

BLW wave 20 experts

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 Brendan Nyhan by email at nyhan@dartmouth.edu with any questions or concerns. 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)

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Start of Block: Section 2: Performance

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

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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)

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Elected officials seek compromise with political opponents (24)

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engage in peaceful protest (26)

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

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

The law is enforced equally for all persons (29)

Incumbent politicians who lose elections publicly concede defeat (30)

End of Block: Section 2: Performance

Start of Block: Section 2: Performance (new wording)

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End of Block: Section 2: Performance (new wording)

Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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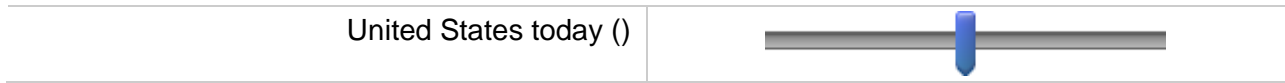
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rusa_now

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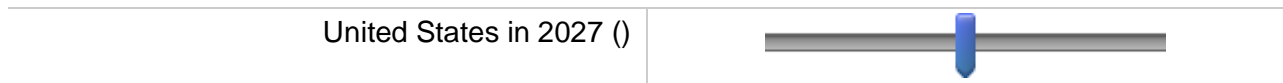
Start of Block: Section 3b: US in the future

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?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100



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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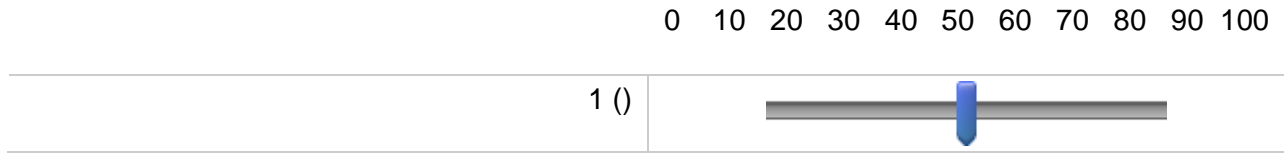
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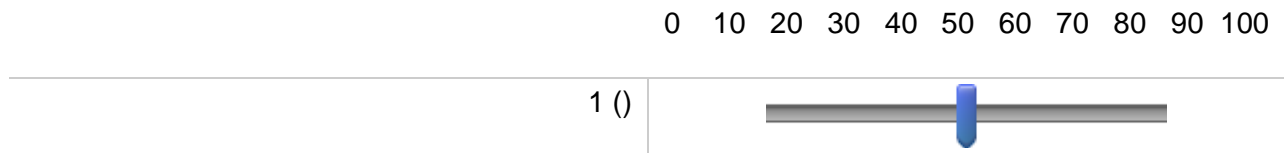
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rusa_biden Assuming that Joe Biden wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 2027? You rated the US now as $\{rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.



rusa_haley Assuming that Nikki Haley wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 2027? You rated the US now as $\{rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1\}$.



End of Block: Section 3c: ratings under 2024 scenarios

Start of Block: Section 4: nomination probabilities



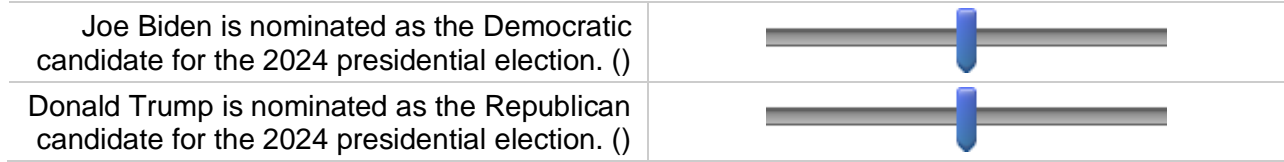
nomination_prob

The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of different events related to the 2024 election. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur.

We ask you to provide your answers using numeric percentages. If you think the scenario will occur with near certainty, then you would give an answer close to 100%. If you think there is only a remote chance that the scenario will occur, then you would give an answer close to 0%, and if you think the scenario is as likely to occur as not to occur, then you would give an answer close to 50%.

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End of Block: Section 4: nomination probabilities

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

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

threats_binary_1 The Colorado state Supreme Court rules that the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution prohibits Trump from appearing on Colorado ballots because of his actions on January 6, 2021

- 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

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

threats_binary_2 The House Oversight and Accountability Committee and House Judiciary Committee investigate President Biden on financial corruption allegations

- 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

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

threats_binary_3 The House Committee on Education and the Workforce investigates allegations of scholarly plagiarism by Claudine Gay, the former president of Harvard University

- 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

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

threats_binary_4 The Senate Appropriations Committee holds hearings on U.S. military aid to Ukraine

- 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

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

threats_binary_5 The House Education and the Workforce Committee holds hearings on anti-semitism on college campuses

- 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

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

threats_binary_6 The Senate Armed Services Committee and House Committee on Oversight and Accountability investigate the safety record of the military's V-22 tilt-rotor Osprey aircraft

- 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

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

threats_binary_7 The House of Representatives impeaches the Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, on charges of refusal to enforce immigration laws at the southern border

- 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

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

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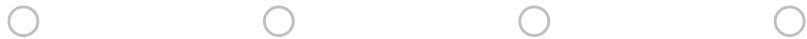
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The Senate Appropriations Committee holds hearings on U.S. military aid to Ukraine (10)

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The Senate Armed Services Committee and House Committee on Oversight and Accountability investigate the safety record of the military's V-22 tilt-rotor Osprey aircraft (12)



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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

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

threats_co_intro We first want to ask you about two hypothetical scenarios regarding Donald Trump's eligibility for office. The Supreme Court is expected to rule on a recent Colorado Supreme Court decision that barred Donald Trump from appearing on that state's ballot. For each scenario below, please indicate if they would be a threat or a benefit to democracy.

threats_binary_8 The U.S. Supreme Court **upholds** the Colorado decision that bars Donald Trump from appearing on the ballot.

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



threats_binary_9 The U.S. Supreme Court **overturns** the Colorado decision that bars Donald Trump from appearing on the ballot.

- 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

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

Q500 Next, we want to ask you about two hypothetical scenarios regarding Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution. For each scenario below, please indicate if they would be a threat or a benefit to democracy.

threats_binary_10 The U.S. Supreme Court **upholds** Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for former presidents

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

threats_binary_11 The U.S. Supreme Court **rejects** Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for former presidents

- 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

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

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Or The U.S. Supreme Court upholds Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for former presi... = Benefit to American democracy

Or The U.S. Supreme Court rejects Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for former presi... = Benefit to American democracy

benefit_detail_2 You indicated that the following would be 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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The U.S. Supreme Court upholds Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for former presidents (10)

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

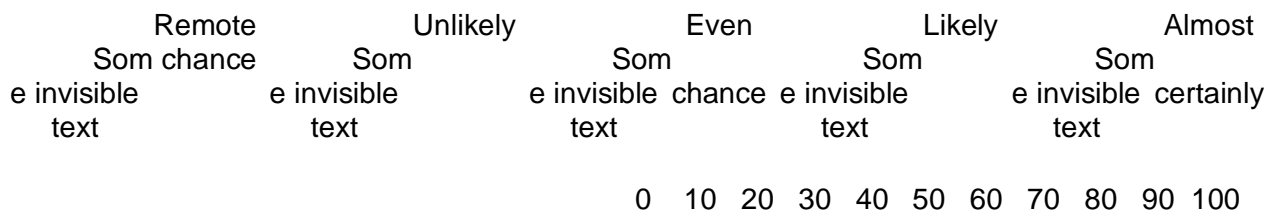
Start of Block: Trump 2nd term















term2_intro

As we approach the 2024 presidential election, observers have discussed possible actions that might be taken during a second Trump administration. In this portion of the survey, we will ask you to assess the likelihood of different scenarios **assuming that Trump wins the 2024 election**.

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%.



The Trump administration advocates for lower taxes. ()	
The Trump administration seeks to roll back environmental regulations enacted during the Biden administration. ()	
The Trump administration seeks to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). ()	
The Trump administration places new trade restrictions on China. ()	
The Trump administration withdraws the U.S. from NATO. ()	
The Trump administration directs the Department of Justice to investigate Joe Biden or another leading Democrat. ()	
The Trump administration invokes the Insurrection Act to deploy the military inside the United States for law enforcement and to quell domestic disturbances. ()	
The Trump administration directs the Department of Justice to suspend the prosecution of at least one person accused of crimes related to the 2020 election or the events of January 6, 2021. ()	
The Trump administration fires special counsel Jack Smith. ()	
Trump issues a pardon to himself for any federal crimes he's been convicted of or federal charges he faces. ()	
Trump attempts to stay in power beyond the end of his term in office in January 2029. ()	
Trump pardons one or more individuals accused of crimes related to the 2020 election or the events of January 6, 2021. ()	

End of Block: Trump 2nd term

Start of Block: biden_docs

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)

Page Break

biden_indict

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

Biden would 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: biden_docs

Start of Block: trump_docs

docs_crime 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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docs_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with 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)

Page Break

End of Block: trump_docs

Start of Block: trump_stormy

hush_crime 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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hush_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with 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_stormy

Start of Block: trump_elec

elec_crime 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)

Page Break

elec_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with following statement?

Trump would not have been prosecuted for his efforts to change the result of the 2020 presidential election if he were someone else.

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

End of Block: trump_elec

Start of Block: trump_j6

j6_crime 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)

Page Break

j6_indict

How much do you agree or disagree with following statement?

Trump would not have been prosecuted for his role in the events of January 6, 2021 if he were someone else.

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

End of Block: trump_j6

Start of Block: trials

trial_timing Former president Trump's trial in the federal election subversion case was initially scheduled to begin on March 4, 2024. However, due to ongoing legal proceedings initiated by Trump, legal experts now forecast that the trial is likely to begin between June 1 and August 1. The trial is expected to last multiple weeks. Which of the following best describes your view?

- The trial should be scheduled without regard for the electoral calendar. (1)
- The trial should only move forward in the coming months if it is expected to end well before the election. (2)
- The trial should start as soon as possible regardless of how long it takes. (4)
- The trial should be held after the election. (3)

End of Block: trials

Start of Block: Section 9: Occupation

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

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

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

End of Block: Section 9: Occupation

Start of Block: Section 10: Field of study

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?

End of Block: Section 10: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 11: Comments

- Q11.1 Timing
- First Click (1)
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Q11.2 Do you have any comments about this survey?
