based on its perceived impact on American democracy.
- Use the scale provided to indicate your level of agreement.
- Consider the potential effects of each candidate on democratic processes and values.
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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)
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)

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)
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)
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)
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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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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?

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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

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

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

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.
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)

Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

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

The indictment alleges that former president Trump showed classified documents to people with no security clearance.
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)

Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

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

The indictment alleges that former president Trump... suggested that his attorney hide or destroy classified documents before federal authorities could recover them.
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)

Do you believe that this allegation is true, or not?

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

**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)

**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

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)

End of Block: media

Start of Block: Section 9: Occupation

Q9.1 Timing
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Q9.2 Finally, we have just a few questions about you.

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

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

Q10.3 What is your specific area of study?

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End of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Start of Block: Little and Meng
Have you ever been invited to participate as an expert coder in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) project?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
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)

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)
Display This Question:
If 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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End of Block: Little and Meng

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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End of Block: Section 11: Comments