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BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses. Show question stem in same order as responses*

**DIRECTION [S]**

Thinking about the way things are going in the country today, do you think things are generally going in the **[RANDOMIZE:** (right direction) or the (wrong direction)**]**?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]**

1 Right direction

2 Wrong direction

BASE: ASK ALL

*Copy from SNO 21934*

**POL1DT [S]**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

BASE: ASK ALL

*PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1🡪4; CAPTURE RANDOMIZATION*

*Copy from SNO 21934*

**MATTERSCONG [S]**

Thinking about how you feel about the 2018 congressional election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress

2

3

4 = Doesn’t really matter which party wins control of Congress

Base: NOT IN DC

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses 1 and 2*

*Copy from SNO 21934*

**CONG [S]**

If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 The Republican Party’s candidate in your district

2 The Democratic Party’s candidate in your district

3 Another candidate

4 Not sure

Base: (CONG=4 or refused)

*Scripter: Show in same order as CONG*

*Copy from SNO 21934*

**CONGA [S]**

As of TODAY, do you lean more to… **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

1 The Republican Party’s candidate in your district

2 The Democratic Party’s candidate in your district

3 Lean to another candidate

4 Not sure

Base: ASK U.S. CITIZENS ONLY

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2. Anchor 3 and 4*

**VTPLAN [S]**

Do you plan to vote in the elections this November? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PUNCHES 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK 3 AND 4 LAST IN ORDER]**

1 Yes, I plan to vote ON Election Day

2 Yes, I plan to vote BEFORE Election Day

3 No, I do not plan to vote **[ANCHOR]**

4 Not sure **[ANCHOR]**

Base: VTPLAN=1 or 2 (Plans to vote)

**EARLY1 [S]**

Do you plan to vote in the November electionin person or will you mail in your ballot?

1 Vote in person

2 Mail in ballot

3 Not sure

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-3 or 3-1. Record order.*

**USWORLD\_T [S]**

Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion about the United States?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

1. The U.S. is better than all other countries in the world
2. The U.S. is one of the best countries in the world, along with some others
3. There are other countries that are better than the U.S.

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2.*

**CITIZ\_INFL\_T [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

1 Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington

2 There’s not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington

BASE: ASK ALL

**CAR1 [S]**

Do you ever use ride-hailing services like Uber or Lyft?

1 Yes

2 No, but I have heard of them

3 I have never heard of this before

Base: CAR1=1 (ASK IF USE RIDE-HAILING SERVICES)

**CAR10 [S]**

How often do you use ride-hailing services?

1 Daily or almost daily

2 Weekly

3 Monthly

4 Less often

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record items a-r. Show on two screens, splitting items as evenly as possible*

**NATPROBS [S]**

How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS WHEN 5 OR MORE TOTAL ITEMS SHOWN]**

a. **[xform=2 or 4]** The affordability of health care

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

b. **[xform=2 or 4]** Racism

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

c. **[xform=1 or 3]** Illegal immigration

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

d. **[xform=1 or 3]** Sexism

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

e. **[xform=1]** Job opportunities for all Americans

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

f. **[xform=1]** The way the U.S. political system operates

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

g. **[xform=1]** The way racial and ethnic minorities are treated by the criminal justice system

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

h. **[xform=1]** The federal budget deficit

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

i. **[xform=2]** Drug addiction

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

j. **[xform=2]** The gap between the rich and poor

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

k. **[xform=2]** Violent crime

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

l. **[xform=3]** Gun violence

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

m. **[xform=3]** The affordability of a college education

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

n. **[xform=3]** Climate change

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

o. **[xform=4]** Wages and the cost of living

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

p. **[xform=4]** Ethics in government

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

q. **[xform=4]** Terrorism

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

r. **[xform=4]** The way immigrants who are in the country illegally are treated

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

*Scripter: RANDOMIZE AND RECORD ORDER OF BLOCKS VTCONF\_COM/VTCONF\_US AND VTADMIN\_COM/VTADMIN\_US.*

*Scripter: CHANGE ORDER OF QUESTIONS VTCONF\_COM AND VTCONF\_US BY FORM: IF XFORM=1 or 2, Show VTCONF\_COM First. If XFORM=3 or 4, show VTCONF\_US First. Record order. Show questions VTCONF\_COM and VTCONF\_US on the same screen.*

BASE: ASK ALL

**[Show this before the first question:** Thinking about the elections this November…**]**

**VTCONF\_COM [S]**

How confident are you that votes in YOUR COMMUNITY will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

**VTCONF\_US [S]**

How confident are you that votes across the UNITED STATES will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

*Scripter: CHANGE ORDER OF QUESTIONS VTADMIN\_COM AND VTADMIN\_US BY FORM: IF XFORM=1 or 2, Show VTADMIN\_COM First. IF XFORM=3 or 4, Show VTADMIN\_US first. Record order. Show questions on same screen.*

BASE: ASK ALL

**VTADMIN\_COM [S]**

Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be run and administered…

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

**VTADMIN\_US [S]**

Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be run and administered…

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

Base: XFORM=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize items a-d and record order.*

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2 for each item and record order. Note that each pair should be randomized in separate seeds*

**VOTETRAITS [S]**

a. All in all, is voting in elections…

1 Important

2 Not important

b. All in all, is voting in elections…

1 Convenient

2 Not convenient

c. All in all, is voting in elections…

1 Exciting

2 Boring

d. All in all, is voting in elections…

1 Straightforward

2 Confusing

Base: If CITIZEN and (XFORM=2 or 3)

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order.*

**VTEASY [S]**

Overall, **[IF VTPLAN=1 or 2:** “do”**, IF VTPLAN=3 or 4 or refused:** “would”**]** you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]**

1 Very easy

2 Somewhat easy

3 Somewhat difficult

4 Very difficult

Base: ASK IF VTEASY=3 or 4

*Scripter: Allow as many characters as possible for open end*

**VTEASYOE [O]**Why **[IF VTPLAN=1 or 2:** “do”**, IF VTPLAN=3 or 4 or refused:** “would”**]** you expect voting in the November elections to be **[INSERT RESPONSE TO VTEASY; DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST WORD]** for you personally?

BASE: ASK ALL

**ECON1 [S]**

Thinking about the nation’s economy…

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Only fair

4 Poor

BASE: ASK ALL

**GENDEROPT [S]**

On a different subject…

When a form or online profile asks about a person’s gender, do you think it should include options other than “man” and “woman” for people who don’t identify as either?

1. Yes
2. No

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2. Show question stem in same order.*

**GENDACCEPT [S]**

In general, do you think society is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too accepting) or (not accepting enough)**]** of people who don’t identify as either a man or a woman, or is it about right?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1. Too accepting
2. Not accepting enough
3. About right **[anchor]**

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2.*

**FAIRTRT [S]**

Overall, in our country today, would you say that…

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1. Blacks are treated less fairly than whites
2. Whites are treated less fairly than blacks
3. Both are treated about equally **[anchor]**

BASE: ASK ALL

**CONVOZ [S]**

How often, if at all, **[if xform=1 or 3 insert “**do Donald Trump’s presidency and policies**” / if xform=2 or 4 insert “**do the 2018 midterm elections and candidates running for office**”]** come up in the conversations you have, either in person, over the phone or online?

1 Very often

2 Somewhat often

3 Not too often

4 Not at all

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize items a-b and record order*

**FRIENDT [S]**

Thinking about your close friends, how many would you say… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Approve of Donald Trump’s job performance

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Just a few

4 None

b. Disapprove of Donald Trump’s job performance

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Just a few

4 None

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize items a-g and record order. Split across two screens*

**MESUM3 [S]**

Do each of the following statements describe you well, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Environmentalist

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

b. Have traditional values

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

c. Supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA)

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

d. Feminist

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

e. Open minded

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

f. Active in my local community

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

g. Typical American

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

BASE: ASK ALL

**VTPPL [S]**

Thinking again about the elections coming up in November…

How confident are you that **[if xform=1 insert “**poll workers in your community” **/ if xform=2 and NOT IN DC insert “**officials who run elections in your state” **/ if xform=2 and IN DC insert:** “officials who run elections in the District of Columbia” **/** if **xform=3 insert “**officials who run elections in your local area” **/ if xform=4 insert “**officials who run elections across the United States**”]** will do a good job during the elections this November?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

*Scripter: Randomize order of questions ELRULE\_FAIR to ELRULE\_PTY. Record order. Show on same screen if applicable.*

**[IF NOT IN DC, show before first question:** Thinking about the election rules in your state (for example, when and how elections take place and what is required to register or vote)…**]**

**[IF IN DC, show before first question:** Thinking about the election rules in the District of Columbia (for example, when and how elections take place and what is required to register or vote)…**]**

Base: xform=2 or 3

**ELRULE\_FAIR [S]**

All in all, would you say **[“**your state’s”; “the District of Columbia’s”**]** election rules are…

1 Fair

2 Not fair

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses 1 and 2*

*Show on same screen as ELRULE\_PTY*

**ELRULE\_EASE [S]**

All in all, would you say **[“**your state’s”; “the District of Columbia’s”**]** election rules… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

1 Make it too easy to register and vote

2 Make it too hard to register and vote

3 Make it about right to register and vote **[anchor]**

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses 1 and 2*

*Show on same screen as ELRULE\_EASE*

**ELRULE\_PTY [S]**

All in all, would you say **[“**your state’s”; “the District of Columbia’s”**]** election rules… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

1 Unfairly favor the Republican Party over the Democratic Party

2 Unfairly favor the Democratic Party over the Republican Party

3 Do not favor one party over the other **[anchor]**

Base: xform=1 or 2

**VTSYSSEC\_ST [S]**

How confident are you that election systems in **[“**YOUR STATE”; “the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA”**]** are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

Base: xform=3 or 4

**VTSYSSEC\_US [S]**

How confident are you that election systems in the UNITED STATES are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

*RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTEFFORT-VOTING. RECORD ORDER. Show on different screens*

Base: xform=2 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**VTEFFORT [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Citizens should have to prove they really want to vote by registering ahead of time

2 Everything possible should be done to make it easy for every citizen to vote

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses order*

**VTMAND [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 All citizens should be required to vote in national elections

2 Every citizen should be able to decide for themselves whether or not to vote in national elections

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**VOTING [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things

2 Voting by people like me doesn’t really affect how government runs things

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses order*

**VTCHNGRULES [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 If election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote, that would also make elections less secure

2 It would not make elections any less secure if election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote

Base: xform=2 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**VTEARLYDOC [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 A voter should only be allowed to vote early or absentee if they have a documented reason for not voting in person on Election Day

2 Any voter should have the option to vote early or absentee without having to document a reason

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2.*

**POLCRCT [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

1 People need to be more careful about the language they use to avoid offending people with different backgrounds

2 Too many people are easily offended these days over the language that others use

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of responses 1 and 2.*

**GOVT\_ROLE [S]**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

1 Government should do more to solve problems

2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

*[RANDOMIZE VTBLWH, VTHISWH, VTECON] RECORD ORDER*

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses order.*

**VTBLWH [S]**

Which comes closer to your view about **[“**your state”; “the District of Columbia”**]**… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Black and white citizens in **[** “my state”; “D.C.”**]** have equal access to voting

2 Black citizens in **[**“my state”; “D.C.”**]** have less access to voting than white citizens

Base: xform=2 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**VTHISWH [S]**

Which comes closer to your view about **[ “**your state”; “the District of Columbia”**]**… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Hispanic and white citizens in **[** “my state”; “D.C.”**]** have equal access to voting

2 Hispanic citizens in **[**“my state”; “D.C.”**]** have less access to voting than white citizens

Base: xform=2 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**VTECON [S]**

Which comes closer to your view about **[ “**your state”; “the District of Columbia”**]**… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Lower-income and middle-income citizens in **[** “my state”; “D.C.”**]** have equal access to voting

2 Lower-income citizens in **[** “my state”; “D.C.”**]** have less access to voting than middle-income citizens

BASE: ASK IF NOT IN DC

*Show on same screen as CANDHOUSAT*

**CANDHOUKN [S]**

How much would you say you know about the candidates running for Congress in your district this November?

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not too much

4 Nothing at all

BASE: ASK IF NOT IN DC

*Show on same screen as CANDHOUKN*

**CANDHOUSAT [S]**

How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Congress in your district this November?

1 Very satisfied

2 Somewhat satisfied

3 Not too satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

BASE: ASK IF STATE NE AK, DE, VT, WY, MT, SD, ND, DC

*Scripter: Randomize and record responses 1 and 2*

**GERRY\_PTY [S]**

All in all, would you say the way congressional districts are drawn in your state… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

1 Unfairly favors the Republican Party over the Democratic Party

2 Unfairly favors the Democratic Party over the Republican Party

3 Does not favor one party over the other **[anchor]**

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=1 (Random ¾ of respondents) and xform=1 or 2

**ELECMIS\_1Ma [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people”**]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=1 (Random ¾ of respondents) and xform=3 or 4

**ELECMIS\_1Mb [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person was prevented” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people were prevented”**]** from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=2 (Random 1/4 of respondents) and xform=1 or 2

**ELECMIS\_100ka [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people”**]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=2 (Random ¼ of respondents) and xform=3 or 4

**ELECMIS\_100kb [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person was prevented” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people were prevented”**]** from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=1 (Random ¾ of respondents) and xform=1

**ELECMIS\_1M2b [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person was prevented” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people were prevented”**]** from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements, would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=1 (Random ¾ of respondents) and xform=4

**ELECMIS\_1M2a [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people”**]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=2 (Random ¼ of respondents) and xform=1

**ELECMIS\_100k2b [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person was prevented” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people were prevented”**]** from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: DOV\_ELECMIS=2 (Random 1/4 of respondents) and xform=4

**ELECMIS\_100k2a [S]**

Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters…

If **[Insert value from DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT] [if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT=1 show “**person” **/ if DOV\_ELECMIS\_INSERT>1 show “**people”**]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so,would you consider this to be a…

1 Major problem with the election

2 Minor problem with the election

3 Not much of a problem with the election

Base: Xform=1

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**TALKDISA [S]**

In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you DISAGREE with, do you generally find it to be… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Interesting and informative

2 Stressful and frustrating

Base: Xform=3

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

**TALKCMN [S]**

In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you DISAGREE with, do you usually find that… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 You have more in common politically than you thought

2 You have less in common politically than you thought

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize items a-b and record order*

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2 and record order*

**PREDELEC [S]**

Just your best guess, after the elections this November, which political party do you think will hold a majority in… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEP SAME ORDER FOR ITEMS A AND B]**

a. The U.S. Senate

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

b. The U.S. House of Representatives

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

*[RANDOMIZE AND RECORD ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM, SHOW INTRO TEXT ONLY ON FIRST QUESTION]*

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order.*

**EMTCONGREP [S]**

**[show only before first question:** Thinking about the congressional elections that will take place in November...**]**

How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

**[ROTATE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]**

1 Excited

2 Relieved

3 Disappointed

4 Angry

Base: xform=1 or 3

*Scripter: Show in same order as EMTCONGREP*

**EMTCONGDEM [S]**

**[show only before first question:** Thinking about the congressional elections that will take place in November...**]**

How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

**[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGREP AND RECORD ORDER]**

1 Excited

2 Relieved

3 Disappointed

4 Angry

*[RANDOMIZE AND RECORD ORDER OF ELCTCMMT\_R & ELCTCMMT\_D]*

Base: xform=2 or 4

**ELCTCMMT\_R [S]**

How committed would you say the REPUBLICAN PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

1 Very committed

2 Somewhat committed

3 Not too committed

4 Not at all committed

Base: xform=2 or 4

**ELCTCMMT\_D [S]**

How committed would you say the DEMOCRATIC PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

1 Very committed

2 Somewhat committed

3 Not too committed

4 Not at all committed

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order. Show question stem in same order as responses*

*Scripter: Randomize itemas a-k and record order*

*Split across 2 screens*

**VTPRIORITY [S]**

Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or oppose**]** the following ideas about election policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE]**

a. **[xform=1]** Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

b. **[xform=1]** Making Election Day a national holiday

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

c. **[xform=1]** Removing inaccurate and duplicate registrations from voter lists using automatic methods

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

d. **[xform=1]** Conducting all elections by mail

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

e. **[xform=1]** Allowing people convicted of felonies to vote after serving their sentences

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

g. **[xform=4]** Automatically updating voter registrations when people move

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

h. **[xform=4]** Allowing people to register on Election Day at the polls

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

i. **[xform=4]** Removing people from registration lists if they have not recently voted or confirmed

their registration

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

j. **[xform=4]** Requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

k. **[xform=4]** Requiring electronic voting machines to print a paper backup of the ballot

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Show on same screen as SHOP19*

**SHOP18 [S]**

Thinking about ALL of the purchases you make in a typical week (including things like groceries, gas, services, or meals) how many do you pay for using cash?

1 All or almost all

2 Some

3 None

Base: xform=1 or 4

*Scripter: Randomize and record response order*

*Show on same screen as ShOP18*

**SHOP19 [S]**

Which of the following statements best describes you? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 I try to make sure that I always have cash with me, just in case I need it

2 I don’t really worry much about whether or not I have cash with me -- there are lots of other ways to pay for things these days

Base: xform=2 or 3

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-3 or 3-1. Record order.*

**GUNSTRICT [S]**

Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country? **[REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

1 Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today

2 Gun laws are about right

3 Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today

*RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2*

Base: xform=2 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize items a-f and record order*

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order. Show question stem in same order as responses*

**GUNPRIORITY1 [S]**

Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or oppose**]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY2]**

a. Barring gun purchases by people on the federal no-fly or watch lists

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

c. Banning assault-style weapons

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

e. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

*RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2*

Base: xform=2 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize items g-k and record order.*

*Scripter: Show responses and question stem in same order as GUNPRIORITY1*

**GUNPRIORITY2 [S]**

Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or oppose**]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY1]**

g. Allowing people to carry concealed guns in more places

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

h. Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

i. Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

j. Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

Base: xform=2 or 3

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of items a-d*

**GUNACTIVISM [S]**

Have you ever done any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy

1 Yes, in the last 12 months

2 Yes, but not in the last 12 months

3 No

b. Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy

1 Yes, in the last 12 months

2 Yes, but not in the last 12 months

3 No

c. Attended a rally or protest about the issue of guns

1 Yes, in the last 12 months

2 Yes, but not in the last 12 months

3 No

d. Publicly expressed your feelings about the issue of guns on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

1 Yes, in the last 12 months

2 Yes, but not in the last 12 months

3 No

Base: xform=2

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2. Record order*

**MOREGUNIMPACT [S]**

If more Americans owned guns, do you think there would be… **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]**

1 More crime

2 Less crime

3 No difference **[anchor]**

Base: xform=3

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2. Record order.*

**MASSSTRICT [S]**

If it was harder for people to legally obtain guns in the United States, do you think there would be… **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]**

1 Fewer mass shootings

2 More mass shootings

3 No difference **[anchor]**

Base: xform=1 or 3

**FRGNINFL [S]**

How likely, if at all, do you think it is that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. congressional elections in November?

1 Very likely

2 Somewhat likely

3 Not too likely

4 Not at all likely

Base: FRGNINFL=1-3 (ASK IF EXPECT INTERFERENCE)

**FRGNIMPCT [S]**

Overall, do you think the attempts by Russia or other foreign governments to influence the U.S. congressional elections are a…

1 Major problem

2 Minor problem

3 Not much of a problem

*[ROTATE VTSECACT\_ST VTSECACT\_US BY FORM. FORM 2 GETS VTSECACT\_ST FIRST, COUNTRY SECOND. FORM 4 GETS VTSECACT\_US FIRST, STATE SECOND. RECORD ORDER]*

Base: xform=2 or 4

**VTSECACT\_ST [S]**

How confident are you that **[**“your STATE GOVERNMENT”; the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S GOVERNMENT”**]** is making serious efforts to protect election systems in your state from hacking and other technological threats?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

Base: xform=2 or 4

**VTSECACT\_US [S]**

How confident are you that the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is making serious efforts to protect election systems in the United States from hacking and other technological threats?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

Base: xform=2 or 4

**VTSECTECH1 [S]**

Do you think technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google have a responsibility to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

1 Yes, they have this responsibility

2 No, they do not have this responsibility

Base: xform=2 or 4

**VTSECTECH2 [S]**

How confident are you in technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

Base: (xform=2 or 4) and F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1

**GOPDIRCT [S]**

Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are…

1 Very optimistic

2 Somewhat optimistic

3 Somewhat pessimistic

4 Very pessimistic

Base: (xform=2 or 4) and F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2

**DEMDIRCT [S]**

Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are…

1 Very optimistic

2 Somewhat optimistic

3 Somewhat pessimistic

4 Very pessimistic

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize and record order of items a-h. Show on two screens.*

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2 (anchor 3). Show question stem in same order as responses. Record order.*

**SOCIETY [S]**

Do you think each of the following is generally **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** for our society, or doesn’t it make much difference? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS]**

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. People of different races marrying each other

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. Couples living together without being married

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. Single women raising children on their own

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. Gay and lesbian couples being allowed to marry

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. More women running for political office

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. More people getting news from social media

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

1. More jobs being done by robots

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference **[anchor]**

*[RANDOMIZE GENDRESP1 AND GENDRESP2 AND RECORD ORDER]*

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1 and 2. Record order.*

**GENDRESP1 [S]**

Who do you think should be mostly responsible for providing for the family financially in households where there’s a mother and a father?

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Mother

2 Father

3 Both equally **[anchor]**

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Show responses in same order as GENDRESP1*

**GENDRESP2 [S]**

Who do you think should be mostly responsible for taking care of the children in households where there’s a mother and a father?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS GENDRESP1]**

1 Mother

2 Father

3 Both equally

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomize responses 1-2. Record order*

**CLIMATECHG\_T [S]**

Which of these three statements about the Earth’s temperature comes closest to your view?

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 AND 8 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth’s environment

2 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity

3 There is no solid evidence the Earth is getting warmer **[anchor]**

8 Not sure **[anchor]**

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order. Show question stem in same order as responses*

**IMMIMPACTUS [S]**

Overall, do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. legally are having **[RANDOMIZE:** (a positive impact) or (a negative impact)**]** on our country these days?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THIS ORDER IF STEM HAS POSITIVE FIRST; REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS IF STEM HAS NEGATIVE FIRST]**

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Somewhat negative
4. Very negative

BASE: ASK ALL

**ANTHEM [S]**

As you may know, some NFL (National Football League) players are choosing to kneel during the national anthem as a form of protest. Do you approve or disapprove of this form of protest?

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

Base: ASK ALL ADULTS WHO ARE PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 12-17 IN HH

*Scritper: Randomize responses 1 and 2. Record order*

**TIMEWCHILD [S]**

In a previous survey you mentioned that you were the parent of **[**a child who is**;** children who are**]** 12 to 17 years old.

Thinking about the time you spend with your **[**child who is**;** children who are**]** 12 to 17 years old, in general, do you think you spend…

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1. Too much time together
2. Too little time together
3. The right amount of time **[anchor]**

Base: ASK ALL

**PRONHEARD [S]**

On another topic…

Some people who don’t identify as either a man or a woman may prefer that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them.

How much, if anything, have you heard about people preferring that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them?

1. A lot
2. A little
3. Nothing at all

Base: PRONHEARD=1 or 2 (ASK IF HEARD ABOUT PRONOUN USE A LOT OR A LITTLE)

**PRONKNOW [S]**

Do you personally know anyone who prefers that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them?

1. Yes
2. No

BASE: ASK ALL

*Scripter: Randomly show responses in reverse order, either 1-4 or 4-1. Record order.*

**PRONCOMFORT [S]**

How comfortable, if at all, would you feel using a gender-neutral pronoun to refer to someone if they asked you to do so?

**[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

1. Very comfortable
2. Somewhat comfortable
3. Somewhat uncomfortable
4. Very uncomfortable

1. Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists [↑](#footnote-ref-1)