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Standard: Section 2: Performance (2 Questions)

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

Standard: Section 3b: 2027 Ratings (1 Question)

Standard: Threat/ benefit intro (1 Question)

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Standard: Future threat / benefit intro (1 Question)

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Standard: Section 7b: Future threats to democracy (2 Questions)
Standard: Section 11: Occupation (3 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

If

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

Standard: Section 13: Field of study (3 Questions)

Standard: Section 14: Comments (3 Questions)

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Start of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent



Q1.1 Thank you for participating in the Bright Line Watch survey of political scientists. The purpose of this survey is to measure expert opinions about the state of American democracy. Your responses will be anonymous. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or withdraw from the study at any time. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers, and all of the information we collect will be stored securely. However, any online interaction carries some risk of being accessed. Please contact 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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PERF 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)

Universities, businesses, and professional organizations operate independently of government pressure (31)

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Start of Block: Section 3a: Overall Evaluation

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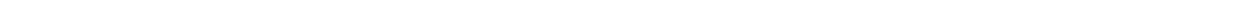


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On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is least democratic and 100 is most democratic, how would you rate the political system of the United States as of today?

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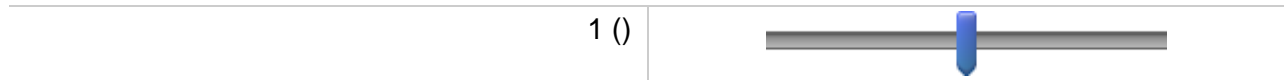
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rusa_2027 What rating would you expect to give the political system of the United States in 2027? You rated the US now as $\${rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$

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End of Block: Section 3b: 2027 Ratings

Start of Block: Threat/ benefit intro

Q1030 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: Threat/ benefit intro

Start of Block: Section 4a.1: threats to democracy

threat_bin_hunter Joe Biden grants a “full and unconditional” pardon of his son Hunter Biden, absolving him of existing federal charges and shielding him from future prosecution for federal crimes.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.1: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.2: threats to democracy

threat_bin_family Joe Biden grants a preemptive pardon to five members of his family besides Hunter Biden, shielding them from future prosecution for federal crimes.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
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End of Block: Section 4a.2: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.3: threats to democracy

threat_bin_fauci Joe Biden grants a preemptive pardon to Dr. Anthony Fauci, retired Gen. Mark Milley, and members of the House of Representatives committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, shielding them from future prosecution for federal crimes.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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- Threat to American democracy (3)

End of Block: Section 4a.3: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.4: threats to democracy

threat_bin_era Joe Biden states that the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution should be considered legally part of the Constitution.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.4: threats to democracy

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

threat_bin_jan6 Donald Trump pardons nearly all individuals charged in connection with the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, including violent offenders.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 4a.6: threats to democracy

threat_bin_citizen Donald Trump issues an executive order seeking to deny citizenship to people born in the U.S. whose parents are not lawful permanent residents.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.6: threats to democracy

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

threat_bin_aea Donald Trump seeks to use the Alien Enemies Act to deport foreign gang members.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 4a.8: threats to democracy

threat_bin_emergency Donald Trump declares a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border, citing threats from cartels, criminal gangs, and other illicit activities.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.8: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.9: threats to democracy

threat_bin_factcheck Meta replaces its third-party fact-checking program with a "Community Notes" system in the United States.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.9: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.10: threats to democracy

threat_bin_content Meta relaxes its content moderation guidelines in the United States.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.10: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.11: threats to democracy

threat_bin_tiktok Donald Trump delays enforcement of the so-called TikTok ban after taking office.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.11: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.12: threats to democracy

threat_bin_donate Tech CEOs donate millions to Trump inauguration and take actions intended to curry favor with the new administration.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.12: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.13: threats to democracy

threat_bin_crypto Donald Trump launches a cryptocurrency meme coin that is initially valued at billions of dollars.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.13: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.14: threats to democracy

threat_bin_doge Elon Musk serves as a close adviser to President Trump and the Department of Government Efficiency.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.14: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.15: threats to democracy

threat_bin_ai Donald Trump revokes Joe Biden's executive order on addressing risks from artificial intelligence (AI).

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

End of Block: Section 4a.15: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.16: threats to democracy

threat_bin_hegseth The Senate confirms Pete Hegseth as Trump's defense secretary.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.16: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.17: threats to democracy

threat_bin_fire_ig Donald Trump fires at least twelve inspectors general without the 30-day notice to Congress required by the Inspector General Act.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.17: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.18: threats to democracy

threat_bin_fire_doj The Trump administration fires Department of Justice officials who worked on criminal investigations of Trump's actions as president.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.18: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.19: threats to democracy

threat_bin_fed_grant The White House budget office orders a pause to all grants and loans disbursed by the federal government.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.19: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.20: threats to democracy

threat_bin_fire_eeoc Donald Trump dismissing members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and National Labor Relations Board before the expiration of their terms.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.20: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.21: threats to democracy

threat_bin_security The Trump administration withdraws security protections for high-profile figures, such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, Gen. Mark Milley, and John Bolton, who have publicly clashed with Trump and face credible threats to their safety.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.21: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.22: threats to democracy

threat_bin_menendez Ex-US Senator Bob Menendez (Democrat - New Jersey) sentenced to 11 years in federal prison for accepting bribes from foreign governments.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.22: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.23: threats to democracy

threat_bin_migrants Donald Trump orders the construction of a facility for holding as many as 30,000 migrants at the naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.23: threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 4a.24: threats to democracy

threat_bin_usaid Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio moving to shut down the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

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

End of Block: Section 4a.24: threats to democracy

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threat_bin_paysystem DOGE employees obtain access to federal personnel and payment systems.

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

End of Block: Section 4a.25: threats to democracy

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Or Elon Musk serves as a close adviser to President Trump and the Department of Government Efficiency. = Benefit to American democracy

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Or Ex-US Senator Bob Menendez (Democrat - New Jersey) sentenced to 11 years in federal prison for ac... = Benefit to American democracy

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Or Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio moving to shut down the US Agency for Internation... = Benefit to American democracy

Or DOGE employees obtain access to federal personnel and payment systems. = Benefit to American democracy

benefits 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 DOGE employees obtain access to federal personnel and payment systems. = Benefit to American democracy

Little benefit to American democracy (2)

Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)

Serious benefit to American democracy (4)

Extraordinary benefit to American democracy (5)

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Joe Biden grants a preemptive pardon to five members of his family besides Hunter Biden, shielding them from future prosecution for federal crimes.
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Joe Biden grants a preemptive pardon to Dr. Anthony Fauci, retired Gen. Mark Milley, and members of the House of Representatives committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, shielding them from future prosecution for federal crimes.
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parents are not
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Tech CEOs donate millions to Trump inauguration and take actions intended to curry favor with the new administration. (34)

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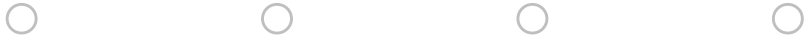
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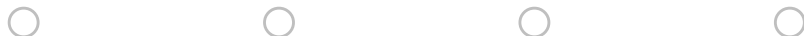
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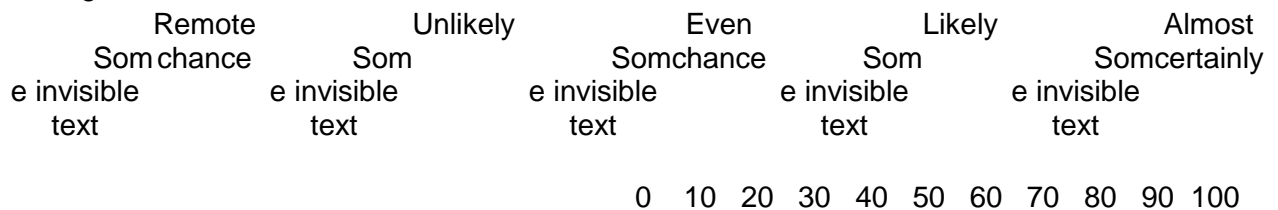
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Start of Block: Section 7A: Future scenarios



p_future_scenarios The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some **political** events that could occur in the future. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur by the specified date. For example, we might ask you to rate the chances that Congress passes legislation to limit the terms of future Supreme Court justices to 18 years by the end of 2025. For more background and the specific resolution criteria for an event, click the **Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info** button under the event wording. 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%.



Will at least one announced Trump Cabinet nominee other than Matt Gaetz be withdrawn or rejected by the Senate before July 1, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if, before July 1, 2025, credible sources report at least one of Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees is withdrawn or fails to receive majority confirmation by the Senate. If all nominees are confirmed before July 1, 2025, this question will resolve as No. **Fine Print** - If a nominee withdraws themselves, this question will resolve to a Yes. - Individuals will be considered as nominated for a Cabinet position if their nomination was officially announced by President Trump according to credible sources, including the official White House list of Cabinet nominees: Official White House list of Cabinet nominees. **Background Info** As of January 26, 2025, there are 18 Cabinet positions that are open and subject to Senate confirmation. Just 3 of President Trump's 21 Cabinet nominees have been voted on by the Senate so far—Marco Rubio has been confirmed as Secretary of State, Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense, and Kristi Noem as Secretary of Homeland Security. Typically, Cabinet nominees who are not likely to receive majority confirmation by the Senate are withdrawn prior to the vote. The current nominees are listed on this site: White House Cabinet List. ()



Will customs duties revenue to the federal government increase from \$80 billion in fiscal year 2023 to \$160 billion in fiscal year 2026 (in 2023 dollars)? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources such as the U.S. Treasury Department, Congressional Budget Office (CBO), or FRED report that customs duties revenue to the federal government is at least \$160 billion in fiscal year 2026. **Fine Print** - This question will resolve to a Yes only if revenue reaches or exceeds \$160 billion in constant 2023 dollars, adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). - Fiscal year 2026 is defined as the period from September 28, 2025, to September 26, 2026. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to credible



sources, prioritizing information from the U.S. Treasury Department or Congressional Budget Office (CBO) published on or before December 31, 2027, Eastern Time.

Background Info During his 2024 presidential campaign, Donald Trump repeatedly expressed a desire to implement tariffs on a wide range of countries, including U.S. trade competitors, partners, and allies. As of January 24, 2025, President Trump announced his plan to implement 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada as well as 10% tariffs on China by February 1, 2025. It remains to be seen, however, the extent to which potential tariffs mentioned during President Trump's campaign and first days in office will materialize into a significant aspect of U.S. international economic policy. ()

Will a federal court rule that the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act in attempting to permanently withhold or cancel congressionally allocated funds by September 27, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if a federal judge issues a decision finding the Trump administration in violation of the Impoundment Control Act (2 U.S.C. §§ 681–688) for attempting to permanently withhold or cancel congressionally allocated funds before September 27, 2025. **Fine Print** - The violation must be formally determined in a judicial decision by a federal court before the end of the 2025 fiscal year (September 27, 2025). Preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders do not qualify. The resolution of this question will not be affected by subsequent appeals. - The ruling must be publicly available and reported by credible legal or governmental sources. - Metaculus will resolve this question based on court rulings issued on or before September 27, 2025, Eastern Time, based on information and reporting available via standard web searches.

Background Info Impoundment Control Act: View the Act The Impoundment Control Act (ICA) was passed in 1974 in response to the impoundment (or withholding) of congressionally allocated funds to programs that then-President Nixon opposed. It requires



the President to disclose a formal intent to impound funds, at which point Congress has a brief period to vote to condone the impoundment. If the vote fails (or Congress doesn't vote), the Act requires the President to make the funding available. Recently, President Trump issued an executive order to pause up to \$3 trillion in federal grants and loans, aiming to review and potentially eliminate certain initiatives. This action has led to legal challenges, with critics arguing that it violates the ICA by withholding funds for policy reasons not authorized under the Act. ()

Will eight or more of the fifteen heads of the executive departments be serving in an acting role on December 31, 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report that eight or more of the fifteen heads of the executive departments of the United States government (Cabinet-level positions) are serving in an acting capacity on December 31, 2026. **Fine Print** - This question will resolve to a Yes only if at least eight of the fifteen individuals holding the positions of Secretary for the executive departments (as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 101) are officially designated as 'acting' and not confirmed by the Senate or permanently appointed by that date. - For this question, the executive departments include State, Treasury, Defense, Justice, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security. - If an individual is simultaneously serving in an acting role while also nominated but not yet confirmed, they will still be considered 'acting' for the purpose of this question. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to credible sources published on or before December 31, 2026, Eastern Time.

Background Info 5 U.S. Code § 101 - Executive departments There are 15 executive departments, all headed by a Cabinet Secretary nominated by the President and requiring Senate confirmation. As of January 29, 2025, six of President Trump's fifteen nominees have been confirmed,



including Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem. Many have yet to be scheduled for votes. Furthermore, during the first Trump administration, there was a high degree of turnover resulting in many departments being headed by leaders in acting roles. ()

Will Kash Patel be confirmed by the Senate as FBI Director by June 30, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info
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measures that do not specifically address these areas will not qualify. - The legislation does not need to become law (i.e., it does not require passage by both chambers or the President's signature) for this question to resolve as Yes. - Amendments to existing laws that add restrictions or requirements will qualify if they meet the above criteria.

Background Info Currently, absentee voting is the process of voting via a mail-in ballot before Election Day. Regulations differ by state, as some require voters to provide a valid excuse for submitting an absentee ballot, while others allow voters to submit mail-in ballots even if they could be present on Election Day. Voters can return these ballots in person or by mail. Voter registration procedures vary by state. Some states have same-day registration, online registration, mail-in registration, and/or in-person registration. ()

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Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if, before January 1, 2026, credible sources report that at least one chamber of Congress (House of Representatives or Senate) has approved legislation that partially or fully exempts at least one executive branch department or agency listed in the Fine Print from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Fine Print - This question will resolve to Yes only if the legislation explicitly exempts at least one executive branch agency or department on our specified list of 17 from FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552), either in full or in part. This includes new legal exemptions or changes to existing exemptions that limit the applicability of FOIA to specific agencies or departments. - Our list of executive branch agencies and departments is the following: Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing



and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). - The legislation does not need to become law (i.e., it does not require passage by both chambers or the President's signature) for this question to resolve as Yes. - Amendments to existing laws that add restrictions or requirements will qualify if they meet the above criteria.

Background Info FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was passed in 1967 to increase government transparency. It requires that, upon request, the U.S. Government and its agencies disclose previously unavailable non-classified information. Journalists and citizen groups have consistently relied on the FOIA to expose government misconduct. For example, activists discovered in the 1980s that the Environmental Protection Agency knew that paper mills were polluting toxic waste into rivers. In 2016, President Obama signed an update to the bill that sought to create greater transparency. The update undid initial exemptions for information about the deliberation of government agencies. It also mandated government agencies to prefer openness when receiving an FOIA request ("presumption of disclosure"). ()

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President Trump has not formally adjourned Congress before January 1, 2026, Metaculus will resolve this question as No based on information published by credible sources.

Background Info Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution stipulates that the President has the authority to adjourn Congress in the event of a dispute over the time of adjournment. Because this power has not been employed before, the specifics of its use are not fully clear. President Trump has suggested that he might employ the adjournment power for the purpose of making recess appointments, circumventing the traditional process of Senate confirmation. ()

Will President Trump formally invoke the Insurrection Act before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report that President Trump has formally invoked the Insurrection Act before January 1, 2026. **Fine Print** - The invocation must explicitly invoke the Insurrection Act or make reference to the legal provisions under the Act. A statement by Trump saying he could invoke the Act would not qualify. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to credible sources.

Background Info The Insurrection Act grants the president authority to deploy the US armed forces for domestic law enforcement purposes without specifying the conditions under which this authority may be used. ()

Will the Department of Justice announce an investigation or prosecution of a Democrat who served as president, vice president, congressional leader, whip, or impeachment manager before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announces a new investigation or prosecution of a Democrat who meets any of the following criteria before January 1, 2026: - Has served as President or Vice President of the United States. - Has held any of the following leadership roles in the House of Representatives or Senate (Speaker of the House or House Minority/Democratic Leader,



Senate Majority or Minority/Democratic Leader, House or Senate Majority/Democratic Whip). - Has served as an impeachment manager during either of the impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump (2019–2020 or 2020–2021). The 2019-2020 impeachment managers were Adam Schiff, Jerry Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Hakeem Jeffries, Val Demings, Sylvia Garcia, and Jason Crow. The 2020-2021 impeachment managers were Jamie Raskin, Diana DeGette, David Cicilline, Joaquin Castro, Eric Swalwell, Ted Lieu, Stacey Plaskett, Madeline Dean, and Joe Neguse. **Fine Print** - The DOJ must publicly and officially announce the initiation of an investigation or prosecution against the individual. - The resolution does not require a conviction or final outcome—only the announcement of a formal investigation or prosecution. - For clarity, the question includes impeachment managers formally appointed for Trump’s impeachment proceedings and leadership roles active as of the time of the DOJ’s announcement. - Metaculus will resolve this question based on credible sources. **Background Info** During his 2024 presidential campaign, Donald Trump repeatedly vowed to pursue investigations and prosecutions against political opponents. Prosecution of a high-profile Democrat by the DOJ under the Trump administration would reflect a notable shift in precedent given these campaign promises. ()

Will Elizabeth MacDonough, the current Senate parliamentarian, be removed or resign by June 30, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report that the current Senate parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, has been removed from office or resigned before July 1, 2025. **Fine Print** - This question will resolve to Yes only if there is credible and verifiable reporting from reputable sources confirming that Elizabeth MacDonough has either: 1) Resigned from her position as Senate parliamentarian, or 2) Been formally removed from the role, or 3) Lost her role because it has been abolished. - A resignation or removal must be official and publicly



announced by credible sources such as the Senate, the White House, or other government representatives. - If Elizabeth MacDonough temporarily steps down or is temporarily replaced but later returns to the role, the question will resolve as No. If she is not holding office on the resolution date, regardless of whether the intent is for a temporary absence, this question will resolve as Yes. If the position is abolished while she is the holder, the question will resolve as Yes.

Background Info The Senate Parliamentarian is an unelected official who acts as a non-partisan arbiter of the US Senate's chamber procedures. They serve at the discretion of the majority party of the Senate, and in recent years have played an increasingly important role ruling on what items can be included in budget reconciliation legislation under the Byrd Rule. Major pieces of legislation passed through the budget reconciliation process in recent years include the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Critically, however, the decisions made by the Senate Parliamentarian can be ignored and the Senate Parliamentarian may be removed and replaced by the Senate majority. The current Senate Parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, has held the position since 2012. ()

Will the White House revoke the media credentials of reporters from two media outlets before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report the White House revokes the media credentials of two or more reporters from at least two previously credentialed media outlets before January 1, 2026. **Fine Print** - This question will resolve to Yes only if the White House formally revokes the media credentials of two or more reporters from at least two media outlets that were credentialed by the White House at any point prior to the revocation. - The revocation must apply to reporters from the specific outlets and be publicly announced by the White House or reported by credible news sources. The question still resolves to Yes even if the



credentials are later restored. - There is no limitation on when the reporters were initially credentialed; they must only be credentialed at the time of the revocation. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to credible sources published on or before January 1, 2026, Eastern Time. **Background Info**

President Trump has long enjoyed a contentious relationship with mainstream media, which he terms "fake news." His first administration revoked the White House press passes for dozens of journalists. Further, near the end of the 2024 campaign, many journalists were denied access to an election watch event. ()

Will the National Archivist certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution by June 30, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve as Yes if the National Archivist certifies and publishes the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution before June 30, 2025.

Fine Print - This question will resolve to Yes only if the National Archivist officially certifies the ERA and publishes it as part of the official records, indicating that it has been added to the U.S. Constitution. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to credible sources or official announcements from the National Archivist. **Background Info** The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is a proposed amendment that would prohibit sex discrimination. It was passed by Congress in 1972 and submitted to the states with a seven-year ratification deadline, later extended to three years, causing the deadline to be 1982. 35 states initially approved the amendment before the deadline passed. However, several states rescinded their ratification while others ratified the amendment after the deadline, raising questions about whether a statutory ratification deadline is constitutional and whether states can rescind ratification. In the final days of his Presidency, Joe Biden declared that the ERA was part of the Constitution. However, this statement has no legal effect unless the Archivist certifies the Amendment, which they have yet to do. ()



Will the United States and Denmark announce formal negotiations over the possible transfer of sovereignty of Greenland to the United States before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria The question will resolve as Yes if the governments of both the United States and Denmark, separately or jointly, announce formal negotiations over the possible transfer of sovereignty of Greenland to the United States by January 1, 2026. **Fine Print** - This question will resolve to Yes only if the United States and Danish governments formally and publicly announce negotiations, such as via a press conference, official statement, etc. - This question will not resolve to Yes if it is only reported via news organizations that there are back channel, private, or other non-public negotiations/discussions occurring between officials in the two governments. - Metaculus will resolve this question according to official announcements from the United States and Denmark before January 1, 2026, Eastern Time. **Background Info** Greenland is an autonomous territory with just under 60,000 people within the Kingdom of Denmark. Greenland has control over its domestic affairs while Denmark retains authority over foreign affairs and military matters. The geographic location of Greenland, as well as its deposits of oil and minerals, makes it a valuable strategic and economic asset. President Trump has publicly expressed a desire to obtain Greenland as an American possession. The transfer of sovereignty of Greenland would mark an unprecedented move of territorial expansion and exchange between Western powers.)

Will the Department of Justice or Education open a civil compliance investigation into whether diversity-related programs at Harvard constitute illegal discrimination or preferences before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if credible sources report that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) or Department of Education (DOE) has opened a civil rights or Title VI compliance investigation into whether diversity-related

programs at Harvard University constitute illegal discrimination or preferences before January 1, 2026. **Fine Print** - The investigation must be officially announced by the DOJ or DOE and must explicitly cite concerns about discrimination or preferences related to diversity-related programs at Harvard University. - "Diversity-related programs" refer to institutional initiatives, policies, or practices aimed at increasing representation or inclusion of underrepresented groups, such as affirmative action, diversity training, or DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives. If no investigation is announced or if it is determined that any investigation does not meet these criteria, this question will resolve as No. **Background Info** The question of whether diversity-related programs at elite universities constitute illegal discrimination has been a contentious issue in recent years, particularly following the Supreme Court's decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*, which ended race-conscious admissions policies at U.S. colleges and universities. The Department of Justice and Department of Education have both historically taken an interest in investigating compliance with civil rights laws at universities. Recent developments, including legal challenges and policy shifts at institutions like Harvard, have raised questions about whether such programs might face increased scrutiny. ()

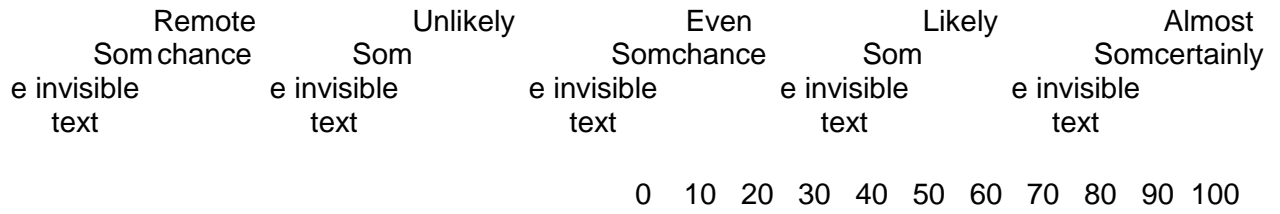
End of Block: Section 7A: Future scenarios

Start of Block: Section 7B: Future scenarios



np_future_scenarios The goal of this portion of the survey is to understand how respondents assess the likelihood of some **non-political** events that could occur in the future. We will ask you to assess the chances that each one will occur by the specified date. For example, we might ask you to rate the chances that bitcoin reaches \$200k in 2025. For more background and the specific resolution criteria for an event, click the **Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info** button under the event wording. 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%.



Will any senior executives of these major public companies be imprisoned for corporate crimes before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve as Yes if any senior executive (current or former) is convicted of crimes relating to actions taken in a corporate capacity (ie ignoring crimes committed which are unrelated to their companies and crimes committed for their own benefit at the expense of their employer (eg insider trading)), and their prison sentence begins between January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2026. Senior executives are those executives and directors who are named on official filings to their respective stock exchanges. An executive will be eligible in this question if they are employed by a company that was listed in any of these major indices at any time in 2021 or later, even if subsequently delisted: - S&P500 - FTSE100 - DAX40 - CAC40 - FTSE MIB - Nikkei 22 **Background Info** In 2006 Jeffrey Skilling was imprisoned for 12 years for his part in the Enron scandal. Since then, there have been very few high profile convictions of corporate bad-actors. (Much ink was spilled over the lack of convictions of bankers during for the 2007-2008 financial crisis) There have been prison terms for some more junior employees. Tom Hayes was imprisoned for his part of the LIBOR fixing scandal although generally executives have escaped sanctions: There are currently outstanding warrants for Wirecard executives, and a former VW CEO is facing charges of fraud in court. (His imprisonment would result in this question resolving positive) ()



Will there be any reported human-to-human transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 globally before 2026? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve as Yes if, after July 17, 2024, and before January 1, 2026, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that at least one case of human-to-human spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 has occurred globally. **Fine Print** - Reports that express degrees of confidence in the spread of human-to-human transmission will also



count if they refer to a specific case. For example, if CDC reports that a specific infection of H5N1 in an individual was likely spread from another human this question will resolve as Yes. - An assessment that human-to-human spread is possible, plausible, or other language that does not clearly indicate that human-to-human transmission more likely than not occurred in at least one specific case will not be sufficient. - For the purposes of this question, all descendant lineages of H5N1 will count as H5N1. **Background Info** Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 has been a serious concern since it emerged in the early 2000s. While rare, some cases of human infection have been reported, with the primary mode of transmission being from infected poultry. However, human-to-human transmission has not been documented at significant levels. The CDC and other health agencies continue to monitor outbreaks, and the possibility of human-to-human transmission is a key factor in assessing pandemic potential. ()

Will real housing prices in the US increase more in 2025 compared to 2024? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question will resolve based on the Zillow Home Values Index (ZHVI) and specifically the "ZHVI All Homes (SFR, Condo/Co-op) Time Series, Smoothed, Seasonally Adjusted(\$)" data type for "Metro & U.S.". It will resolve as Yes if the relative change of the ZHVI for the United States from November 2024 to November 2025 is greater than the relative change from November 2023 to November 2024, when adjusted for inflation. **Fine Print** - For example, the same question for 2024 vs 2023 would have resolved as Yes because 1. The ZHVI for November 2022 was \$339,428, for November 2023 it was \$347,035, and for November 2024 it was \$355,876. 2. Adjusted for inflation using the BLS CPI Inflation Calculator, we get the prices \$359,702 (Nov 2022) and \$356,576 (Nov 2023) in Nov 2024 USD. 3. The ratio Nov2024 / Nov2023 is $\$355,876 / \$356,576 = 0.998$, greater than the ratio Nov2023 / Nov2022 which is $\$356,576 / \$359,702 = 0.9913$. - If Zillow stops reporting the ZHVI or



if the ZHVI substantially changes its methodology, this question will be annulled. - If the BLS CPI Inflation Calculator is not available, another month-level US CPI inflation calculator may be used. - The latest numbers for the ZHVI as of December 2025 will be used to resolve this question, including any revisions to the 2023 or 2024 estimates. **Background Info** The United States housing market has experienced significant fluctuations over the past few decades. After recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, which was largely triggered by the subprime mortgage collapse, housing prices saw steady appreciation throughout the 2010s. This trend accelerated dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, driven by historically low interest rates, limited housing inventory, and changing work patterns. Nominal house prices fell slightly at the end of 2022, but have been rising since. According to Zillow, the Zillow Home Value Index "ZHVI is designed to capture the value of a typical property across the nation or the neighborhood, not just the homes that sold, and we do so by drawing information from the full distribution of homes in a given region. ZHVI measures monthly changes in property-level Zestimates, capturing both the level and appreciation of home values across a wide variety of geographies and housing types (e.g., all single-family homes in ZIP code 98101). This is how we focus on actual market price changes, and not changes in the kinds of markets or property types that sell from month to month." ()

Will the number of deaths from antibiotic-resistant infections per year double by December 31, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** In 1928, biologist Alexander Fleming discovered - by accident - that where the Penicillium mould had grown on a petri dish the bacteria nearby had been killed. This was due to a chemical the mould secreted, which he named "penicillin" - the antibiotic we know and love today. Since the discovery of penicillin, antibiotics have saved hundreds of millions of lives and become an essential part of modern medicine. But they're getting less



effective. Repeated use has led to the existence of resistant strains of bacteria, which are immune to the effects of multiple different antibiotics. This has been described as a "serious, worldwide threat to public health" by the WHO. In 2013 the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that over 23,000 people died each year from antibiotic-resistant infections in the US. More recent data on their website suggests the figure is more like 37,000. At any point before the end of the calendar year 2025, will the CDC or another credible source report that at least 70,000 people die annually from antibiotic-resistant infections in the US?

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Will the United States score in the bottom 50% for academic freedom in 2025 (according to the AFI)? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info

Resolution This question will resolve as a Yes if the United States of America is ranked in the bottom 50% for academic freedom in 2025, which includes the following brackets: Bottom 10%, Bottom 10-20%, Bottom 20-30%, Bottom 30-40%, and Bottom 40-50%, according to the Academic Freedom Index. This question will resolve as a No if the United States of America is ranked in the top 40-50% or higher on the Academic Freedom Index for the year 2025. This question will resolve as ambiguous if the Academic Freedom Index is no longer published, if the AFI does not report data for the year 2025 (but does report data for 2026 or later), or if the AFI does not report the 2025 data by December 31, 2028.

Fine Print It is anticipated that the report for the year 2025 may not come out until 2026 at the earliest. Resolution happens when the report is released, unless the condition of ambiguous resolution are met.

Background Info The Academic Freedom Index (AFI) is a comprehensive and widely recognized tool for assessing de facto levels of academic freedom across the world. The AFI evaluates five key indicators of academic freedom, including the freedom to research and teach, freedom of academic exchange and dissemination, institutional autonomy, campus integrity, and freedom of academic and





cultural expression. The index currently covers 179 countries and territories, and is considered the most comprehensive dataset available on the subject of academic freedom.

The index employs a methodology that includes assessments by 2,197 country experts, standardized questionnaires, and a well-established statistical model, implemented and adapted by the V-Dem project. The 2023 report (of the period up to December 2022) places the United States of the America in the Top 40-50% bracket (pg. 2-3) and outlines the following threats to academic freedom: "China, India, the United States of America and Mexico are among the most populous countries where academic freedom has significantly fallen back over the past decade. These developments have occurred in different political settings and do not all follow the same pattern." "The United States of America presents a different picture. After a long period of relatively high academic freedom levels, four out of five indicators visibly declined in 2021 – the year after President Donald Trump, who repeatedly made statements highly critical of science and academia, was voted out of office. Although some federal actions detrimental to academic freedom were taken during his administration, educational matters in the USA are largely regulated by individual states, which have increasingly used their authority to interfere in academic affairs since 2021. At least nine states, all Republican-led, have adopted bills that ban the teaching of concepts related to “critical race theory” in higher education institutions. Several states are also targeting tenure in public universities, adding to the already precarious status of academic employment. Some states now also allow students to record class lectures without the professor’s consent. Furthermore, influential conservative groups are lobbying state legislatures to withdraw funding from scientific fields such as gender, minority studies, and environmental science, and various groups are maintaining public “watchlists” of professors perceived as radical leftists. Despite efforts to polarize and intimidate, AFI data on academics’ freedom of expression

indicates that scholars in the USA remain able to publically voice their expertise, even on politically salient issues." ()

Will the 12-month percentage change in the US Consumer Price Index be lower in November 2025 than it was in November 2024? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question resolves as Yes if the 12-month percentage change in the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) in November 2025 is lower than it was in November 2024, as reported by the St. Louis Fed at the following location: Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items in U.S. City Average (CPIAUCSL) If the 12-month percentage change in the CPI in November 2025 is greater than or equal to where it was in November 2024, this question resolves as No. **Fine Print** At the time of this question, for November 2024 this value is 2.73258 percent. **Background Info** Inflation was a top issue in the 2024 US presidential election, with Donald Trump saying in his September 10th debate with Kamala Harris, "We have inflation like very few people have ever seen before. Probably the worst in our nation's history." Trump has vowed to take a more active role in setting interest rates, telling reporters, "I feel the president should have at least say in there, yeah. I feel that strongly. I think that, in my case, I made a lot of money. I was very successful, and I think I have a better instinct than, in many cases, people that would be on the Federal Reserve or the chairman." A recent report from Moodys estimates an inflation rate of 3.5% in 2025, "fueled by the higher tariffs, outflow of foreign immigrants, the resulting tighter labor market and more quickly rising labor costs, and tax-cut-fueled fiscal stimulus." On the other hand, some experts have predicted that the Department of Government Efficiency could put downward pressure on inflation through tax cuts and reduced government spending, which may counteract the effects of policies such as tariffs. ()

Will Freedom House report that internet freedom has declined every year until 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info **Resolution Criteria** This question resolves

<p>positively if for each year until 2025, inclusive, Freedom House reports more countries with a decrease in their internet freedom scores than with an increase. Background Info The Freedom on the Net report is an annual report on internet freedom worldwide, produced by Freedom House. It tracks changes in internet regulation across 65 countries. As of the 2020 edition, it claimed that freedom had been on the decline (operationalised as more countries' scores decreasing than increasing) for ten years in a row, with 26 countries' scores worsening and 22 improving in 2020. This question asks if this pattern of decline will persist in 2025. ()</p>	
<p>Will the UK housing market crash before July 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info Resolution Criteria This question resolves Yes if, for any month before July 2025, the Rightmove House Price Index indicates that the National average asking price for houses is equal to or less than £260,968; a decline of 30% from June 2023 levels. Fine Print The question is annulled if Rightmove changes the Rightmove House Price Index methodology, such that the June 2023 value is no longer within 5% of £260,968. Background Info As of 19 June 2023, the Rightmove House Price Index indicates that the average asking price for a property in the UK is £372,812. ()</p>	
<p>Will the World Health Organization designate a new COVID-19 Variant of Concern before July 1, 2025? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info Resolution Criteria This question will resolve as Yes if, after October 21, 2024, and before July 1, 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) adds a new SARS-CoV-2 variant to their list of Variants of Concern that was not previously identified as a VOC at any point, according to credible sources such as the WHO's SARS-CoV-2 variants tracker page or its COVID-19 Variants Dashboard. If this does not occur before July 1, 2025, this question will resolve as No. Fine Print This question will also resolve as Yes if: - A new variant is classified using a new classification that is synonymous to the WHO's working definition last updated October 4, 2023, or - A new variant is clearly</p>	

described as being a level above VOC or having properties in addition to the possible attributes of a VOC. **Background Info** The WHO tracks SARS-CoV-2 variants using three main classifications: - A Variant Under Monitoring (VUM) is, according to WHO, one that may require prioritized attention and monitoring. The main objective of this category is to investigate if this variant (and others closely related to it) may pose an additional threat to global public health as compared to other circulating variants. At the time of this question, there were two VUMs: BA.2.86 and JN.1. - A Variant of Interest (VOI) is a variant with changes that "are known to affect how the virus behaves or its potential impact on human health. This can include, for example, its ability to spread, its ability to cause serious disease, or how easily it may be detected or treated." At the time of this question, there were 7 VOIs: JN.1.7 KP.2, KP.3, KP.3.1.1, JN.1.18, LB.1, and XEC. - A Variant of Concern (VOC) is, according to the working definition last updated March 15, 2023: "A SARS-CoV-2 variant that meets the definition of a VOI (see above) and, through a risk assessment, conducted by WHO TAG-VE, and determined to be associated with a moderate or high level of confidence, meets at least one of the following criteria when compared with other variants: • Detrimental change in clinical disease severity; OR • Change in COVID-19 epidemiology causing substantial impact on the ability of health systems to provide care to patients with COVID-19 or other illnesses and therefore requiring major public health interventions; OR • Significant decrease in the effectiveness of available vaccines in protecting against severe disease." As of Oct 23, 2024, there are no currently circulating WHO-designated VOCs.
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Will the U.S. employment to population ratio fall below 50% before 2027? Show Resolution Criteria and Background Info
Resolution Criteria This question resolves as Yes if, at any point before January 1, 2027, the employment-population ratio in the U.S. falls below 50%. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics will be used as the resolution



source. **Fine Print** If the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinues its employment-population data, then Metaculus admins will aim to find another resolution source. Failing that, the question will be Annulled.

Background Info The two noteworthy dips in U.S. employment over the past twenty years came with the 2008 recession and the 2020 Covid pandemic. There is now growing anxiety that the upcoming AI revolution might displace jobs on an even greater scale, in everything from art to software engineering. This question aims to shed light on the likelihood of that happening. ()

End of Block: Section 7B: Future scenarios

Start of Block: Future threat / benefit intro

Q1031 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: Future threat / benefit intro

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

f_threat_bin_impound A federal court rules that the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act in attempting to permanently withhold or cancel congressionally allocated funds by September 30, 2025.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 7a.5: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_patel Kash Patel is confirmed by the Senate as FBI Director by June 30, 2025.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.5: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.6: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_voting Legislation is approved by at least one chamber of Congress in 2025 that places new rules, limits, or requirements on early voting, absentee voting, or voter registration in federal elections.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.6: future threats to democracy

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

f_threat_bin_foia Legislation is approved by at least one chamber of Congress in 2025 that partially or fully exempts at least one executive branch department, the CIA, or the EPA from the Freedom of Information Act.

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

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

Start of Block: Section 7a.8: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_adjourn President Trump formally invokes his authority under the Constitution to adjourn Congress before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.8: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.9: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_ins_act President Trump formally invokes the Insurrection Act before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.9: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.10: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_dem_inv The Department of Justice announces an investigation or prosecution of a Democrat who served as president, vice president, congressional leader, whip, or impeachment manager before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.10: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.11: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_parlia Elizabeth MacDonough, the current Senate parliamentarian, is removed or resigns by June 30, 2025.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.11: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.12: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_media The White House revokes the media credentials of reporters from two media outlets before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.12: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.14: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_era The National Archivist certifies and publishes the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution by June 30, 2025.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.14: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.15: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_gland The United States and Denmark announce formal negotiations over the possible transfer of sovereignty of Greenland to the United States before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.15: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7a.16: future threats to democracy

f_threat_bin_harvard The Department of Justice or Education opens a civil compliance investigation into whether diversity-related programs at Harvard constitute illegal discrimination or preferences before 2026.

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

End of Block: Section 7a.16: future threats to democracy

Start of Block: Section 7b: Future threats to democracy

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If A federal court rules that the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act in attempt... = Benefit to American democracy

Or Kash Patel is confirmed by the Senate as FBI Director by June 30, 2025. = Benefit to American democracy

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Or Legislation is approved by at least one chamber of Congress in 2025 that partially or fully exemp... = Benefit to American democracy

Or President Trump formally invokes his authority under the Constitution to adjourn Congress before... = Benefit to American democracy

Or President Trump formally invokes the Insurrection Act before 2026. = Benefit to American democracy

Or The Department of Justice announces an investigation or prosecution of a Democrat who served as p... = Benefit to American democracy

Or Elizabeth MacDonough, the current Senate parliamentarian, is removed or resigns by June 30, 2025. = Benefit to American democracy

Or The White House revokes the media credentials of reporters from two media outlets before 2026. = Benefit to American democracy

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Or The United States and Denmark announce formal negotiations over the possible transfer of sovereig... = Benefit to American democracy

Or The Department of Justice or Education opens a civil compliance investigation into whether divers... = Benefit to American democracy

f_benefits 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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Little benefit to American democracy (2)	Moderate benefit to American democracy (3)	Serious benefit to American democracy (4)	Extraordinary benefit to American
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If A federal court rules that the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act in attem... = Benefit to American democracy

A federal court rules that the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act in attempting to permanently withhold or cancel congressionally allocated funds by September 30, 2025. (24)



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If Kash Patel is confirmed by the Senate as FBI Director by June 30, 2025. = Benefit to American democracy

Kash Patel is confirmed by the Senate as FBI Director by June 30, 2025. (26)



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Legislation is approved by at least one chamber of Congress in 2025 that places new rules, limits, or requirements on early voting, absentee voting, or voter registration in federal elections.
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Benefit to
American
democracy*

Legislation is approved by at least one chamber of Congress in 2025 that partially or fully exempts at least one executive branch department, the CIA, or the EPA from the Freedom of Information Act.
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Trump formally invokes his authority under the Constitution to adjourn Congress before... = Benefit to American democracy

President Trump formally invokes his authority under the Constitution to adjourn Congress before 2026. (29)

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President Trump formally invokes the Insurrection Act before 2026. (30)

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Democrat who served as president, vice president, congressional leader, whip, or impeachment manager before 2026. (31)

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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

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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

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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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