Social Survey on Netizens (2021)

Dear Participant,

The aim of this survey is to better understand ordinary netizens’ political attitudes. This survey is not associated with any political organization and has no political intentions. The data we collect is for academic research only. We will never pass your personal information to any third parties. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Your age?

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1. 18years old or below
2. 19-29 years old
3. 30-39 years old
4. 40-49 years old
5. 50 years old or above
6. Which best describes your gender?

1. Male

2. Female

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
2. Below High School level
3. High School Graduate/GED
4. Some College
5. 2-year College Degree
6. 4-year College Degree
7. Post-Graduate Degree
8. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?
9. White
10. Black
11. Hispanic
12. Asian
13. Native American
14. Middle Eastern
15. Mixed
16. Other
17. Whether it is election season or not, some people seem to follow what's going on in politics and public affairs most of the time. Others are not that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in politics and public affairs?
18. never
19. once or twice one month
20. several times one month
21. once or twice one week
22. Several times one week
23. almost every day
24. Generally speaking, how interested would you say you are in politics?
25. not at all interested
26. not very interested
27. neither interested or disinterested
28. somewhat interested
29. very interested
30. What was your household's annual income last year?
31. Less than $10,000
32. $10,000 - $19,999
33. $20,000 - $29,999
34. $30,000 - $39,999
35. $40,000 - $49,999
36. $50,000 - $59,999
37. $60,000 - $69,999
38. $70,000 - $79,999
39. $80,000 - $99,999
40. $100,000 - $119,999
41. $120,000 - $149,999
42. $150,000 -$199,999
43. More than $200,000

1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

(1)Strong Republican (2)Not very strong Republican (3)Independent (4)Not very strong Democrat (5)Strong Democrat (6)other

1. When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as liberal, moderate, conservative, or something else?

(1)very liberal (2)liberal (3)slightly liberal (4)moderate or middle of the road (5)slightly conservative (6)conservative (7)very conservative (8)libertarian (9)don’t know or not political (10)other

1. How would you assess your understanding of the current domestic and international political and economic situation?

(1) absolutely no idea (2) very little understanding (3) some understanding (4) have a good knowledge of the situation (5) have a very good understanding of the situation

1. Which of the following news media outlets do you use in your daily life to get the news? (multiple choice)选项随机

(1)Fox News （2）CNN （3）New York Times （4）Wall Street Journal （5）Washington Post (6)Los Angeles Times (7)BBC (8)local newspaper or TV (9) MSNBC (10)Huffington Post (11) Breitbart (12)Twitter (13)other foreign language news channels

1. How do you feel about the following countries? Please mark them using the numbers 0 to 10: with 0 as the least favorable, and 10 the most favorable. （选项随机）(最低答题时间15s)
2. China 2. Japan 3. Russia 4. North Korea 5.South Korea
3. How would you describe the current US-China relationship?

(1) like enemies (2) like business competitors (3) normal country-to-country relationship

1. How do you feel about the following statements?选项随机

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | disagree | somewhat disagree | I don’t know (neutral) | somewhat agree | agree wholeheartedly |
| Children should do what they have been asked to do by their parents, even if the request is not reasonable. |  |  |  |  |  |
| We should obey our superiors or those whose status is above us under all circumstances. |  |  |  |  |  |
| National leaders' portraits should never be used in caricature or satirical cartoons. |  |  |  |  |  |
| If everyone has a different opinion about politics, society will be chaotic. |  |  |  |  |  |
| When shop stores on both sides of the road have signboards with the same size and shape, it looks more aesthetic than having signboards with different designs/sizes/shapes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geomancy or *feng shui* and fortune-telling can explain many phenomena. I believe in them deeply. |  |  |  |  |  |
| We should punish those who dare criticize or publically abuse national leaders. |  |  |  |  |  |

**Now we would like you to respond to a series of questions with right and wrong answers. Please try to answer this Political Quiz to the best of your ability. There is NO penalty for incorrect answers. Please do not cheat in any way on this quiz.**

1. For how many years is a United States Senator elected--that is, how many years is one full term of office for a U.S. Senator? [randomize]
   * + 1. 6 years
       2. 4 years
       3. 2 years
       4. 8 years
2. Answer the questions below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Your answer (If you do not know the answer, you can write "0") |
| Who is the current President（Chairman） of China? |  |
| Who is the current Prime Minister of the UK? |  |
| Who is the current Chief Executive of Hong Kong? |  |

1. On which of the following does the U.S. federal government currently spend the LEAST?

Foreign Aid

Medicare

National Defense

Social Security

1. Which political party is more conservative when it comes to healthcare policies?
2. The Democratic Party
3. The Republican Party
4. They are about the same
5. In which decade did the US and China establish diplomatic relations?
6. 1950’s 2. 1960’s 3. 1970’s 4. 1980’s 5. 1990’s 6. Don’t know
7. In the last 10 years of trade between China and the USA, which country has imported more goods from the other country? （选项随机）
8. China has imported more from the USA
9. The USA has imported more from China
10. Don’t know
11. In which Chinese city did the Chinese government recently close the US consulate?选项随机
12. Beijing 2. Wuhan 3. Chengdu 4. Shenyang 5. Shanghai 6. Guangzhou 7. Don’t know
13. Which country is **not** a member of Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance? 选项随机
14. United Kingdom 2. Australia 3. Canada 4. New Zealand 5. India 6. Don’t know
15. How would you rate your performance on this Political Quiz?
16. Poor 2. Fair 3. Good 4. Very Good 5. Excellent
17. (Self-Placement) Next we would like you to rate your own performance relative to everyone else who has taken the quiz. Please use the sliding scale to evaluate your performance.
18. Much lower than the average
19. Lower than the average
20. Equal to the average
21. Higher than the average
22. Much higher than the average

1. Please choose the answer that best describes you.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | not like me at all | somewhat like me | in between or I don’t know | somewhat like me | absolutely like me |
| When dining out, I like to choose those places I had been before because I do not want to take any risks. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to contact and communicate with old friends because I know their personalities and habits. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not like to stay in complicated and uncertain situations. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I dislike questions which could be answered in many different ways. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want to have everything in its order and follow a routine in my life. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Following the rules and being disciplined is one of the most important characteristics of a good student. |  |  |  |  |  |

Here we briefly describe some people. Please read each description and tick the box on each line that shows how much each person is or is not like you.(shortest time：35s)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not like me at all | Not like me | Some- what not like me | Not sure or Don’t know | Some- what like me | Like me | Very much like me |
| Thinking up new ideas and being creative is important to him. He/She likes to do things in his/her own original way. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| It is important to him to be rich. He/She wants to have a lot of money and expensive things. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| It is important to him/her to live in secure surroundings. He/She avoids anything that might endanger his safety. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| He/She likes surprises and is always looking for new things to do. He/She thinks it is important to do lots of different things in life. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Having a good time is important to him. He/She likes to “spoil” himself. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| It's very important to him to help the people around him/her. He/She wants to care for their well-being. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Being very successful is important to him. He/She hopes people will recognize his/her achievements. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| He/She looks for adventures and likes to take risks. He/She wants to have an exciting life. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| It is important to her/him always to behave properly. She/he wants to avoid doing anything people would say is wrong. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| He/She strongly believes that people should care for nature. Looking after the environment is important to him/her. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Tradition is important to him/her. She/he tries to follow the customs handed down by her religion or her family. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

1. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? 选项随机 （最低答题时间25s）

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly disagree | somewhat disagree | Neutral or I don’t know | somewhat agree | absolutely agree |
| My country is like a mother; no matter whether she makes mistakes, we should always be loyal to her. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politics is like a sports competition; different political parties or factions compete according to set game rules, and there will always be winners and losers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politics is like an arena and politicians the gladiators struggling for survive or death. |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is no friendship that lasts forever between two countries; only mutual interests will bond two countries together. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The nation is the base of the family; there will be no happy families within that country if it is not strong and prosperous. |  |  |  |  |  |
| To protect the national interest, my government can selectively uphold and implement international rules. |  |  |  |  |  |
| International relations follows the law of the jungle: the weak are the prey of the strong, and there is no justice. |  |  |  |  |  |
| You should not ask what the country has done for you, but rather ask yourself what you have done for the country. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Issues such as human rights, birth control and freedom of speech within a country are its internal affairs, and other country has no right to interfere. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The relationship between the government and its citizens is like the relationship between parents and their children. |  |  |  |  |  |

How dangerous do you think COVID-19 is? (On the 0-10 scale, 0 means no dangerous at all, and 10 means extremely dangerous).

1. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? 选项随机 （最低答题时间25s）

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly disagree | somewhat disagree | Neutral or I do not know | somewhat agree | absolutely agree |
| Those diplomatic disputes that the US has with other countries are all provoked by those other countries. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US should destroy North Korea's nuclear facilities through air strikes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| If someone is patriotic, then he/she must boycott all foreign goods. |  |  |  |  |  |
| China and Russia have dispatched many spies to the US who want to control the US. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US is too weak when it is dealing with China diplomatically. The China should be tougher when it deals with Russia. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The trade war between the US and China is China's fault. The US has not made any mistakes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The field of foreign affairs is like a war zone without weapons. Diplomats should defend his/her nation's national interest like a heroic soldier. |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a superpower, the US is better placed to maintain a healthy and balanced international order than other countries. |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly disagree | somewhat disagree | Neutral or I do not know | somewhat agree | strongly agree |
| A nation should not exist if it cannot protect its citizens' personal interests. In other words, human rights is more important than sovereignty. |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is no so-called "universal value" such as democracy, freedom, and human rights. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land property rights should be owned by an individual, but not by the country or collectives. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Those sectors that are key to national security, the national economy and people's livelihood should be owned by State-Owned Enterprises. |  |  |  |  |  |
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1. Please choose one fruit and continue to answer our questions.【删除，设置为隐藏题】

Pear (please answer question 20 if you select pear)

Banana (please answer question 21 if you select banana)

Orange (please answer question 22 if you select orange)

1. From the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1979, the US-China relationship has not been always smooth but lasted over 40 years. However, during the last couple of years, the US-China relationship has faltered; the dispute has expanded from trade to technology, intellectual property, political system differences, geopolitical competition, and other areas. Some experts even predict that the US-China relationship is going to slide into a new cold war. Which of the following do you think best describes the current US-China relationship? (最短答题时间15s)
2. Like enemies
3. Like business competitors
4. Like normal country-to-country relationships
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6. Like enemies
7. Like business competitors
8. Like normal country-to-country relationships
9. From the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1979, the US-China relationship has not been always smooth but lasted over 40 years. However, during the last couple of years, the US-China relationship has faltered; the dispute has expanded from trade to technology, intellectual property, political system differences, geopolitical competition, and other areas. Some experts even predict that the US-China relationship is going to slide into a new cold war. One view describes the US-China relationship as enemies: there are irreconcilable contradictions around values, political systems, and economic interests. These contradictions will become acute when they are close in power, and both sides will inevitably collide with each other and enter the “Thucydides Trap”. The Thucydides Trap is a political metaphor. In 2015, Harvard political scientist Prof Graham Allison identified a scenario he calls the Thucydides Trap based on the 5th Century BCE Greek historian Thucydides’ account of the Peloponnesian War. Basically, the Thucydides Trap says that when a rising power challenges the dominance of an established power, the dominant power is likely to respond with violence. According to those experts, war between the US and China is inevitable, and war will decide who will be the next superpower in the 21 century. Which of the following do you think best describes the current US-China relationship? （最低答题时间20s）
10. Like enemies
11. Like business competitors

Please go on to answer question 22.

1. Which of the following two opinions on handling the China-US relationship do you agree with the most?
2. The dispute should be resolved through negotiation and both sides should make concessions in order to resolve the dispute.
3. The US should not make any compromise. Power will decide who the winner is.
4. Given the current China-US relationship, do you think the US government should allow TikTok to operate in the US? (TikTok is a cell-phone app owned by a Chinese company).
5. the US government should allow TikTok to operate in the US
6. the US government should not allow TikTok to operate in the US
7. Please evaluate your feelings about the following countries again. Mark the countries using the numbers 0 to 10: with 0 as the least favorable, and 10 the most favorable. 最低答题时间不少于10s）
   * + 1. Russia 2. Japan 3. China 4. North Korea 5.South Korea

In the Alaska US-China High-level Strategic talks in March 2021,Yang Jiechi, China's senior offical, told the US side: "The US is not qualified to condescendingly speak to China from a position of strength; the Chinese people won't take that". Do you agree with what Yang said?

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. Neutral

4. somewhat agree 5. absolutely agree 6. Don’t know

On a scale of 1-10, how many Americans do you think share the same view with you for the last question? (On the 0-10 scale, 0 means 0 per cent of Americans share the same answer or view with you, and 10 means 100 per cent share the same answer or view with you).

On a scale of 1-10, how many Americans do you think share the opposite view with you for the last question? (On the 0-10 scale, 0 means 0 per cent of Americans share the opposite answer or view with you, and 10 means 100 per cent share the opposite answer or view with you).

1. Please tell us how much trust you have in the institutions below? Is it: **a great deal of trust, quite a lot of trust, neutral, not very much trust,** or **none at all**? 选项随机（最低答题时间不少于15s）

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | none at all | not very much trust | neutral | quite a lot of trust | a great deal of trust |
| Federal government |  |  |  |  |  |
| County government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Police office |  |  |  |  |  |
| Court |  |  |  |  |  |
| CNN |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fox News |  |  |  |  |  |
| BBC |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Please indicate what is or was your primary occupation? (General categories provided below)

Business

Caregiver/childcare

Clerical administrative/secretarial/office work

Creative arts (e.g. film, music, photography)

Designer (e.g. graphics, print, fashion)

Education

Engineer

Entrepreneur/business owner/self employed

Farming

Finance

Government and related work

Healthcare

Homemaker/stay at home mom or dad

Insurance

Journalism

Law

Logistics/transportation

Maintenance/janitorial

Manual labor (e.g. construction, landscaping, contracting)

Manufacturing (e.g. QA, machine operator, factory worker)

Military

Non-profit/volunteer

Personal service (fitness, coaching, cosmetology, massage)

Psychologist clinical/counselor

Public safety (police, firefighter, corrections, security)

Religion

Research

Social worker/social service

Student

Technology

Unemployed

Writer/editor/Translator

Other/none of the above

1. Lastly, do you have any suggestions for this survey? （最低答题时间不少于5s）

(This question is compulsory; if you do not have any recommendation or comments, please answer “0”)