2024-2025 Political Psychology of American Democracy (PPAD) Survey
N=3,000 Adults Ages 18+, Spanish and English
DRAFT 1/16/2025

Base: All respondents

[TEXT]

Thank you very much for participating in KnowledgePanel® surveys. This particular survey asks about democracy and political attitudes and will take about fifteen minutes to complete.

This survey is being conducted by researchers at a public university in the U.S. The study will help researchers understand how the public thinks about American democracy over the course of an election period.

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Base: All respondents

* Note: No labels needed for middle points; radio buttons or slider might be best.

HUMAN FLOURISHING INDEX (3 WAVE TRACK)

HUMFL1. In general, how positive (happy) or negative (unhappy) do you usually feel these days?
0 = Extremely Negative (Unhappy), 10 = Extremely Positive (Happy)

HUMFL2. Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?
0 = Not at All Worthwhile, 10 = Completely Worthwhile

HUMFL3. I understand my purpose in life.
0 = Strongly Disagree, 10 = Strongly Agree

HUMFL4. Even in difficult and challenging situations I always act to promote good in all circumstances.
0 = Not True of Me, 10 = Completely True of Me

HUMFL5. I am always able to give up some happiness now for greater happiness later.
0 = Not True of Me, 10 = Completely True of Me

HUMFL6. How often do you worry about being able to meet normal monthly living expenses?
0 = Worry All of the Time, 10 = Do Not Ever Worry

HUMFL7. How often do you worry about safety, food, or housing?
0 = Worry All of the Time, 10 = Do Not Ever Worry

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FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY (3 WAVE TRACK)
Base: All Respondents
Hope1. Generally speaking, on a scale from 1 to 10 where 10 is "extremely hopeful" and 1 is "extremely worried" how do you feel about the future of American democracy?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE – Vertical with radio buttons]
1 – Extremely worried
2
3 – Worried
4
5 – Neither hopeful nor worried
6
7 – Hopeful
8
9
10 – Extremely hopeful
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Base: All respondents

AMERICA'S BEST DAYS

BESTDAYS. In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

01   America's best days are behind us
02   America's best days are ahead of us

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MEDIA/NEWS CONSUMPTION (3 WAVE TRACK) – reduced items in Wave 3

Base: All respondents
How often, if at all, do you get news or information from the following sources?

[ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]
Media_FOC   FOX News
Media_CNN   CNN or MSNBC

Media_ABC	ABC, CBS, or NBC News
Media_NYT	New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today
Media_LocalNews	Your local newspaper
Media_LocalTVNews	Your local TV news
Media_PubRad	Public television or radio

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Never
02   Rarely
03   Sometimes
04   Fairly often
05   Every day

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TOP OF MIND DEMOCRACY (3-WAVE TRACK)

[RANDOMIZE THE QUESTION ORDER FOR ONEWORD1A, ONEWORD1B AND ONEWORD1C.]

Base: All Respondents
ONEWORD1a. What one word or phrase would you use to DEFINE American democracy?
[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]
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TOP OF MIND AMERICAN VOTERS (3-WAVE TRACK)

Base: All Respondents
ONEWORD1b. What one word or phrase would you use to DESCRIBE American voters?
[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]
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TOP OF MIND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (3-WAVE TRACK)

Base: All Respondents
ONEWORD1c. What one word or phrase would you use to DESCRIBE American government?
[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]

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RESPECT MEASUREMENT EXPERIMENT (3 WAVE TRACK)

DOV_Respect: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Federal
2=State
3=Local

Base: One-third of Respondents see Fed_Respect

Fed_Respect. How much do you <u>respect</u> those who serve in the FEDERAL government?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No respect at all
02   A little respect
03   A fair amount of respect
04   A great deal of respect

State_Respect. How much do you <u>respect</u> those who serve in your STATE government?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No respect at all
02   A little respect
03   A fair amount of respect
04   A great deal of respect

Local_Respect. How much do you <u>respect</u> those who serve in your LOCAL government?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No respect at all
02   A little respect
03   A fair amount of respect
04   A great deal of respect

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TRUST MEASUREMENT EXPERIMENT I (3 WAVE TRACK)

DOV_Trust: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Federal
2=State
3=Local

Fed_Trust. How much do you <u>trust</u> the FEDERAL government to do what is right?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No trust at all
02   A little trust
03   A fair amount
04   A great deal of trust

State_Trust. How much do you <u>trust</u> your STATE government to do what is right?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No trust at all
02   A little trust
03   A fair amount
04   A great deal of trust

Local_Trust. How much do you <u>trust</u> your LOCAL government to do what is right?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   No trust at all
02   A little trust
03   A fair amount
04   A great deal of trust

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POLITICAL EFFICACY (3 WAVE TRACK)

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

[RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS]
POLEFFD. Public officials don't care about what people like me think
POLEFFE. I have access to all the information I need to participate in our democracy with confidence

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

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INTEREST IN POLITICS

DOV_PolIntt: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=General Interests (Baseline)
2=Learning more
3=Participating more
4=Receiving information

POLINT_BASE. How much interest would you say you have in government and politics?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
04   A great deal of interest
03   A fair amount of interest
02   Only a little interest
01   No interest at all

POLINT_LMORE. How much interest would you say you have in **learning more about** government and politics?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
04   A great deal of interest
03   A fair amount of interest
02   Only a little interest
01   No interest at all

POLINT_PART. How much interest would you say you have in **participating more in** government and politics?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
04   A great deal of interest
03   A fair amount of interest
02   Only a little interest
01   No interest at all

POLINT_INFO. How much interest would you say you have in **receiving regular information reports from subject matter experts** about government and politics?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
04   A great deal of interest
03   A fair amount of interest
02   Only a little interest
01   No interest at all

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UNDERSTANDING OF DEMOCRACY

Below is a list of different attributes for American democracy. Please indicate **how important each one is for your own thoughts about democracy**.

UDEMOCA1. Government narrows the gap between the rich and the poor.
UDEMOCA2. People choose the government leaders in free and fair elections.
UDEMOCA3. Government does not waste any public money.
UDEMOCA4. People are free to express their political views without punishment from the government.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all important for democracy
02   Low importance for democracy
03   Neutral
04   Very important for democracy
05   Extremely important democracy

Base: All repondents

Below is a list of different attributes for American democracy. Please indicate **how important each one is for your own thoughts about democracy**.

UDEMOCB1. Elected representatives have oversight over the government.
UDEMOCB2. Basic necessities, like food, clothes and shelter are provided for all.
UDEMOCB3. People are free to organize political groups.
UDEMOCB4. Government provides the public with quality public services.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all important for democracy
02   Low importance for democracy
03   Neutral
04   Very important for democracy
05   Extremely important democracy

Base: All repondents

Below is a list of different attributes for American democracy. Please indicate **how important each one is for your own thoughts about democracy**.

UDEMOCC1. Government ensures law and order.
UDEMOCC2. The media are free to criticize the government.
UDEMOCC3. Government ensures job opportunities for all.
UDEMOCC4. Multiple political parties compete fairly in elections.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all important for democracy
02   Low importance for democracy
03   Neutral

04   Very important for democracy
05   Extremely important democracy

Below is a list of different attributes for American democracy. Please indicate **how important each one is for your own thoughts about democracy**.

UDEMOCD1. People have the freedom to take part in protests and demonstrations.
UDEMOCD2. Politics is free of corruption.
UDEMOCD3. The courts protect the ordinary people from the abuse of government power.
UDEMOCD4. People receive public assistance if they are unable to work.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all important for democracy
02   Low importance for democracy
03   Neutral
04   Very important for democracy
05   Extremely important democracy

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CIVIL SERVANTS BATTERY

DOV_Servants: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Federal
2=State
3=Local

Thinking about the people who work for the **federal government**, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

Fed_Servants1. Federal government employees are mostly incompetent at their jobs.
Fed_Servants2. I believe that most federal government employees are committed to helping people like me.
Fed_Servants3. Newly elected leaders should have the power to replace federal government employees when they officially take office.
Fed_Servants4. Offering "thanks" to federal government employees for their public service helps democracy.

[[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   Completely agree
04   Mostly agree
03   Neutral
02   Mostly disagree
01   Completely disagree

Base: One-third of Respondents see State_ Servants

Thinking about the people who work for your **state government**, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

State_Servants1. State government employees are mostly incompetent at their jobs.
State_Servants2. I believe that most state government employees are committed to helping people like me.
State_Servants3. Newly elected leaders should have the power to replace state government employees when they officially take office.
State_Servants4. Offering "thanks" to state government employees for their public service helps democracy.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   Completely agree
04   Mostly agree
03   Neutral
02   Mostly disagree
01   Completely disagree

Base: One-third of Respondents see Local_Servants

Thinking about the people who work for your **local government**, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

Local_Servants1. Local government employees are mostly incompetent at their jobs.
Local_Servants2. I believe that most local government employees are committed to helping people like me.
Local_Servants3. Newly elected leaders should have the power to replace local government employees when they officially take office.
Local_Servants4. Offering "thanks" to local government employees for their public service helps democracy.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   Completely agree
04   Mostly agree
03   Neutral
02   Mostly disagree
01   Completely disagree

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SOURCES OF ISSUE KNOWLEDGE

DOV_ISSUES: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=ReD List
2=GSPP List

FORM A

W3ISSUEA: In your opinion, how helpful are each of the following in helping you to better understand political issues?

W3ISSUEA1. Local organizations
W3ISSUEA2. Religious or faith communities
W3ISSUEA3. Professional experiences or workplace discussions
W3ISSUEA4. Friend and family discussions
W3ISSUEA5. Online communities and social media influencers

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all helpful
02   Slightly helpful
03   Neither helpful or unhelpful
04   Helpful
05   Very helpful
06   Don't know

Base: 1/2 of respondents

FORM B

W3ISSUEB: In your opinion, how helpful are each of the following in helping you to better understand political issues?

W3ISSUEB1. Reports by experts at colleges and universities
W3ISSUEB2. Statistical reports that provide facts about issues
W3ISSUEB3. Books and printed information
W3ISSUEB4. Barbershops/beauty salons
W3ISSUEB5. Public opinion polling data

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not at all helpful
02   Slightly helpful
03   Neither helpful or unhelpful
04   Helpful
05   Very helpful
06   Don't know

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POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS

When it comes to political conversations, how often do you experience the following:

Commented [DW1]: Perhaps randomize with psychological forbearance

How often do you experience the following when engaging in political discussions?
[Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often, Always]

DISCUSSA. Feeling the need to opt out of political conversations to avoid conflict or stress
DISCUSSB. Productive conversations with people who hold different views
DISCUSSC. Feeling pressure to take a side on political issues
DISCUSSD. Openly admitting that you don't know the facts about political topics

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Never
02   Rarely
03   Sometimes
04   Often
05   Always

Base: All respondents

In your community, how easy or difficult is it to:

COMMUNITYA. Keep friendships with people despite political disagreements
COMMUNITYB. Find spaces or groups where political differences are discussed respectfully
COMMUNITYC. Participate in discussions focused on specific local issues

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Very difficult
02   Difficult
03   Neutral
04   Easy
05   Very Easy

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STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

Base: All respondents

In your opinion, how much STRONGER or WEAKER would American democracy become if:

DSTRONG1. The U.S. President was elected based on the popular vote and not the electoral college
DSTRONG2. The U.S. provided guaranteed minimum income for all citizens.
DSTRONG3. It was easier for 3rd-party and independent candidates to run for office.
DSTRONG4. Members of U.S. Congress (House and Senate) had mandatory term limits.
DSTRONG5. Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court did not have lifetime appointments.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   American democracy would be a lot stronger
04   American democracy would become a little stronger
03   American democracy would not change
02   American democracy would become a little weaker
01   American democracy would become a lot weaker

Base: All respondents

DSTRONG6. Citizens are automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.
DSTRONG7. Made election day a national holiday.
DSTRONG9. Local experts held "office hours" to help people understand government decisions.
DSTRONG10. More U.S. territories became states
DSTRONG11. The U.S. banned voting by mail.
DSTRONG12. There was a standard, non-partisan process for drawing election district maps.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   American democracy would be a lot stronger
04   American democracy would become a little stronger
03   American democracy would not change
02   American democracy would become a little weaker
01   American democracy would become a lot weaker

Base: All respondents

DSTRONG13. Schools required civic education about how government works
DSTRONG14. There was mandatory public service for young people
DSTRONG15. People stopped focusing on the racial injustices in America's history
DSTRONG16. There were more policy proposals directly from ordinary citizens.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
05   American democracy would be a lot stronger
04   American democracy would become a little stronger
03   American democracy would not change
02   American democracy would become a little weaker
01   American democracy would become a lot weaker

Base: All respondents

DSTRONG17. The was less regulation of social media
DSTRONG18. Corporations were banned from making campaign contributions
DSTRONG19. There were harsher penalties for political protesters who disrupt events
DSTRONG20. A free college education was provided to every citizen

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]

05   American democracy would be a lot stronger
04   American democracy would become a little stronger
03   American democracy would not change
02   American democracy would become a little weaker
01   American democracy would become a lot weaker

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CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT (ASSYMBLIES: VALUE)

DOV_ISSUES: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Baseline
2=Size of 25
3=Selected by Govt
4=Volunteer
5=Size of 25, Selected by Govt

Base: 1/5th of respondents

FOMR A: BASELINE

CITZASSA1. A **Citizens' Assembly** consists of a group of randomly selected members of the public who come together to participate in guided discussions and make policy recommendations.

Do you think this is:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   A very bad idea
02   A bad idea
03   Neutral
04   A good idea
05   A very good idea

Base: 1/5th of respondents

FORM B: Size

CITZASSA2. A **Citizens' Assembly** consists of a group of 25 randomly selected members of the public who come together to participate in guided discussions and make policy recommendations. Do you think this is:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   A very bad idea
02   A bad idea
03   Neutral
04   A good idea
05   A very good idea

FORM C: Selecting Body

CITZASSA3. A **Citizens' Assembly** consists of a group of randomly selected members of the public **– selected by the government –** who come together to participate in guided discussions and make policy recommendations. Do you think this is:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   A very bad idea
02   A bad idea
03   Neutral
04   A good idea
05   A very good idea

FORM D: Explicit Service

CITZASSA4. A **Citizens' Assembly** consists of a group of randomly selected members of the public who **volunteer to participate** in guided discussions and make policy recommendations. Do you think this is:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   A very bad idea
02   A bad idea
03   Neutral
04   A good idea
05   A very good idea

FORM E: Size and Selecting body

CITZASSA1. A **Citizens' Assembly** consists of a group of **25** randomly selected members of the public **– selected by the government –** who come together to participate in guided discussions and make policy recommendations. Do you think this is:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   A very bad idea
02   A bad idea
03   Neutral
04   A good idea
05   A very good idea

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CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT (ASSYMBLIES: TOPICS)

DOV_ISSUES: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Topics from W1/W2
2=AGB Topics

Base: ½ of respondents

FORM A

Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics.

Below is a list of topics that a Citizen's Assembly could discuss. How much of a priority do you think each topic should be for a discussion:

CITZTOPICSA. American democracy and civic engagement
CITZTOPICSB. Energy and climate
CITZTOPICSC. Finance and investment
CITZTOPICSD. Government and public policy
CITZTOPICSE. Artificial Intelligence and technology
CITZTOPICSF. Economics and labor
CITZTOPICSG. Housing and real estate
CITZTOPICSF. Personal health and well-being

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not a priority topic
02   Low priority topic
03   Medium priority topic
04   High priority topic
05   Essential topic

CITZTOPICSOPEN. Are there any other topics you think a Citizen's Assembly should prioritize?
[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]

Base: ½ of respondents

FORM B

Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics.

Below is a list of topics that a Citizen's Assembly could discuss. How much of a priority do you think each topic should be for a discussion:

CITZFOCUSA. The role of government in solving public problems
CITZFOCUSB. Educating children and young adults

CITZFOCUSC. Guaranteeing employment, especially for the unhoused and formerly incarcerated
CITZFOCUSD. Making sure elections are fair and transparent
CITZFOCUSE. Keeping people and communities safe
CITZFOCUSF. Protecting the environment

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Not a priority topic
02   Low priority topic
03   Medium priority topic
04   High priority topic
05   Essential topic

CITZFOCUSOPEN. Are there any other topics you think a Citizen's Assembly should prioritize?
[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]

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CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT (ASSYMBLIES: PARTICIPANTS)

Base: All respondents

CITZASS2. In addition to randomly selected people, how helpful or harmful would each of the following be to have **in attendance at a Citizens' Assembly**?

CITZASS2a. Local and state elected officials
CITZASS2b. Community leaders
CITZASS2c. Local and state business owners
CITZASS2d. Judges and legal experts
CITZASS2e. Academic experts from colleges and universities

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Make them much worse
02   Make them somewhat worse
03   Make no difference
04   Make them somewhat better
05   Make them much better

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IDEAL POLITICAL CONVERSATION PARTNER

DOV_TALKWITH: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Open (TalkwithA)
2=Closed (TalkwithB)

Base: 1/2 Respondents

TALKWITHA. If you could sit down and have a conversation about government and politics with any one person in the world, regardless of their background or expertise, who would it be? (Please select only one).

[Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]

TALKWITHB. If you could sit down and have a conversation about government and politics with any one person in the world, regardless of their background or expertise, who would it be? (Please select only one).

- o My partner/spouse
- o A parent
- o My child
- o My best friend
- o A close professional colleague
- o A paster or spiritual advisor
- o A celebrity figure
- o An elected leader
- o A college or university professor
- o Someone else (Please write in) - [Open Form Box (Max 50 characters)]

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CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT (ASSYMBLIES: PARTICIPATION EXPERIMENT)

DOV_ISSUES: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=Baseline
2=Compensation
3=$25
4=$2,000 [Taxable]
5=$2,000 [Non-taxable]
6=$2,000 Income Tax Credit

[FORM A]

CITASSEXPA. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely

03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

Base: 1/6th of respondents

[FORM B]

CITASSEXPB. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics. Participants are provided with **compensation** for their time and expenses.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely
03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

Base: 1/6th of respondents

[FORM C]

CITASSEXPC. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics. Participants are provided with a **$25** cash amount for their time and expenses.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely
03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

Base: 1/6th of respondents

[FORM D]

CITASSEXPD. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics. Participants are provided with a **$2,000 [taxable]** cash amount for their time and expenses.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely
03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

Base: 1/6th of respondents

[FORM E]

CITASSEXPE. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics. Participants are provided with a **$2,000 [non-taxable]** cash amount for their time and expenses.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely
03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

Base: 1/6th of respondents

[FORM F]

CITASSEXPF. Again, a **Citizens' Assembly** is made up of randomly selected people who discuss a particular topic of relevance to society and politics. Participants are provided with a **$2,000 income tax credit** for their time and expenses.

If you were asked to take part in such an assembly, how likely is it that you would participate?

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Extremely unlikely
02   Unlikely
03   Neutral
04   Likely
05   Extremely likely

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PSYCHOLOGICAL FOREBEARANCE SCALE

Base: All respondents

Commented [DW2]: Perhaps randomize with Political Conversations

How difficult or easy is it for you to do each of the following:

FOREBEAR1. Remain calm when others are rude to you.
FOREBEAR1. Listen to others' opinions when I disagree with them.
FOREBEAR1. Overlook the mistakes that others make.
FOREBEAR4. Avoid defending yourself immediately when others place blame on you.
FOREBEAR5. Accept losing when you believe others do not deserve to win.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Very difficult for me
02   Difficult for me
03   Neutral
04   Easy for me
05   Very easy me

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ELECTION REFORM

ELECTIONR. Thinking about the way the president of the United States is elected, would you prefer to:

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Change the current system so that candidate who receives the most votes wins
02   Keep the current system so the candidate who wins Electoral College vote wins

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ELECTIONS

DOV_ELECT: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=the United States
2=My State
3=My Local Community

Base: 1/3 of respondents

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about elections in the United States?

ELECTUS1. Votes are counted fairly in the United States
ELECTUS5. United States (Federal) Election officials are fair
ELECTUS6. In the United States, rich people buy elections
ELECTUS7. In the United States voters are inundated with false information about candidates

ELECTUS8. Voters are offered a genuine choice in United States elections

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree
06   Don't know

Base: 1/3 of respondents

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about elections in the your state?

ELECTST1. Votes are counted fairly in my state
ELECTST2. My state's election officials are fair
ELECTST3. In my state, rich people buy elections
ELECTST4. In my state voters are inundated with false information about candidates
ELECTST5. Voters are offered a genuine choice in my state's elections

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree
06   Don't know

Base: 1/3 of respondents

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about elections in your local area?

ELECTLC1. Votes are counted fairly in my local area
ELECTLC2. My local area's election officials are fair
ELECTLC3. In my local area, rich people buy elections
ELECTLC4. In my local area voters are inundated with false information about candidates
ELECTLC5. Voters are offered a genuine choice in my local area's elections

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

06   Don't know

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RACIAL RESENTMENT (3 Wave Track) – No racial filters for Wave 3

<u>WHITES' RESENTMENT TOWARD AFRICAN AMERICANS</u>

WRTA. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

[RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS]
WRTA1. I resent any special considerations that African Americans receive because it's unfair to other Americans.
WRTA2. For African Americans to succeed, they need to stop using past racism and slavery as excuses.
WRTA3. Special considerations for African Americans place me at an unfair disadvantage because I have done nothing to harm them.
WRTA4. African Americans bring up race only when they need to make an excuse for their failure.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

Base: All Respondents

<u>AFRICAN AMERICANS' RESENTMENT TOWARD WHITES</u>

AARTW. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

[RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS]
AARTW1. I resent when Whites deny the existence of racial discrimination.
AARTW2. Whites get away with offenses that African Americans would never get away with.
AARTW3. Whites do not go to great lengths to understand the problems African Americans face.
AARTW4. Even when African Americans work hard to succeed, Whites still view them in lesser terms.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

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NOSTALGIA BELIEFS

Here are some decades in the past. Based on what you believe please indicate whether you feel each period was better than, worse than, or about the same as today, all things considered.

PERIOD1. The 1940s
PERIOD2. The 1950s
PERIOD3. The 1970s
PERIOD4. The 1980s
PERIOD5. The 2000s
PERIOD6. The 2010s

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
03   This period was better than today
02   About the same as today
01   This period was worse than today

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HELP EXPERIMENT

DOV_ISSUES: Randomly assign respondents to one of following:
1=the Federal Government
2=My State's Government
3=My Local Government
4=the Democratic Party
5=the Republican Party

MERIT5a.Which of the following, if either, do you think is a bigger problem with **the federal government**?

    [REVERSE SCALE, HOLD ORDER FOR EACH SCREEN, RESPONSE OPTIONS]
    03   They are not trying enough to help people like me
    02   They are trying to help too many people who don't deserve it
    01   Neither is a problem with for the federal government

MERIT5b.Which of the following, if either, do you think is a bigger problem with **your state's government**?

    [REVERSE SCALE, HOLD ORDER FOR EACH SCREEN, RESPONSE OPTIONS]
    03   It is not trying enough to help people like me
    02   It is trying to help too many people who don't deserve it
    01   Neither is a problem with for my state's government

MERIT5c. Which of the following, if either, do you think is a bigger problem with **your local government**?

[REVERSE SCALE, HOLD ORDER FOR EACH SCREEN, RESPONSE OPTIONS]
03 It is not trying enough to help people like me
02 It is trying to help too many people who don't deserve it
01 Neither is a problem with for my local government

MERIT5d. Which of the following, if either, do you think is a bigger problem with **the Democratic Party**?

[REVERSE SCALE, HOLD ORDER FOR EACH SCREEN, RESPONSE OPTIONS]
03 They are not trying enough to help people like me
02 They are trying to help too many people who don't deserve it
01 Neither is a problem with for the Democratic Party

MERIT5e. Which of the following, if either, do you think is a bigger problem with **the Republican Party**?

[REVERSE SCALE, HOLD ORDER FOR EACH SCREEN, RESPONSE OPTIONS]
03 They are not trying enough to help people like me
02 They are trying to help too many people who don't deserve it
01 Neither is a problem with for the Republican Party

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IDEO. In general, would you describe your political views. Are you …

1 Very conservative
2 Somewhat conservative
3 Moderate
4 Somewhat liberal
5 Very liberal
9 Don't know
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AFFECTIVE POLARIZATION SCALE (POLITICAL IDEOLOGY)

Base: Respondents who are Liberals (Strong or not)

IF IDEO = 4 or IDEO=5

W3AFFLPOL Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

[RANDOMIZE STATEMENT, PROGRESSIVE GRID]
W3AFFLPOL1. I feel as though Conservatives are very different from Liberals.
W3AFFLPOL2. Conservatives live in a different world from those of us siding with Liberals.

W3AFFLPOL3. Conservatives act in ways that those of us siding with Liberals could never understand.

W3AFFLPOL4. As someone who sides with Liberals, I would not want to be friends with someone who was a Conservative.

W3AFFLPOL5. If I found out a friend of mine was a Conservative, I would want to stop spending time with them.

W3AFFLPOL6. Although I do not agree with their political views, there are people I like who are Conservative.

W3AFFLPOL7. My identity as someone who sides with Liberals is connected to my core moral beliefs.

W3AFFLPOL8. My identity as someone who sides with Liberals reflects my beliefs about the difference between right and wrong.

W3AFFLPOL9. My identity as someone who sides Liberals is rooted in moral principles.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree
04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

Base: Respondents who are Conservatives (Strong or not)

IF IDEO = 1 or IDEO=2

W3AFFCPOL. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below.

[RANDOMIZE STATEMENT, PROGRESSIVE GRID]
W3AFFCPOL1. I feel as though Liberals are very different from Conservatives.

W3AFFCPOL2. Liberals live in a different world from those of us who side with Conservatives.

W3AFFCPOL3. Liberals act in ways that those of us siding with Conservatives could never understand.

W3AFFCPOL4. As someone who sides with Conservatives, I would not want to be friends with someone who was a Liberal.

W3AFFCPOL5. If I found out a friend of mine was a Liberal, I would want to stop spending time with them.

W3AFFCPOL6. Although I do not agree with their political views, there are people I like who are Liberals.

W3AFFCPOL7. My identity as someone who sides with Conservatives is connected to my core moral beliefs.

W3AFFCPOL8. My identity as someone who sides with Conservatives reflects my beliefs about the difference between right and wrong.

W3AFFCPOL9. My identity as someone who sides with Conservatives is rooted in moral principles.

[RANDOMLY REVERSE SCALE]
01   Strongly disagree
02   Disagree
03   Neither agree nor disagree

04   Agree
05   Strongly agree

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END SURVEY