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Q392 We are sending this survey to experts in several fields. Due to technical issues, you may have been routed incorrectly. Please answer the following question so we can route you correctly. Are you a political scientist?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Start of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent - poli sci

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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist



intro_poli_sci 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 - poli sci

Start of Block: Section 1: Introduction & Consent - legal expert

Q197 Timing

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Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

Or sample = state_judge



intro_legal_exp Thank you for participating in the Safeguarding Democracy Project/Bright Line Watch survey of legal experts. The purpose of this survey, which is led by professors at **UCLA School of Law and Dartmouth College**, is to measure expert opinions about the state of rule of law in America. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you are free to skip any questions or withdraw from the study at any time. Your responses will be anonymous. No information that identifies you will be collected or retained by the researchers. To protect participant privacy, we will not release detailed professional or demographic information that could allow re-identification. Only broad categories that cannot be linked to individuals may be made available. Please contact **Professor John Carey** (Dartmouth College, john.m.carey@dartmouth.edu) or **Professor Brendan Nyhan** (Dartmouth College, nyhan@dartmouth.edu) if you have 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 - legal expert

Start of Block: Section 2: Identification - legal expert

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Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

Or sample = state_judge

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ID_legal_exp Which of the following best describes your primary current or most recent professional role? If you have held more than one role, please select the role in which you currently (or most recently) spend the most time.

- Practicing attorney / lawyer (1)
- Law professor (2)
- State judge (3)
- Federal judge (4)
- Other (5) _____

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Display this question:

If Which of the following best describes your primary current or most recent professional role? If y... = Other

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ID_legal_exp2 We use these categories to route respondents to different parts of the survey based on where their expertise is most relevant. Which of the following comes closest to your current or most recent professional role?

- Practicing attorney / lawyer (1)
- Law professor (2)
- State judge (3)
- Federal judge (4)

End of Block: Section 2: Identification - legal expert

Start of Block: Block 87

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End of Block: Block 87

Start of Block: Section 3.1: IMP / PERF intro

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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

intro_poli_sci On the next several screens you will see a series of statements related to democratic government. The first group of questions will ask you to evaluate the importance of certain principles or values to democracy in general. Then, you will be asked how well those

principles or values are being upheld in practice in the United States. Statements have been randomly selected from a set of 37 (the full list will be available at the end of the survey).

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If sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

intro_legal_expert On the next several screens you will see a series of statements related to the rule of law. The first group of questions will ask you to evaluate the importance of certain principles or values to the rule of law in general. Then, you will be asked how well those principles or values are being upheld in practice in the United States. Statements have been randomly selected from a set of 19 (the full list will be available at the end of the survey).

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If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge

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End of Block: Section 3.1: IMP / PERF intro

Start of Block: Section 3.2: IMP

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Display this question:

If sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor



IMP_legal_exp How important are these characteristics for the rule of law?

	Not relevant. This has no impact on the rule of law. (1)	Beneficial. This enhances the rule of law, but is not required for the rule of law. (2)	Important. If this is absent, the rule of law is compromised. (3)	Essential. A country cannot be considered to have the rule of law without this. (4)
Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (1)	<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"/>
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"/>
All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (4)	<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"/>
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"/>
Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits (14)	<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"/>

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(16)

The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)

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)

The law is enforced equally for all persons (29)

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

Law enforcement remains politically neutral and does not favor or support any political party or candidate (34)

Officeholders do not use law enforcement to advance political agendas or intimidate political opponents (35)

Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge



Q183 How important are these characteristics for the rule of law?

	Not relevant. This has no impact on the rule of law. (1)	Beneficial. This enhances the rule of law, but is not required for the rule of law. (2)	Important. If this is absent, the rule of law is compromised. (3)	Essential. A country cannot be considered to have the rule of law without this. (4)
All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Executive authority cannot be expanded beyond constitutional limits (14)	<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"/>
The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates are free from political influence or interference (27)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The law is enforced equally for all persons (29)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law enforcement remains politically neutral and does not favor or support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

any political
party or
candidate (34)

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist



IMP_poli_sci How important are these characteristics for democratic government?

	Not relevant. This has no impact on democracy. (1)	Beneficial. This enhances democracy, but is not required for democracy. (2)	Important. If this is absent, democracy is compromised. (3)	Essential. A country cannot be considered democratic without this. (4)
Government officials are legally sanctioned for misconduct (1)	<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"/>
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"/>
All adult citizens enjoy the same legal and political rights (4)	<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"/>
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"/>
Government protects individuals' right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Political competition occurs without criticism of opponents' loyalty or patriotism (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elections are free from foreign influence (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parties and candidates are not barred due to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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)

The legislature is able to effectively limit executive power (15)

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The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)

Voter participation in elections is generally high (18)

Information about the sources of campaign funding is available to the public (19)

Public policy is not determined by large campaign contributions (20)

Citizens can make their opinions heard in open 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)

Military leadership remains politically neutral and does not favor or support any political party or candidate (32)

Officeholders do not use the military to advance political agendas or intimidate political opponents (33)

Law enforcement remains politically neutral and does not favor or support any political party or candidate (34)

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If sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor



PERF_legal 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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>
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The elected branches respect judicial independence (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government protects individuals' right to engage in peaceful protest (26)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Law enforcement remains politically neutral and does not favor or support any political party or candidate (34)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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If sample = judge
Or sample = state_judge



Q184 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)
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist



PERF_poli_sci How well do the following statements describe the United States as of today?

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End of Block: Section 3.3: PERF

Start of Block: Section 4.1: Overall Evaluation

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rusa_now On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 and 100 , how would you rate in the United States as of today?

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United States today ()	
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End of Block: Section 4.1: Overall Evaluation

Start of Block: Section 4.2a: retrospective ratings

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Display this question:
 If sample = lawyer
 Or sample = law_professor



retro_ratings Now using the same 0 to 100 scale, where 0 represents a complete absence of the rule of law and 100 represents full adherence to the rule of law, how would you rate the rule of law in the United States over time? You rated the rule of law in the United States today as $\${rusa_now/ChoiceNumericEntryValue/1}$.

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United States in 2017 ()	
United States in 2020 ()	
United States in 2021 ()	
United States in 2024 ()	

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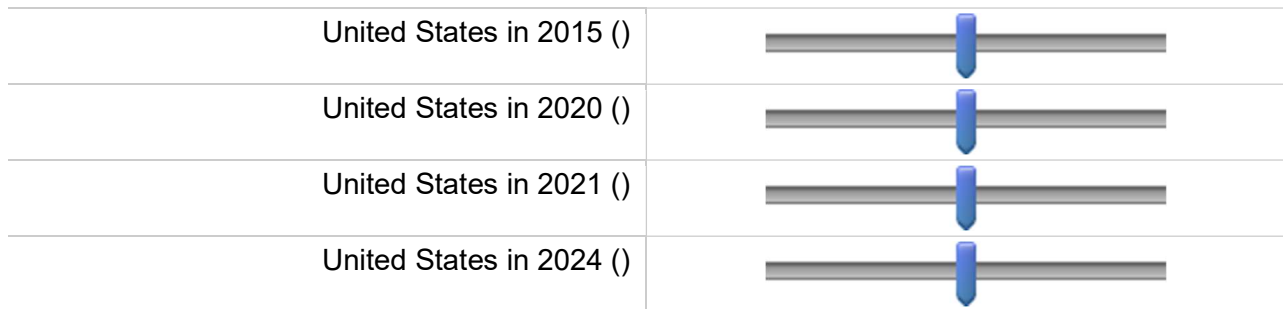
If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge



retro_ratings_jdge Now using the same 0 to 100 scale, where 0 represents a complete absence of the rule of law and 100 represents full adherence to the rule of law, how would you rate the rule of law in the United States over time? You rated the rule of law in the United States today as $\{\text{rusa_now}/\text{ChoiceNumericEntryValue}/1\}$.

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End of Block: Section 4.2a: retrospective ratings

Start of Block: Section 4.2b: 2027/2032 Ratings

Q201 Timing

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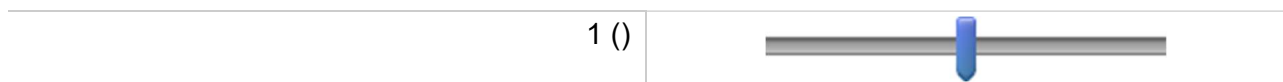
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rusa_2027 What rating would you expect to give the United States in ? You rated the US now as $\{\text{rusa_now}/\text{ChoiceNumericEntryValue}/1\}$.

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Start of Block: rating hypothetical countries (lawyer/law prof) - intro

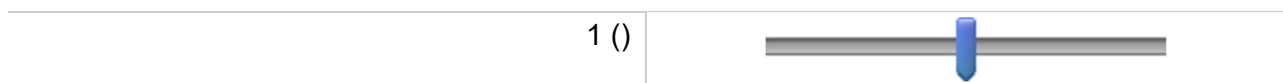
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Q1849 Below you'll see a short description of the legal system in a hypothetical country. Using the same 0–100 scale you use for the United States, please rate how well this country meets the standards of the rule of law overall, where 0 represents a complete absence of the rule of law and 100 represents full adherence to the rule of law.

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country_a - Judges are appointed through merit-based procedures and serve with full independence; courts regularly review and strike down unlawful executive actions; the elected branches respect judicial independence. - Prosecutors and law enforcement agencies operate independently of political direction; charging decisions are insulated from political influence; investigations of public officials are free from interference. - The law is enforced equally for all persons regardless of political affiliation or status; government officials are consistently held legally accountable for misconduct. - Government protects individuals' rights to free expression, peaceful protest, and press freedom; government agencies are not used to monitor, target, or punish political opponents. - Universities, businesses, and professional organizations operate independently of government pressure; official statistics and audit institutions function without political interference. - Government officials do not use public office for private gain; officeholders do not use law enforcement to advance political agendas or intimidate opponents; executive authority is effectively constrained by constitutional limits.

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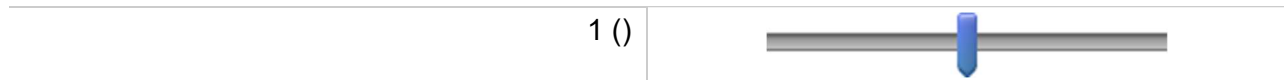


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country_b - Judges are appointed through mixed procedures subject to executive influence; the judiciary is partly independent; courts sometimes but not consistently review executive actions; the elected branches intermittently challenge judicial authority. - Prosecutors and law enforcement agencies are partially subordinate to the executive; charging decisions are sometimes influenced by political considerations; investigations of public officials occasionally face political pressure. - The law is unevenly enforced, with political status sometimes affecting outcomes; government officials are occasionally but not consistently held accountable for misconduct. - Government generally protects rights to expression and protest but selectively

restricts press access or targets critics through administrative means; agencies occasionally monitor or pressure political opponents. - Universities, businesses, and professional organizations face periodic government pressure; official statistics and audit institutions are subject to occasional political influence over timing or presentation of reports. - Some government officials use public office for private advantage with limited consequences; law enforcement is sometimes used to advance political agendas; executive authority occasionally exceeds constitutional limits with weak enforcement of constraints.

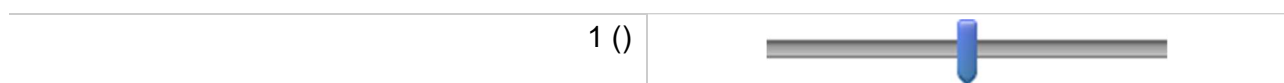
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country_c - Judges are typically appointed at the executive's discretion and lack independence; courts do not meaningfully review executive actions; the executive routinely disregards or retaliates against judicial decisions. - Prosecutors and law enforcement agencies are directed by political leaders; charging decisions follow political directives; investigations of public officials are initiated or suppressed based on political loyalty. - The law is enforced selectively based on political affiliation; allies of the government face minimal legal accountability while opponents face disproportionate scrutiny and prosecution. - Government restricts expression, protest, and press freedom; agencies routinely monitor, target, and punish political opponents and critics. - Universities, businesses, and professional organizations are subject to direct government control and coercion; official statistics and audit reports are controlled, delayed, or suppressed by political leaders. - Government officials use public office for private gain without consequence; officeholders routinely use law enforcement to advance political agendas and intimidate opponents; executive authority is unconstrained by constitutional limits.

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End of Block: rating hypothetical countries (lawyer/law prof) - intro

Start of Block: Section 5.1: RoL Intro

Q195 We will now ask you some questions about the rule of law during Donald Trump's second term as president.

End of Block: Section 5.1: RoL Intro

Start of Block: Section 5.2: Trump II vs Trump 1 vs Biden rule of law comparison non-judges

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QID1467 How do you rate Trump's second term so far, in terms of threatening the rule of law, **compared with Joe Biden's presidency?**

- Much less threat than Biden (1)
 - Less threat than Biden (2)
 - Similar threat to Biden (3)
 - More threat than Biden (4)
 - Much more threat than Biden (5)
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QID1468 How do you rate Trump's second term so far, in terms of threatening the rule of law, **compared with his first term?**

- Much less threat than first term (1)
- Less threat than first term (2)
- Similar threat as first term (3)
- More threat than first term (4)
- Much more threat than first term (5)

End of Block: Section 5.2: Trump II vs Trump 1 vs Biden rule of law comparison non-judges

Start of Block: Section 6a: Executive power and constraints (lower courts)

Q203 Timing

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QID1469 How much do you think lower courts (district and circuit) are constraining excessive uses of executive power in Trump's second term?

- Trump is not using power excessively (1)
- A little or not at all (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- A lot (4)

End of Block: Section 6a: Executive power and constraints (lower courts)

Start of Block: Section 6b: Executive power and constraints (SCOTUS)

Q1795 Timing

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Q1797 How much do you think the Supreme Court is constraining excessive uses of executive power in Trump's second term?

- Trump is not using power excessively (1)
- A little or not at all (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- A lot (4)

End of Block: Section 6b: Executive power and constraints (SCOTUS)

Start of Block: Section 5.2: Trump II vs Trump I vs Biden rule of law comparison judges

Q1821 Timing

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Q1822 How do you rate Trump's second term so far, in terms of threatening the rule of law, **compared with Joe Biden's presidency?**

- Much less threat than Biden (1)
- Less threat than Biden (2)
- Similar threat to Biden (3)
- More threat than Biden (4)
- Much more threat than Biden (5)

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Q363 Timing
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Q1823 How do you rate Trump's second term so far, in terms of threatening the rule of law, **compared with his first term?**

- Much less threat than first term (1)
- Less threat than first term (2)
- Similar threat as first term (3)
- More threat than first term (4)
- Much more threat than first term (5)

End of Block: Section 5.2: Trump II vs Trump I vs Biden rule of law comparison judges

Start of Block: Section 7a: SCOTUS impartial decisions

Q204 Timing
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QID1471 How confident are you that the Supreme Court will make impartial decisions in legal cases regarding the second Trump administration?

- Very confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Not very confident (3)
- Not at all confident (4)

End of Block: Section 7a: SCOTUS impartial decisions

Start of Block: Section 7b: lower courts influence

Q1800 Timing
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Q1801 To what extent do you think current federal district and circuit court judges are influenced by fear of threats or reprisals from the executive branch?

- Great extent (1)
- Moderate extent (2)
- Small extent (3)
- Not at all (4)

End of Block: Section 7b: lower courts influence

Start of Block: Section 7c: SCOTUS influence

Q1805 Timing
First Click (1)
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Click Count (4)

Q1807 To what extent do you think current Supreme Court justices are influenced by fear of threats or reprisals from the executive branch?

- Great extent (1)
- Moderate extent (2)
- Small extent (3)
- Not at all (4)

End of Block: Section 7c: SCOTUS influence

Start of Block: Section 7d: emergency docket

Q1812 Timing
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Q1813 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement below. The Supreme Court has made appropriate use of the emergency docket since President Trump returned to office.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Agree (2)
- Neutral (3)
- Disagree (4)
- Strongly disagree (5)

End of Block: Section 7d: emergency docket

Start of Block: Section 8: Biden Political/Personal Enemies

Q1762 Timing
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Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 1

Or AdminOrder = 2

Q210 We'd now like to ask you about Joe Biden's term as president...

Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 5

Or AdminOrder = 7

Q191 Now, thinking back to Joe Biden's term as president...

Q1765 How much do you think President Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland used the Justice Department **to go after political and personal enemies?**

- Little or not at all (1)
- Somewhat (2)
- To a significant degree (3)
- To a very significant and disturbing degree (4)

End of Block: Section 8: Biden Political/Personal Enemies

Start of Block: Section 8: Biden Political/Personal Allies

Q1767 Timing
First Click (1)
Last Click (2)
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Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 3

Or AdminOrder = 4

Q318 We'd now like to ask you about Joe Biden's term as president...

Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 6

Or AdminOrder = 8

Q319 Now, thinking back to Joe Biden's term as president...

Q1769 How much do you think President Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland used the Justice Department to **provide favors or benefits to the president's political and personal allies**?

- Little or not at all (1)
- Somewhat (2)
- To a significant degree (3)
- To a very significant and disturbing degree (4)

End of Block: Section 8: Biden Political/Personal Allies

Start of Block: Section 8: Trump Political/Personal Enemies

Q314 Timing
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Last Click (2)
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Display this question:

*If AdminOrder = 5
Or AdminOrder = 6*

Q211 We'd now like to ask you about Donald Trump's second term as president again...

Display this question:

*If AdminOrder = 1
Or AdminOrder = 3*

Q192 Now, thinking about Donald Trump's second term as president...

Q1773 How much do you think President Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi have used the Justice Department **to go after political and personal enemies?**

- Little or not at all (1)
- Somewhat (2)
- To a significant degree (3)
- To a very significant and disturbing degree (4)

End of Block: Section 8: Trump Political/Personal Enemies

Start of Block: Section 8: Trump Political/Personal Allies

Q1776 Timing
First Click (1)
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Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 7

Or AdminOrder = 8

Q320 We'd now like to ask you about Donald Trump's second term as president again...

Display this question:

If AdminOrder = 2

Or AdminOrder = 4

Q321 Now, thinking about Donald Trump's second term as president...

Q1778 How much do you think President Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi have used the Justice Department **to provide favors or benefits to the president's political and personal allies?**

- Little or not at all (1)
- Somewhat (2)
- To a significant degree (3)
- To a very significant and disturbing degree (4)

End of Block: Section 8: Trump Political/Personal Allies

Start of Block: Section 9: Institutional legitimacy & loyalty

Q209 Timing
First Click (1)
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

Or sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor



QID1479 Here is a list of institutions in American society. How much confidence do you have in each one?

	A great deal (1)	Quite a lot (2)	Some (3)	Very little (4)	None at all (5)
The U.S. Department of Justice (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The U.S. Supreme Court (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congress (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Presidency (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The FBI (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal Reserve Board (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal district and circuit courts (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge



Q193 Here is a list of institutions in American society. How much confidence do you have in each one?

	A great deal (1)	Quite a lot (2)	Some (3)	Very little (4)	None at all (5)
The U.S. Department of Justice (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The U.S. Supreme Court (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The FBI (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal district and circuit courts (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Section 9: Institutional legitimacy & loyalty

Start of Block: Section 10a: Biden fail to comply

Q216 Timing
First Click (1)
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QID1480 To the best of your knowledge, how often did federal officials fail to comply with court orders during the Biden administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 10a: Biden fail to comply

Start of Block: Section 10b: Biden mislead

Q1814 Timing
First Click (1)
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Click Count (4)

Q1816 To the best of your knowledge, how often did political appointees in the Department of Justice mislead federal judges during the Biden administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 10b: Biden mislead

Start of Block: Section 10c: Trump fail to comply

Q217 Timing
First Click (1)
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Click Count (4)

Q1675 To the best of your knowledge, how often have federal officials failed to comply with court orders during the second Trump administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 10c: Trump fail to comply

Start of Block: Section 10d: Trump mislead

Q1817 Timing
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Q1819 To the best of your knowledge, how often have political appointees in the Department of Justice misled federal judges during the second Trump administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 10d: Trump misled

Start of Block: Section 11.1: Biden / Trump case legitimacy intro

Display this question:

If sample != judge

Q179 Next, we are going to describe two criminal prosecutions of prominent political figures that are ongoing or took place in the last few years. We will ask you a question about each one.

End of Block: Section 11.1: Biden / Trump case legitimacy intro

Start of Block: B1: Hunter Biden gun

Q270 Timing

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hunter_biden In 2023, the Justice Department indicted Hunter Biden for allegedly lying on his application to purchase a handgun. Do you believe this prosecution was conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it was motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: B1: Hunter Biden gun

Start of Block: B2: George Santos

Q1737 Timing
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Q1739 In 2023, the Justice Department indicted former Congressman George Santos, a New York Republican, for allegedly committing wire fraud, conspiracy, and identity theft. Do you believe this prosecution was conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it was motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: B2: George Santos

Start of Block: B3: Trump classified docs

Q1742 Timing
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Q1744 In 2023, Justice Department Special Counsel Jack Smith indicted Donald Trump for allegedly retaining classified documents after leaving the presidency in 2021. Do you believe this prosecution was conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it was motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: B3: Trump classified docs

Start of Block: B4: Trump Jan 6

Q1746 Timing
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Q1748 In 2023, Justice Department Special Counsel Jack Smith indicted Donald Trump for allegedly participating in criminal conspiracies in his efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Do you believe this prosecution was conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it was motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: B4: Trump Jan 6

Start of Block: T1: James Comey

Q271 Timing

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comey_case In 2025, the Justice Department indicted former FBI Director James Comey for allegedly lying to and obstructing Congress related to the Russia investigation. Do you believe this prosecution has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it is motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: T1: James Comey

Start of Block: T2: Letitia James

Q1749 Timing
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Q1751 In 2025, the Justice Department indicted New York Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, for allegedly committing mortgage fraud. Do you believe this prosecution has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it is motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: T2: Letitia James

Start of Block: T3: Cherfilus-McCormick

Q1753 Timing
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Q1754 In 2025, the Justice Department indicted Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, a Florida Democrat, for allegedly stealing federal disaster funds and making illegal campaign contributions. Do you believe this prosecution has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner or do you believe it is motivated by politics?

- Definitely fair and impartial (1)
- Mostly fair and impartial (2)
- Probably motivated by politics (3)
- Definitely motivated by politics (4)

End of Block: T3: Cherfilus-McCormick

Start of Block: Section 12: Presumption of regularity

Q219 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

QID1491 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement below. The federal government still merits the presumption of regularity in federal court.

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

End of Block: Section 12: Presumption of regularity

Start of Block: Section 13.1: Threats / reprisals Biden

Q220 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

Biden_threat Did you `#{e://Field/action_phrase_present}` the federal government on some matter during the Biden administration?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Q327 Timing
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Display this question:

If Did you *{e://Field/action_phrase_present}* the federal government on some matter during the Biden... = Yes

And If

sample = law_professor

Or sample = lawyer

QID1493 Which, if any, of the following did you experience when you *{e://Field/action_phrase_past}* the federal government during the Biden administration?
Please select all that apply (if any).

- Social consequences (for example, exclusion from social events) (1)
- Harassment (online or in-person) (2)
- Professional consequences (for example, losing job or promotion) (3)
- Legal sanctions (for example, prosecution or fine) (4)
- Violence (the use of physical force to harm someone) (5)
- Other (6) _____

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Q326 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge

Q325 Which, if any, of the following did you experience in response to a ruling or case during the Biden administration? **Please select all that apply (if any).**

- Social consequences (for example, exclusion from social events) (1)
- Harassment (online or in-person) (2)
- Professional consequences (for example, losing job or promotion) (3)
- Legal sanctions (for example, prosecution or fine) (4)
- Violence (the use of physical force to harm someone) (5)
- Other (6) _____

End of Block: Section 13.1: Threats / reprisals Biden

Start of Block: Section 13.2: Threats / reprisals Trump

Q221 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

Trump_threat Have you `#{e://Field/action_phrase_present_perfect}` the federal government on some matter during the second Trump administration?

Yes (1)

No (2)

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Q328 Timing
First Click (1)
Last Click (2)
Page Submit (3)
Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If Have you $\{e://Field/action_phrase_present_perfect\}$ the federal government on some matter during... = Yes

And If

sample = lawyer

Or sample = law_professor

QID1495 Which, if any, of the following have you experienced when you $\{e://Field/action_phrase_past\}$ the federal government during the second Trump administration? **Please select all that apply (if any).**

- Social consequences (for example, exclusion from social events) (1)
- Harassment (online or in-person) (2)
- Professional consequences (for example, losing job or promotion) (3)
- Legal sanctions (for example, prosecution or fine) (4)
- Violence (the use of physical force to harm someone) (5)
- Other (6) _____

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Q329 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = state_judge

Q330 Which, if any, of the following have you experienced in response to a ruling or case during the second Trump administration? **Please select all that apply (if any).**

- Social consequences (for example, exclusion from social events) (1)
- Harassment (online or in-person) (2)
- Professional consequences (for example, losing job or promotion) (3)
- Legal sanctions (for example, prosecution or fine) (4)
- Violence (the use of physical force to harm someone) (5)
- Other (6) _____

End of Block: Section 13.2: Threats / reprisals Trump

Start of Block: Section 13.3: Threats / reprisals federal government

Q222 Timing
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Last Click (2)
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Click Count (4)

QID1496 To what extent are you concerned about the following if you `#{e://Field/action_phrase_present}` the federal government during the second Trump administration?

	A great deal (5)	Quite a bit (4)	Somewhat (3)	A little (2)	Not at all (1)
Social consequences (for example, exclusion from social events) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harassment (online or in-person) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional consequences (for example, losing job or promotion) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal sanctions (for example, prosecution or fine) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence (the use of physical force to harm someone) (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Section 13.3: Threats / reprisals federal government

Start of Block: Section 13.4: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Biden representation

Q223 Timing
 First Click (1)
 Last Click (2)
 Page Submit (3)
 Click Count (4)

QID1497 To the best of your knowledge, how often did the fear of adverse action by government officials or agencies affect **representation decisions** by your firm or organization during the Biden administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 13.4: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Biden representation

Start of Block: Section 13.4: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Biden hiring

Q1830 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Q1831 To the best of your knowledge, how often did the fear of adverse action by government officials or agencies affect **hiring and personnel decisions** by your firm or organization during the Biden administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 13.4: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Biden hiring

Start of Block: Section 13.5: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Trump representation

Q224 Timing

First Click (1)

Last Click (2)

Page Submit (3)

Click Count (4)

QID1499 To the best of your knowledge, how often has the fear of adverse action by government officials or agencies affected **representation decisions** by your firm or organization during the second Trump administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 13.5: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Trump representation

Start of Block: Section 13.5: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Trump hiring

Q1834 Timing

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Click Count (4)

Q1835 To the best of your knowledge, how often has the fear of adverse action by government officials or agencies affected **hiring and personnel decisions** by your firm or organization during the second Trump administration?

- Very often (1)
- Somewhat often (2)
- Somewhat rarely (3)
- Very rarely (4)
- Never (5)

End of Block: Section 13.5: Threats / reprisals Lawyers Trump hiring

Start of Block: Section 13.6: Threats / reprisals Law professors

Q225 Timing

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Click Count (4)

QID1501 The next questions ask about your views related to academic freedom. Academic freedom is the freedom of teachers or researchers in higher education to investigate and discuss the issues in their academic field, and to teach or publish findings without interference from political figures, boards of trustees, donors, or other entities. Academic freedom also protects the right of faculty members to speak freely when participating in institutional governance, as well as to speak freely as a citizen. If you teach or conduct research at more than one institution, use the school that you consider your primary institution.

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QID1502 How much academic freedom do you have in the following?

	None (1)	A little (2)	Some (3)	Quite a bit (4)	A great deal (5)
Extramural speech (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teaching (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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QID1503 Please select the option below that best describes your view. The administration of the university where I teach supports academic freedom.

- Not at all (1)
- A little (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- Quite a bit (4)
- A great deal (5)

End of Block: Section 13.6: Threats / reprisals Law professors

Start of Block: Section 14.1: Threat / benefit intro

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

Q1 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?

Display this question:

If sample = judge

Or sample = law_professor

Or sample = lawyer

Or sample = state_judge

Q1433 In this section of the survey, we ask you to assess a series of events that have occurred in the past. What impact (if any) has each had on the rule of law in America?

End of Block: Section 14.1: Threat / benefit intro

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Trump impeach judge

Q236 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

bin_impeach_RoL Donald Trump writes on Truth Social that a federal judge who ruled against him “should be IMPEACHED!!!”

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_impeach_dem Donald Trump writes on Truth Social that a federal judge who ruled against him “should be IMPEACHED!!!”

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

End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Trump impeach judge

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: ICE disobeys orders

Q1376 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_ice_disobey_dem ICE disobeys 96 court orders in the District of Minnesota in January, according to Chief U.S. District Judge Patrick J. Schlitz.

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

Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

bin_ice_disobey_RoL ICE disobeys 96 court orders in the District of Minnesota in January, according to Chief U.S. District Judge Patrick J. Schlitz.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: ICE disobeys orders

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: absolute immunity

Q1404 Timing
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Click Count (4)

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_absolute_dem 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)

Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

bin_absolute_RoL 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 the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: absolute immunity

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Trump pardons CoS

Q1426 Timing
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bin_2020_pardon_RoL Trump pardons his former attorney and chief of staff as well as nearly 80 other allies accused of plotting to overturn the 2020 election.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Trump pardons CoS

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Trump Bondi Truth Social

Q1428 Timing
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bin_bondi_truth_RoL Trump directs Attorney General Pam Bondi to prosecute his political enemies in a Truth Social message.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Trump Bondi Truth Social

Start of Block: Section 14.2a: T/B to rule of law extent (judges)

Q1713 Timing
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*If Trump pardons his former attorney and chief of staff as well as nearly 80 other allies accused of...
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*Or The Supreme Court rules that the president has "absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for a...
= Benefit to the rule of law*

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= Benefit to the rule of law*

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*Or ICE disobeys 96 court orders in the District of Minnesota in January, according to Chief U.S. Dis...
= Benefit to the rule of law*

Q1714 You indicated that the following are benefits to the rule of law in America. We would now like you to rate the degree to which they are a benefit to the rule of law.

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Q259 Timing
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End of Block: Section 14.2a: T/B to rule of law extent (judges)

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Powell investigation

Q1372 Timing
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If sample = political_scientist

bin_powell_dem The Department of Justice begins a criminal investigation into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
 - Will not affect American democracy (2)
 - Threat to American democracy (3)
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If sample != political_scientist

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Powell investigation

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Good/Pretti killing

Q1705 Timing
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If sample = political_scientist

bin_MN_killing_dem Federal agents fatally shoot \${e://Field/victim} during immigration operations in Minnesota.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
- Will not affect American democracy (2)
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If sample != political_scientist

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Good/Pretti killing

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Halligan and Habba

Q1374 Timing
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If sample = political_scientist

bin_halligan_dem Federal judges rule that Lindsey Halligan and Alina Habba were unlawfully appointed as U.S. Attorneys.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Halligan and Habba

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Law firms exec orders

Q1370 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_law_firm_dem The Trump administration issues executive orders that impose penalties on some major law firms.

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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If sample != political_scientist

bin_law_firm_RoL The Trump administration issues executive orders that impose penalties on some major law firms.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Law firms exec orders

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Don Lemon charged

Q1378 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_lemon_dem The journalist Don Lemon is charged with federal civil rights crimes after live-streaming a protest at a church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

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- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: Don Lemon charged

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: FBI searches election center

Q1380 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_fulton_fbi_dem FBI agents search a Fulton County, Georgia election center for ballots from the 2020 election with the Director of National Intelligence present.

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

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If sample != political_scientist

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- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: FBI searches election center

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: US Attorney's application

Q1708 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_US_attorney_dem U.S. attorneys' offices ask job applicants to explain how they would advance President Trump's policy priorities.

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: US Attorney's application

Start of Block: T/B RoL: firing DOJ officials

Q1406 Timing
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Click Count (4)

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

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: firing DOJ officials

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Jan 6 pardons

Q1408 Timing
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bin_Jan6_pardons Donald Trump pardons nearly all individuals charged in connection with the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, including violent offenders.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Jan 6 pardons

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Hunter Biden pardon

Q1410 Timing
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bin_hunter_pardon 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 the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Hunter Biden pardon

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Biden family pardons

Q1412 Timing
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bin_biden_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 the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Biden family pardons

Start of Block: T/B RoL: birthright citizenship

Q1414 Timing
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bin_trump_birthright 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 the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: birthright citizenship

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Lisa Cook

Q1416 Timing
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bin_lisa_cook President Trump tries to fire Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook after his administration accuses her of mortgage fraud.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Lisa Cook

Start of Block: T/B RoL: universal injunctions

Q1418 Timing
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bin_injunctions The Supreme Court holds that federal courts cannot issue universal or nationwide injunctions.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: universal injunctions

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Dem military video

Q1420 Timing
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bin_dem_video Six Democratic lawmakers with military or intelligence backgrounds issue a video stating that military personnel should not obey unlawful orders.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Dem military video

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Trump accuses seditious

Q1422 Timing
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bin_sedition_accuse Trump accuses Democratic lawmakers of “seditious behavior, punishable by death” for releasing a video stating that military personnel should not obey unlawful orders.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Trump accuses sedition

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Hernandez pardon

Q1711 Timing
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bin_hernandez_pardon Trump pardons Orlando Hernandez, the former president of Honduras, who was serving 45 years in prison for helping drug traffickers import cocaine to the U.S.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Hernandez pardon

Start of Block: T/B RoL: FBI public corruption unit

Q1424 Timing
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bin_FBI_corruption FBI Director Kash Patel shuts down the FBI's public corruption investigation unit and fires agents who worked on investigations related to Trump.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: FBI public corruption unit

Start of Block: T/B RoL: Colorado 14th Amend

Q1430 Timing
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bin_14th_colorado The Colorado state Supreme Court rules that the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution prohibits Trump from appearing on Colorado ballots because of his actions on January 6, 2021.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: Colorado 14th Amend

Start of Block: T/B RoL: SCOTUS overturns CO

Q1432 Timing
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bin_scotus_colorado The U.S. Supreme Court overturns the Colorado decision that bars Donald Trump from appearing on the ballot.

- Benefit to the rule of law (1)
- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
- Threat to the rule of law (3)

End of Block: T/B RoL: SCOTUS overturns CO

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: ICE administrative subpoenas

Q1757 Timing
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bin_ICE_sub_dem The Department of Homeland Security sends administrative subpoenas to tech companies requesting personal information about users whose social media accounts track or criticize the agency.

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: ICE administrative subpoenas

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 1

Q1854 Timing
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Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

bin_scotus_tar1_dem The Supreme Court rules that President Trump exceeded his authority to impose tariffs under existing law, invalidating many of the tariffs he imposed on foreign goods.

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 1

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 2

Q1857 Timing
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bin_scotus_tar2_dem After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump imposes a new temporary tariff of 15% on imports.

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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 2

Start of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 3

Q1860 Timing
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If sample = political_scientist

bin_scotus_tar3_dem After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump says "I am ashamed of certain Members of the Court" and says "[i]t is my opinion that the Court has been swayed by Foreign Interests."

- Benefit to American democracy (1)
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- Will not affect the rule of law (2)
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End of Block: T/B RoL/Dem: SCOTUS tariffs 3

Start of Block: Section 14.2b: T/B to rule of law extent (non-judges)

Q1436 Timing
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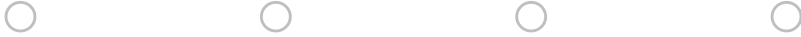


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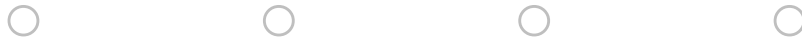
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bin_nationalize_vote President Trump calls for Republican officials to “nationalize” voting, which is administered at the state and local level.

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bin_venezuela_oil The Trump administration oversees Venezuelan oil sales and holds proceeds in offshore, U.S.-controlled accounts while directing how funds are spent.

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bin_uae_crypto An investment firm tied to the United Arab Emirates invests \$500 million into the Trump family's cryptocurrency company days before Trump's inauguration.

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bin_MN_subpoenas The DOJ issues subpoenas to five Minnesota Democratic leaders, including Governor Tim Walz and Minneapolis mayor Jacob Frey, investigating their response to federal immigration enforcement.

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bin_MN_voter_rolls Attorney General Pam Bondi asks Minnesota Governor Tim Walz for access to the state's voter rolls.

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Q1400 Timing
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bin_DOJ_sues_states The DOJ sues 24 states for unredacted access to voter registration lists.

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Q1402 Timing
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bin_schedule_f The Trump administration finalizes a rule allowing for up to 50,000 federal career employees to lose job protections.

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bin_bragg Donald Trump says "You have to vote for us" during a speech to troops at Fort Bragg.

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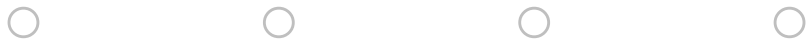
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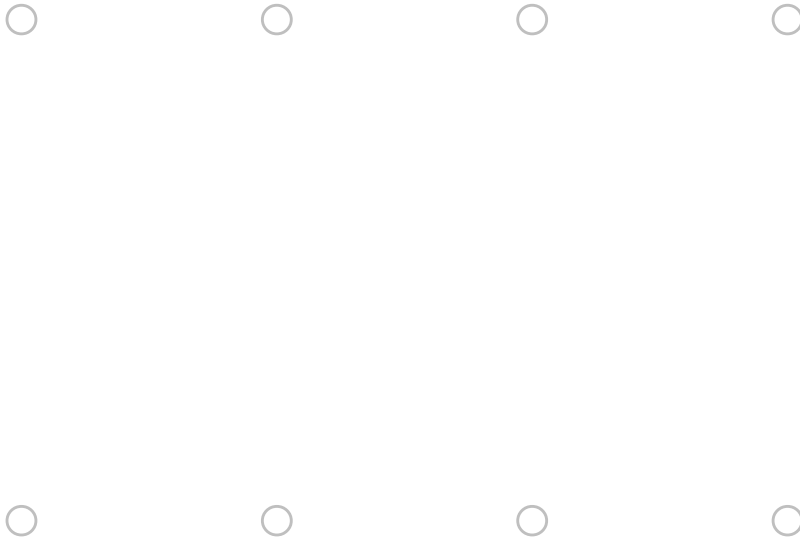
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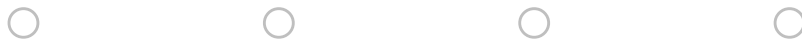
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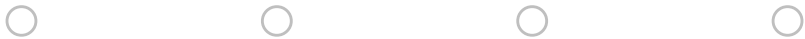
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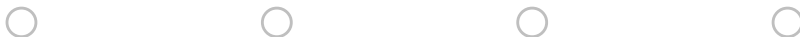


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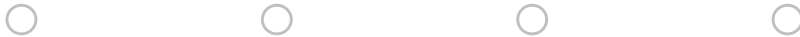


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If The Trump administration finalizes a rule allowing for up to 50,000 federal career employees to l... = Threat to American democracy

The Trump administration finalizes a rule allowing for up to 50,000 federal career employees to lose job protections. (20)



Display this choice:

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

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. (21)



Display this choice:

If Donald Trump says "You have to vote for us" during a speech to troops at Fort Bragg. = Threat to American democracy

Donald Trump says "You have to vote for us" during a speech to troops at Fort Bragg. (38)



Display this choice:

If The Department of Homeland Security sends administrative subpoenas to tech companies requesting p... = Threat to American democracy

The Department of Homeland Security sends administrative subpoenas to tech companies requesting personal information about users whose social media accounts track or criticize the agency. (39)



Display this choice:

If The Supreme Court rules that President Trump exceeded his authority to impose tariffs under exist... = Threat to American democracy

The Supreme Court rules that President Trump exceeded his authority to impose tariffs under existing law, invalidating many of the



tariffs he imposed on foreign goods. (40)

Display this choice:
If After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump imposes a... = Threat to American democracy

After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump imposes a new temporary tariff of 15% on imports. (41)

Display this choice:
If After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump says "I am... = Threat to American democracy

After the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down his previous tariff program, President Trump says "I am ashamed of certain Members of the Court" and



says "[i]t is my opinion that the Court has been swayed by Foreign Interests." (42)

Display this choice:

If The United States and Israel launch coordinated military strikes on Iran in late February 2026. = Threat to American democracy

The United States and Israel launch coordinated military strikes on Iran in late February 2026. (43)



End of Block: Section 14.2c: T/B to democracy extent

Start of Block: Section 15: Bio intro

Display this question:

If sample != political_scientist

Q161 Finally, we have just a few questions about you. None of your answers to these questions will be published when we make the data available on our website.

Display this question:

If sample = political_scientist

Q331 Finally, we have just a few questions about you.

End of Block: Section 15: Bio intro

Start of Block: Section 15a: Lawyer / Law Prof past roles

Q234 Timing

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QID1590 Which, if any, of the following roles do you currently hold or have you previously held?
Please select all that apply (if any).

- U.S. Attorney General / Deputy Attorney General (1)
- U.S. Attorney (2)
- U.S. Solicitor General / Deputy Solicitor General (3)
- White House Counsel / Deputy White House Counsel (4)
- State Attorney General (5)
- State Solicitor General (6)
- State Supreme Court Justice (7)
- Article III Federal Judge (8)
- U.S. Supreme Court Law Clerk (9)
- Head of Law Firm Appellate or Supreme Court Practice (10)
- General Counsel / Chief Legal Officer (Fortune 500 or major organization) (11)
- Other high-level position (12)

Display this question:

If Which, if any, of the following roles do you currently hold or have you previously held? Please s... = Other high-level position

QID1591 Please specify your other high-level position.

End of Block: Section 15a: Lawyer / Law Prof past roles

Start of Block: Section 15b: Federal judge bio

QID1592 What is your current judicial status?

- Active judge (1)
- Senior judge (2)
- Retired (no longer serving in any judicial capacity) (3)

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QID1593 What is your current or most recent judicial position?

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge (1)

U.S. District Court Judge (2)

U.S. Magistrate Judge (5)

Article I Judge (3)

Other (4) _____

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Display this question:

If What is your current or most recent judicial position? = U.S. Court of Appeals Judge

Or What is your current or most recent judicial position? = U.S. District Court Judge

QID1595 What was/is the political party affiliation of the president who nominated you to your current or most recent judgeship?

- Democrat (1)
- Republican (2)
- Not applicable (position not filled by presidential nomination) (3)

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Display this question:

If What is your current or most recent judicial position? = U.S. District Court Judge

QID1596 If applicable, what was/is the political party affiliation of the home-state Senator(s) who recommended your nomination to the White House?

- Democrat (1)
- Republican (2)
- Both (bipartisan recommendation) (3)
- Not applicable / no specific senatorial recommendation (4)

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Display this question:

If What is your current judicial status? != Retired (no longer serving in any judicial capacity)

QID1597 How many years have you served on the federal bench?

10 years or less (1)

Over 10 years (2)

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Q324 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

- What it meant as originally written (1)
- What it means in current times (2)

End of Block: Section 15b: Federal judge bio

Start of Block: Section 15c: State judge bio

QID1598 What is your current judicial status?

- Active judge (1)
- Senior judge (2)
- Retired (no longer serving in any judicial capacity) (3)

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QID1599 What is your current or most recent judicial position?

- Trial court judge (1)
- Intermediate appellate court judge (2)
- Highest court of the state (court of last resort) (3)
- Other (4) _____

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QID1601 What was/is the political party affiliation of the official(s) who selected or appointed you to your current or most recent judgeship?

- Democrat (1)
- Republican (2)
- Both (bipartisan selection) (3)
- Nonpartisan / selection not based on party (4)
- Not sure (5)

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Display this question:

If What is your current judicial status? != Retired (no longer serving in any judicial capacity)

QID1602 How many years have you served as a state judge?

10 years or less (1)

Over 10 years (2)

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Q323 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

- What it meant as originally written (1)
- What it means in current times (2)

End of Block: Section 15c: State judge bio

Start of Block: Section 15d: Law professor bio

QID1603 Which of the following best describes your primary faculty appointment?

- Tenure-track or tenured faculty (1)
- Non-tenure track clinical faculty (2)
- Legal research and writing (LRW) faculty (3)
- Adjunct or part-time instructor (4)
- Visiting assistant professor (VAP) or fellow (5)
- Emeritus faculty (6)
- Other (e.g., Law Librarian or Administrator with teaching duties) (7)

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QID1604 What is your primary field of study?

- Constitutional law (1)
- Criminal law and procedure (2)
- Civil procedure and jurisdiction (3)
- Contracts and commercial law (4)
- Torts and product liability (5)
- Property and real estate (6)
- Administrative law and regulated industries (7)
- Business and corporate law (8)
- Tax law (9)
- Intellectual property and technology law (10)
- International and comparative law (11)
- Environmental and energy law (12)
- Health law and bioethics (13)
- Immigration law (14)
- Family and juvenile law (15)
- Legal theory and history (16)
- Clinical and experiential education (17)
- Other (18) _____

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QID1605 What is your specific area of study?

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QID1606 What type of academic institution do you work at?

- Public (1)
- Private nonprofit (2)
- Private for-profit (3)
- None of the above (4)

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Q1 In which state is the academic institution where you work located?

▼ Alabama (1) ... My institution is not in the United States (53)

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Q274 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

- What it meant as originally written (1)
- What it means in current times (2)

End of Block: Section 15d: Law professor bio

Start of Block: Section 15e: Lawyer bio

QID1608 Are you currently working in a legal role?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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QID1609 Which of the following best describes your most recent primary legal role?

- Private practice attorney (1)
- Public defender or legal aid attorney (2)
- Prosecutor / district attorney (federal, state, or local) (3)
- In-house counsel (4)
- Government attorney (non-prosecutorial) (5)
- Judicial officer or law clerk (6)
- Other (7)

Display this question:

If Are you currently working in a legal role? = Yes

And Which of the following best describes your most recent primary legal role? = Prosecutor / district attorney (federal, state, or local)

Q333 Which best describes your current title or role as a prosecutor?

- U.S. Attorney (1)
 - Assistant U.S. Attorney (2)
 - DOJ Attorney (3)
 - State Attorney General (4)
 - State Solicitor General (5)
 - District Attorney (6)
 - Other (please specify) (7)
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QID1610 What is your primary area of legal practice?

- Criminal law (1)
- Civil and commercial litigation (2)
- Corporate and business law (3)
- Intellectual property (4)
- Tax law (5)
- Labor and employment law (6)
- Environmental and energy law (7)
- Family law (8)
- Immigration law (9)
- Administrative and regulatory law (10)
- Constitutional or civil rights law (11)
- Other (12) _____

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QID1611 For how many years have you practiced law?

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Q162 In which state is/was the legal practice or organization where you work(ed) located?

▼ Alabama (1) ... I do not reside in the United States (53)

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QID1613 Have you ever served in a legal role as a federal or state government employee?

- Yes, currently (1)
- Yes, previously (2)
- No (3)

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QID1614 Generally, how interested are you in politics?

Extremely interested (1)

Very interested (2)

Somewhat interested (3)

Not very interested (4)

Not at all interested (5)

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Q235 Timing
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QID1615 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

- What it meant as originally written (1)
- What it means in current times (2)

End of Block: Section 15e: Lawyer bio

Start of Block: Section 15f: Political scientist bio

occupation 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)
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Display this question:

If Which of the following best describes your occupation? != Other

QID1617 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)

Display this question:

If Which of the following best describes your occupation? != Other

QID1618 What is your specific area of study?

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If Which of the following best describes your occupation? != Other

Q294 What type of academic institution do you work at?

- Public (1)
- Private nonprofit (2)
- Private for-profit (3)
- None of the above (4)

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Display this question:

If Which of the following best describes your occupation? != Other

Q295 In which state is the academic institution where you work located?

▼ Alabama (1) ... My institution is not in the United States (53)

End of Block: Section 15f: Political scientist bio

Start of Block: Section 16: Legal expert comments

QID1619 In your words, what is the state of the rule of law in the United States right now? What is the single most important threat to it?

End of Block: Section 16: Legal expert comments

Start of Block: Section 17: survey comments

QID1620 Do you have any comments about this survey?

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QID1621 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. Please contact Professor John Carey (Dartmouth College, john.m.carey@dartmouth.edu) or Professor Brendan Nyhan (Dartmouth College, nyhan@dartmouth.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

End of Block: Section 17: survey comments
