

BLW wave 22 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)

End of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent

Start of Block: Section 2: Performance

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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)

Politicians who lose free and fair elections publicly concede defeat (30)

End of Block: Section 2: Performance

Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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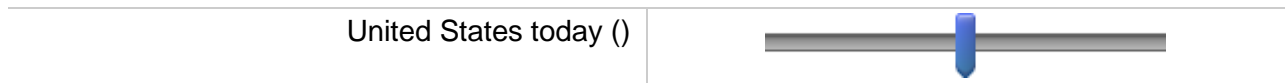
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rusa_now

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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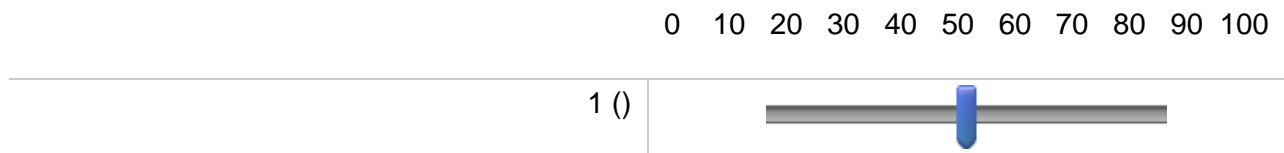


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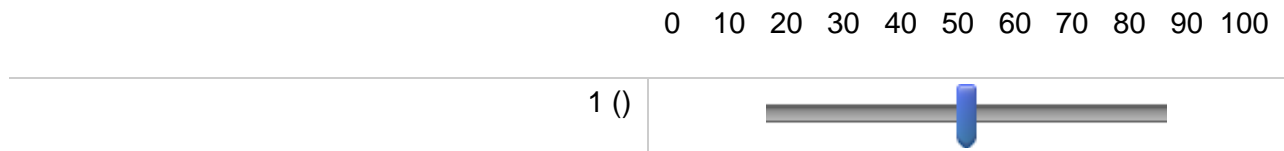
End of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

Start of Block: Section 3b: Ratings Under 2024 Scenarios

rusa_trump Assuming that Donald Trump wins the 2024 presidential election, what rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 2027? You rated the U.S. now as $\{\text{rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}\}$



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



End of Block: Section 3b: Ratings Under 2024 Scenarios

Start of Block: Section 5a.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 5a.1: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.2: threats to democracy

threats_binary_1 President Joe Biden withdraws from the presidential race.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.2: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.3: threats to democracy

threats_binary_2 The Democratic Party nominates Vice President Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden without a primary process.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.3: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.4: Threats to democracy

threats_binary_3 The Supreme Court rules that the president has “absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional authority” and “at least presumptive immunity from prosecution” for all official acts.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.4: Threats to democracy

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

Q1001 The Georgia State Election Board approves new rules that require county election officials to make a “reasonable inquiry” before certifying election results to the state.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 5a.6: Threats to democracy

Q1002 Donald Trump names J.D. Vance as his vice presidential running mate.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.6: Threats to democracy

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

Q1003 Kamala Harris names Tim Walz as her vice presidential running mate.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 5a.8: Threats to democracy

Q1004 Judge Juan Merchan delays sentencing until after the election in Donald Trump's New York trial involving the falsification of business records related to hush money payments to an adult film actress.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.8: Threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.9: Threats to democracy

Q1005 Judge Tanya Chutkan announces that pretrial proceedings will resume before the election in the trial of Donald Trump for his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and role in the events leading up to the January 6 Capitol attack.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.9: Threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.10: Threats to democracy

Q1020 The Georgia State Election Board requires counties to hand-count the total number of ballots cast on Election Day.

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

End of Block: Section 5a.10: Threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 5a.11: Threats to democracy

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Or The Democratic Party nominates Vice President Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden without a primary... = Benefit to American democracy

Or The Supreme Court rules that the president has “absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for a... = Benefit to American democracy

Or The Georgia State Election Board approves new rules that require county election officials to make... = Benefit to American democracy

Or Donald Trump names J.D. Vance as his vice presidential running mate. = Benefit to American democracy

Or Kamala Harris names Tim Walz as her vice presidential running mate. = Benefit to American democracy

Or Judge Juan Merchan delays sentencing until after the election in Donald Trump’s New York trial in... = Benefit to American democracy

Or Judge Tanya Chutkan announces that pretrial proceedings will resume before the election in the trial... = Benefit to American democracy

Or The Georgia State Election Board requires counties to hand-count the total number of ballots cast... = 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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If President Joe Biden withdraws from the presidential race. = Benefit to American democracy

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If The Supreme Court rules that the president has "absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for a... = Benefit to American democracy

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If The Georgia State Election Board approves new rules that require county election officials to mak... = Benefit to American democracy

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	Little benefit to American democracy (2)	Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)	Serious benefit to American democracy (4)	Extraordinary benefit to American democracy (5)
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President Joe Biden withdraws from the presidential race.
(2)

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If The Democratic Party nominates Vice President Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden without a primary... = Benefit to American democracy

The Democratic Party nominates Vice President Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden without a primary process.
(3)

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The Supreme Court rules that the president has "absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional



authority” and “at least presumptive immunity from prosecution” for all official acts.
(9)

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If The Georgia State Election Board approves new rules that require county election officials to mak... = Benefit to American democracy

The Georgia State Election Board approves new rules that require county election officials to make a “reasonable inquiry” before certifying election results to the state. (15)



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If Donald Trump names J.D. Vance as his vice presidential running mate. = Benefit to American democracy

Donald Trump names J.D. Vance as his vice presidential running mate.
(16)



Display This Choice:

If Kamala Harris names Tim Walz as her vice presidential running mate. = Benefit to American democracy

Kamala Harris names Tim Walz as her vice presidential running mate. (17)



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The Georgia State Election Board requires counties to hand-count the total number of ballots cast on Election Day.
(23)



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(19)

*Display This Choice:
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The Georgia State Election Board requires counties to hand-count the total number of ballots cast on Election Day.
(21)



Start of Block: Section 6A: Campaign Strategies

Campaign Strategies Please rate each campaign strategy listed below, indicating how effective they would be in helping the Trump campaign win the general election.

	Not at all effective (2)	Not very effective (3)	Somewhat effective (4)	Very effective (5)
Emphasizing threats to democracy posed by Harris (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focusing on policy disagreements with Harris (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highlighting divisions within the Democratic Party (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emphasizing positive achievements by Trump (15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraging voter turnout by supporters of Trump (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Endorsements of Trump by current or former members of Democratic Party (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Portraying Trump as a strong leader who will keep America safe (21)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>








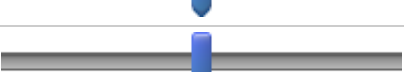








End of Block: Section 6A: Campaign Strategies

Start of Block: Section 6B: Campaign Strategies

Q702 Please rate each campaign strategy listed below, indicating how effective they would be in helping the Harris campaign win the general election.

	Not at all effective (2)	Not very effective (3)	Somewhat effective (4)	Very effective (5)
Emphasizing threats to democracy posed by Trump (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focusing on policy disagreements with Trump (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highlighting divisions within the Republican Party (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emphasizing positive achievements by Harris (15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraging voter turnout by supporters of Harris (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Endorsements of Harris by current or former members of Republican Party (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Portraying Harris as a strong leader who will keep America safe (23)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Section 6B: Campaign Strategies

Kamala Harris is declared the winner of the election by the Associated Press. ()	
Donald Trump is declared the winner of the election by the Associated Press. ()	
Donald Trump is sworn into office as president on January 20, 2025. ()	
Kamala Harris is sworn into office as president on January 20, 2025. ()	
Another assassination attempt is made against one of the two major presidential candidates or one or more arrests are made in another assassination plot. ()	
Former President Trump declares victory before the Associated Press calls the race. ()	
Vice President Harris declares victory before the Associated Press calls the race. ()	
Former President Trump attacks the "blue shift" toward Democrats as mail votes are counted, insisting that the initial totals on Election Night were correct. ()	
Former President Trump makes statements or posts tweets encouraging violence and intimidation during voting or ballot counting. ()	
The Vice President and the Speaker of the House publicly disagree on the legitimacy or certification of the Electoral College results following the 2024 election. ()	
A conflict over Electoral College votes causes the appointment of an acting president under the terms of the Twentieth Amendment on January 20, 2025. ()	
A faithless elector decides the presidency. ()	
The presidential election is decided by the House of Representatives. ()	
A state legislature names electors to the Electoral College other than those designated by the popular vote in that state. ()	
One or more candidates who lose elections for statewide office (for example, governor or U.S senator) refuse to concede defeat. ()	
Disputes over the election results escalate to political violence in which more than 10 people are killed nationwide. ()	

The winner of the presidential race is not known by November 6, the day after the election. ()	
At least one county or state election board in a swing state (AZ, GA, MI, NC, NV, PA, WI) refuses to certify election results that are viewed as legitimate by experts. ()	
State or federal courts must compel the certification of election results in one or more swing states (AZ, GA, MI, NC, NV, PA, WI). ()	
Foreign hackers cripple voter registration and election systems in one or more states. ()	
An unusually large number of provisional, mail-in, or absentee ballots are rejected in a swing state, potentially changing the outcome of the election. ()	

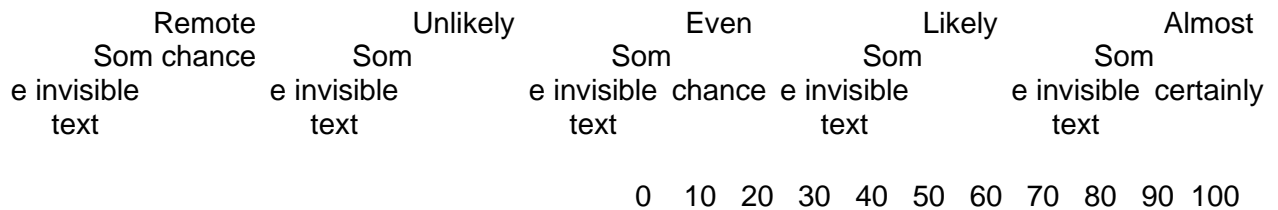
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Start of Block: Section 7B: Future Scenarios



Trump winner We'd again like to ask you to assess the likelihood of some events that could occur during and after the 2024 U.S. presidential election. Now, however, we will ask you to provide estimates for specific scenarios indicated in bold. Please provide your answer assuming the scenario in bold actually takes place.

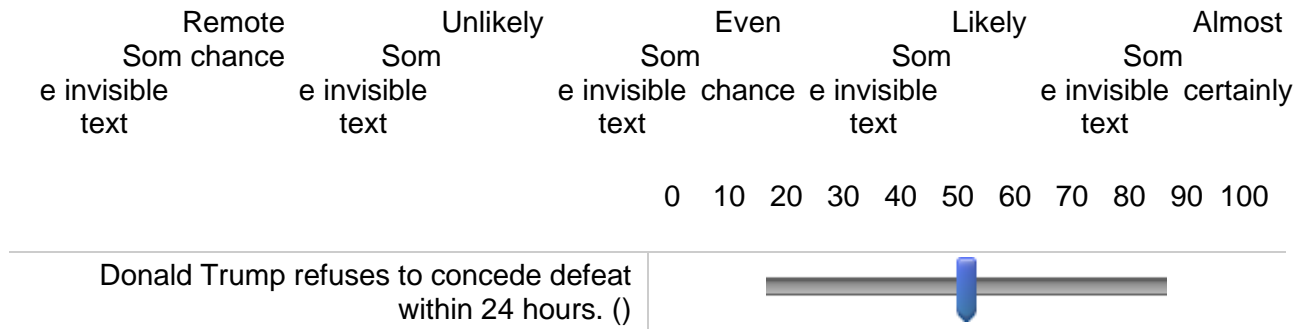
If Donald Trump is declared the winner of the election by the Associated Press:



Kamala Harris refuses to concede defeat within 24 hours. ()	
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Harris winner **If Kamala Harris is declared the winner of the election by the Associated Press:**



End of Block: Section 7B: Future Scenarios

Start of Block: Section 9: events_historic

Q531 Next, we want to ask you about events that have occurred in the last few years. On the following screens you will see a list of 12 events (randomly selected from a list of 30 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.

End of Block: Section 9: events_historic

Start of Block: events_historic_1

events_h1_a Timing

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events_h1_b In 2020, Trump said far-right Proud Boys group should "stand back and stand by" after being asked if he will disavow white supremacists.

events_h1_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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

events_h1_d Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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events_h1_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: events_historic_1

Start of Block: events_historic_2

events_h2_a Timing

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events_h2_b President Trump sought to nominate and confirm a new Supreme Court justice weeks before the 2020 election.

events_h2_c Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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events_h2_d Is this unimportant or important?

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

events_h2_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: events_historic_2

Start of Block: events_historic_3

events_h3_a Timing

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events_h3_b In 2020, President Trump joked about signing an executive order barring Biden presidency.

events_h3_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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

events_h3_d Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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events_h3_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: events_historic_3

Start of Block: events_historic_4

events_h4_a Timing

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events_h4_b In 2020, President Trump called the incident of a reporter getting hit with a rubber bullet "law and order."

events_h4_c Is this normal or abnormal?

- Normal (1)
 - Mostly normal (2)
 - Borderline normal (3)
 - Mostly abnormal (4)
 - Abnormal (5)
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events_h4_d Is this unimportant or important?

- Unimportant (1)
 - Mostly unimportant (2)
 - Semi-important (3)
 - Mostly important (4)
 - Important (5)
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events_h4_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

End of Block: events_historic_4

Start of Block: events_historic_5

events_h5_a Timing

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events_h5_b A 2020 Pentagon training course referred to protesters and journalists as "adversaries."

events_h5_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h5_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h5_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h6_a Timing

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events_h6_b President Trump refused to disavow QAnon in 2020.

events_h6_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h6_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h6_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h7_a Timing

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events_h7_b In 2020, President Trump signed an executive order making it easier to fire federal civil service employees.

events_h7_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h7_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h7_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h8_a Timing

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events_h8_b In 2020, Rudy Guilani held a press conference at Four Seasons Total Landscaping.

events_h8_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h8_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h8_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h9_a Timing

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events_h9_b In 2020, Senate Democrats boycotted Amy Coney Barrett's Judiciary Committee vote.

events_h9_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h9_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h9_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h10_a Timing

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events_h10_b In 2020, President Trump deployed members of his cabinet as campaign surrogates before the election.

events_h10_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h10_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h10_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h11_a Timing

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events_h11_b In 2020, the FDA provided emergency authorization for Eli Lilly's experimental antibody drug to treat COVID-19.

events_h11_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h11_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h12_a Timing

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events_h12_b In 2021, Trump did not attend Biden's inauguration.

events_h12_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h12_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h12_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h13_a Timing

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events_h13_b In 2020, Trump pardoned Roger Stone, Paul Manafort, Steve Bannon, and Charles Kushner.

events_h13_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h13_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h14_a Timing

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events_h14_b In 2021, Biden requested a waiver to allow a retired general to serve as Defense Secretary.

events_h14_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h14_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h15_a Timing

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events_h15_b In 2021, Trump launched a new communications platform after being banned from Twitter, Facebook.

events_h15_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h15_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h16_a Timing

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events_h16_b In 2021, the U.S. rejoined the Paris climate agreement.

events_h16_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h16_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h17_a Timing

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events_h17_b In 2021, Biden, speaking with Netanyahu, asserted Israel's 'right to defend itself'.

events_h17_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h17_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h18_a Timing

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events_h18_b In 2021, former President Trump promoted the idea that he would be “reinstated” in office after “audits” in the summer.

events_h18_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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Start of Block: events_historic_19

events_h19_a Timing

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events_h19_b In 2021, House Republicans ousted Liz Cheney from leadership for calling out Trump's false election claims.

events_h19_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h20_a Timing

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events_h20_b In 2021, the Supreme Court initially declined to block Texas abortion law allowing lawsuits against abortion providers after 6 weeks.

events_h20_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h20_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h21_a Timing

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events_h21_b In 2022, Republican Representative Liz Cheney, a critic of Trump's claims regarding the 2020 election, lost her primary to a Trump-backed challenger.

events_h21_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h21_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h21_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h22_a Timing

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events_h22_b In 2022, Trump said he would pardon January 6 rioters if he were to win the presidency in 2024.

events_h22_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h22_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h22_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h23_a Timing

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events_h23_b In 2022, the Supreme Court struck down Obama-era regulations that the EPA imposed on coal-fired power plants.

events_h23_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h23_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: events_historic_24

events_h24_a Timing

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events_h24_b In 2022, the Biden administration announced a plan to cancel \$10,000 in student debt.

events_h24_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h24_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h24_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h25_a Timing

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events_h25_b In 2022, The U.S sent billions in military aid to Ukraine after Russia invaded.

events_h25_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h26_a Timing

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events_h26_b In 2022, President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met and agreed to resume bilateral climate talks.

events_h26_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h26_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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events_h27_a Timing

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events_h27_b In 2022, former president Donald Trump lashed out at Florida governor Ron DeSantis, a potential rival for the 2024 Republican nomination.

events_h27_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h27_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: events_historic_28

events_h28_a Timing

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events_h28_b In 2022, Republican candidates for Secretary of State who denied the results of the 2020 election lost in eight of eleven states, including the battlegrounds of Arizona, Michigan, and Nevada.

events_h28_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h28_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: events_historic_29

events_h29_a Timing

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events_h29_b In 2023, a Chinese spy balloon traversed the continental U.S. before the U.S. military shot it down over the Atlantic Ocean.

events_h29_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h29_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: events_historic_30

events_h30_a Timing

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events_h30_b In 2023, former president Donald Trump vowed to appoint a special prosecutor to "go after" Joe Biden if he were re-elected.

events_h30_c Is this normal or abnormal?

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events_h30_d Is this unimportant or important?

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events_h30_e Please comment on your responses above (optional).

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Start of Block: Section 10: Gerontocracy

Q707 Would you support or oppose setting a maximum age limit for candidates to be eligible to run for president of the United States?

- Support (1)
- Oppose (2)
- Don't know (3)

Display This Question:

*If Would you support or oppose setting a maximum age limit for candidates to be eligible to run for...
= Support*

Q708 For candidates to be eligible to run for president of the United States, what do you think the maximum age limit should be: 70 years old, 75 years old, 80 years old, or 85 years old?

- 70 years old (1)
- 75 years old (2)
- 80 years old (3)
- 85 years old (4)
- Don't know (5)

End of Block: Section 10: Gerontocracy

Start of Block: Section 11: 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 11: Occupation

Start of Block: Section 13: 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 13: Field of study

Start of Block: Section 14: Comments

Q11.1 Timing

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

Q710 Thank you for answering these questions. This research is not intended to support or oppose any political candidate or office. The research has no affiliation with any political candidate or campaign and has received no financial support from any political candidate or campaign.

End of Block: Section 14: Comments
