Study Information

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Sample Variables

* KP standard demographics

Standard Question Type Descriptions

Standard question types include:

* S = Single Select: Allows respondents to select one answer in a list of options.
* M = Multi-select: Allows respondents to select multiple answers from a list of options.
* DD = Dropdown Menu: Allows respondents to select one answer from a drop-down menu of options.
* Grid (including options for banked or accordion grids)
* S (Optional: Banked/Accordion) Grid: Allows respondents to select one answer in a 2-dimensional grid layout.
* M (Optional: Banked/Accordion) Grid: Allows respondents to select multiple answers in a 2-dimensional grid layout.
* N = Number: Allows respondents to enter a numeric response in an open-ended answer field (specify valid range or number of digits, e.g., up to three digits for age, five numbers for zip code)
* T = Text: Allows respondents to enter a text response in an open-ended answer field (specify size as Small, Medium, Large or a specific number of characters, e.g., two letters for U.S. state)
* DISP = Display/Descriptive Content: Displays text and/or multimedia elements to respondents without requiring interaction.
* RT = Ratings Thermometer: Allows respondents to select a numeric value (usually 0-100 on a visual scale resembling a thermometer
* RS = Ratings Slider: Allows respondents to select a numeric value (usually 0-100 on a horizontal visual scale with the endpoints labelled

Main Questionnaire (including screener, if applicable)

Programming Notes:

* Code all refusals as -1.
* Use default instruction text for each question type unless otherwise specified.
* Respondents should be required answer all questions.

Base: All Respondents

**Introduction [Display]**

In this survey, we’d like your opinions about the big foreign policy issues of the day. There is no right or wrong answer and please answer the questions based on your knowledge. If you do not know the answer to a question, you can skip it and go on to the next question.

Base: All Respondents

**Q3 [S]**

Do you think it will be best for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?

1. Active part

2. Stay out

Base: All respondents

**Q3B [O; Prompt Once]**

Please tell me why you feel that way:

**[medium text box]**

Base: All Respondents

**Q3C [Grid, Accordion]**

Taking an active part in world affairs means different things to different people. For you personally, does it include or exclude the following policies?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Promoting democracy and human rights around the world

B. Stationing U.S. troops in allied countries

C. Intervening militarily in other countries to solve conflicts

D. Participating in international organizations

E. Placing sanctions on other countries

F. Using U.S. troops to defend allies

G. Engaging in trade with other countries

H. Providing economic aid to other countries

I. Providing humanitarian aid to other countries

J. Selling weapons to other countries

K. Conducting drone strikes against suspected terrorists in other countries

L. Increasing spending on national defense

M. Increasing spending on diplomatic programs abroad

*Responses in column:*

1. Include

2. Exclude

Base: All Respondents

**Q13 [S]**

Overall, when it comes to maintaining the U.S. role in the world, do you think:

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of the response options below*

1. The costs outweigh the benefits

2. The benefits outweigh the costs

Base: All Respondents

**Q3\_1 [S]**

In order to make sure that your browser is working correctly, please select number 4 from the below list.

1. 1

2. 2

3. 3

4. 4

5. 5

Base: All Respondents

**Q5 [Grid, Accordion]**

Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interest of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all:

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

5/3. The development of China as a world power

5/6a. Large numbers of immigrants and refugees coming into the U.S.

5/10. International terrorism

5/15. Iran’s nuclear program

5/29. North Korea’s nuclear program

5/34b. Foreign interference in American elections

5/38b. The rise of authoritarianism around the world

5/39b. The possibility of a new global arms race

5/40. Political polarization in the United States

5/8a. Climate change

5/16. Cyber-attacks on U.S. computer networks

5/19. Political instability in the Middle East

5/33. The military power of Russia

5/42. Economic inequality in the world

*Responses in column:*

1. Critical threat

2. Important but not critical threat

3. Not an important threat

Base: All Respondents

**Q213 [S]**

Do you think the world is becoming a safer place, a more dangerous place, or are things not changing very much?

1. A safer place

2. A more dangerous place

3. Not changing very much

Base: All Respondents

**Q9 [Grid, Accordion]**

In your opinion, do each of the following policy approaches make the U.S. more safe, less safe, or do they not make a difference?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Maintaining U.S. military superiority

B. U.S. alliances with other countries

C. Promoting democracy and human rights around the world

D. Stationing U.S. troops in allied countries

E. Signing free trade agreements with other countries

F. Conducting drone strikes against suspected terrorists in other countries

G. Providing humanitarian aid to other countries

H. Providing economic aid to other countries

I . Placing sanctions on other countries

J. Intervening militarily in other countries to solve conflicts

K. Participating in international organizations

L. Restricting the number of immigrants entering the U.S.

M. Increasing the U.S. nuclear weapon arsenal

N. Selling weapons to other countries

*Responses in column:*

1. More safe

2. Less safe

3. No difference

Base: All Respondents

**Q11 [S]**

What kind of leadership role should the United States play in the world? Should it be the dominant leader, or should it play a shared leadership role, or should it not play any leadership role?

1. Dominant leader

2. Play a shared leadership role

3. Not play any leadership role

Base: All Respondents

**Q21 [S]**

Some people say the United States has a unique character that makes it the greatest country in the world. Others say that every country is unique, and the United States is no greater than other nations. Which view is closer to your own?

1. The greatest country in the world

2. No greater than other nations

Base: All Respondents

**Q95[S]**

Do you think that the distribution of income and wealth in the U.S. has recently become more fair, less fair, or stayed about the same?

1. More fair

2. Less fair

3. Stayed about the same

Base: All Respondents

**Q30 [Grid, Accordion]**

There has been some discussion about the circumstances that might justify using U.S. troops in other parts of the world. Please give your opinion about some situations. Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. troops:

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

30/1. If North Korea invaded South Korea

30/2. If China invaded Taiwan

30/9. To stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons

30/13. If Russia invades a NATO ally like Latvia, Lithuania, or Estonia

30/14. If China initiates a military conflict with Japan over disputed islands

30/15. To fight against violent Islamic extremist groups in Iraq and Syria

30/3. To be part of an international peacekeeping force to enforce a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians

30/21. To stop immigrants from coming into the U.S. from Mexico

30/22. To remove Nicolas Maduro as the leader of Venezuela

*Responses in column:*

1. Favor

2. Oppose

*Programming Notes: Please create DOV\_Region and randomly assign and record respondents to a value of 1 ‘East Asia’, 2 ‘Europe’, 3 ‘the Middle east’*

Base: All Respondents

**Q33ABC [S]**

Which of the following comes closest to your view on U.S. security alliances in **[if dov\_region=1, insert** “East Asia”**; if dov\_region=2, insert** “Europe”**; if dov\_region=3, insert** “the Middle East”**]**. Do they:

1. Mostly benefit the U.S.

2. Mostly benefit our allies

3. Benefit both the U.S. and our allies

4. Benefit neither

Base: All Respondents

**Q41 [Grid, Accordion]**

Should the United States increase, maintain, reduce, or withdraw its military forces from the following countries or regions:

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Afghanistan

B. Syria

C. Iraq

D. South Korea

E. Japan

F. Germany

G. Poland

H. The Persian Gulf

*Responses in column:*

1. Increase

2. Maintain

3. Reduce

4. Withdraw

Base: All Respondents

**Q200 [S]**

Do you feel we should increase our commitment to NATO, keep our commitment what it is now, decrease our commitment to NATO, or withdraw from NATO entirely?

1. Increase commitment

2. Keep commitment same

3. Decrease commitment

4. Withdraw entirely

Base: All Respondents

**Q615 [S]**

Some people say that NATO is still essential to our country’s security. Others say it is no longer essential. Which of these views is closer to your own?

1. Still essential

2. No longer essential

Base: All Respondents

**Q50 [Grid, Numeric Box]**

I would like to know how much influence you think each of the following countries has in the world. Please answer on a 0 to 10 scale; with 0 meaning they are not at all influential and 10 meaning they are extremely influential.

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below. Please use numeric text boxes for each county. Allow a maximum of two digits with a range of 0-10. Only allow whole numbers.*

*Please provide a whole number.*

*Statements in row:*

Q50/1. The U.S.

Q50/2. Russia

Q50/3. Japan

Q50/5. China

Q50/6. India

Q50/7. The European Union as a whole

Q50/8. South Korea

Q50/9. Germany

Q50/10. Iran

Base: All Respondents

**Q55 [Grid, Numeric Box]**

Using the same 10 point scale, please say how much influence you think each of the following countries will have in the world 10 years from now.

*Programming Notes: Please use the randomize order of statements in Q50. Please use numeric text boxes for each county. Allow a maximum of two digits with a range of 0-10. Only allow whole numbers.*

*Please provide a whole number.*

*Statements in row:*

Q55/1. The U.S.

Q55/2. Russia

Q55/3. Japan

Q55/5. China

Q55/6. India

Q55/7. The European Union as a whole

Q55/8. South Korea

Q50/9. Germany

Q55/10. Iran

Base: All Respondents

**Q46 [S]**

Do you think most countries around the world view the United States very favorably, somewhat favorably, somewhat unfavorably or very unfavorably?

1. Very favorably

2. Somewhat favorably

3. Somewhat unfavorably

4. Very unfavorably

Base: All Respondents

**Q451 [Grid, Accordion]**

Does the U.S. relationship with the following countries do more to strengthen U.S. national security or weaken U.S. national security?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Turkey

B. Saudi Arabia

C. Israel

D. Japan

E. South Korea

F. The Philippines

G. Pakistan

H. India

I. China

J. Mexico

K. Germany

*Responses in column:*

1. More to strengthen U.S. national security

2. More to weaken U.S. national security

Base: All Respondents

**Q140W [Grid, Accordion]**

In your opinion, does the U.S. withdrawal from each of the following international agreements make the U.S. more safe, less safe, or do they not make a difference?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. The Iran nuclear agreement that lifts some international economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for strict limits on its nuclear program for at least the next decade

B. The Paris Agreement that calls for countries to collectively reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases

C. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (or INF) Treaty, which limits American and Russian medium-range missiles

*Responses in column:*

1. More safe

2. Less safe

3. Does not make a difference

*Programming Notes: Please create DOV\_Q145 and randomly assign and record respondents to a value of 1 ‘Shown Q145’ or 2 ‘Shown Q145B’*

Base: DOV\_Q145=1

**q145 [s]**

**Please select whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:** When dealing with international problems, the U.S. should be more willing to make decisions within the United Nations even if this means that the United States will sometimes have to go along with a policy that is not its first choice.

1. Agree

2. Disagree

Base: DOV\_Q145=2

**q145b [s]**

**Please select whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:** When dealing with international problems, the U.S. should be more willing to make decisions with its allies even if this means that the United States will sometimes have to go along with a policy that is not its first choice.

1. Agree

2. Disagree

Base: All Respondents

**intro\_trade [display]**

This next set of questions focuses on international trade.

Base: All Respondents

**Q190 [Grid, Accordion]**

Overall, do you think international trade is good or bad for:

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

190/1. The U.S. economy

190/2. American companies

190/8. U.S. relations with other countries

*Responses in column:*

1. Good

2. Bad

Base: All Respondents

**Q165 [Grid, accordion]**

Do you favor or oppose engaging in trade with the following countries?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

165/1. Cuba

165/2. Iran

165/4. China

165/5. Mexico

165/6. Germany

165/7. Japan

165/8. South Korea

165/9. Russia

*Responses in column:*

1. Favor
2. Oppose

Base: All Respondents

**Q189 [S]**

Which of the following comes closest to your view on trade deals between the U.S. and other countries. Do they:

1. Mostly benefit the U.S.

2. Mostly benefit other countries

3. Benefit both the U.S. and other countries

4. Benefit neither

Base: All Respondents

**Q155 [S]**

The World Trade Organization was established to rule on disputes over trade treaties. If another country files a complaint with the World Trade Organization and it rules against the U.S., as a general rule, should the U.S. comply with that decision or not?

1. Should comply

2. Should not comply

Base: All Respondents

**Q87 [S]**

Do you support or oppose raising tariffs on products imported from China?

1. Support

2. Oppose

Base: All Respondents

**intro\_middle east [display]**

Next is a question about Iran.

Base: All Respondents

**Q240A [Grid, accordion]**

If Iran withdraws from the nuclear agreement with the remaining countries—the UK, France, Germany, Russia, and China—and restarts development towards a nuclear weapon, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the U.S. taking each of the following actions:

*Statements in row:*

240A/5. Accept that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons

240/2. Continue diplomatic efforts to get Iran to stop enriching uranium

240/3. Impose tighter economic sanctions on Iran

240A/6. Conduct cyberattacks against Iran’s computer systems

240A/7. Conduct airstrikes against Iran’s nuclear facilities

240A/8. Send U.S. troops to destroy Iran’s nuclear facilities

*Responses in column:*

1. Strongly support

2. Somewhat support

3. Somewhat oppose

4. Strongly oppose

Base: All Respondents

**intro\_climate**. **[Display]**

This next question focuses on climate change.

Base: All Respondents

**Q295 [S]**

There is a controversy over what the countries of the world, including the U.S., should do about the problem of climate change. Here are three statements. Please tell me which statement comes closest to your own point of view:

1. Until we are sure that climate change is really a problem we should not take any steps that would have economic costs.

2. The problem of climate change should be addressed but its effects will be gradual so we can deal with the problem gradually by taking steps that are low in cost.

3. Climate change is a serious and pressing problem and we should try taking steps now even if this involves significant costs.

Base: All Respondents

**intro\_asia [Display]**

The next group of questions is about U.S. policy in Asia.

Base: All Respondents

**Q336 [S]**

At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of military power, the U.S. or China – or do you think they are about equal militarily?

1. The U.S.

2. China

3. About equal

Base: All Respondents

**Q337 [S]**

At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of economic power, the U.S. or China – or do you think they are about equal economically?

1. The U.S.

2. China

3. About equal

Base: All Respondents

**Q350A [S]**

In dealing with the rise of China’s power, do you think the U.S. should:

1. Undertake friendly cooperation and engagement with China

2. Actively work to limit the growth of China’s power

*Programming Notes: Please create DOV\_Q354 and randomly assign and record respondents to a value of 1 ‘Shown Q354A’ or 2 ‘Shown Q354B’*

Base: If DOV\_Q354=1

**Q354A [S]**

Does trade between the U.S. and China do more to strengthen U.S. national security or weaken U.S. national security?

1. More to strengthen

2. More to weaken

Base: If DOV\_Q354=2

**Q354B [S]**

In your opinion, does trade between the U.S. and China do more to increase or decrease the likelihood of military conflict between the U.S. and China, or does it not make a difference?

1. More to increase

2. More to decrease

3. Does not make a difference

Base: All Respondents

**Q353 [Grid, accordion]**

Would you support or oppose the following U.S. policies towards China?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Placing tariffs on products imported from China

B. Restricting the exchange of scientific research between the U.S. and China

C. Negotiating arms control agreements between the U.S. and China

D. Selling arms to Taiwan, contrary to China’s demands

E. Limiting the number of Chinese students studying in the United States

F. Inviting China to participate in joint military exercises with the U.S. and its allies

G. Cooperating with China on international development assistance projects

*Responses in column:*

1. Support

2. Oppose

Base: all respondents

**intro\_immigration. [Display]**

This final section asks about the issue of immigration.

Base: All Respondents

**Q390 [S]**

Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

1. Kept at present level

2. Increased

3. Decreased

Base: All Respondents

**Q406 [Grid, accordion]**

Please tell me whether you think each of the following measures is very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not at all effective in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of statements below*

*Statements in row:*

A. Increasing border security

B. Imposing new fines on businesses that hire illegal immigrants

C. Creating a pathway to citizenship for those illegal immigrants who agree to pay taxes, speak English capably, have a clean criminal record and have steady employment

D. Carrying out more arrests and deportations

E. Separating immigrant children from parents when they are accused of entering the U.S. illegally across the southern border

*Responses in column:*

1. Very effective

2. Somewhat effective

3. Not very effective

4. Not at all effective

Base: All Respondents

**Q1001 [S]**

Who would be your top choice for President among the following candidates?

*Programming Notes: Please randomize and record the order of response options below*

1. Donald Trump

2. Bill Weld

3. Larry Hogan

4. John Kasich

5. Joe Biden

6. Bernie Sanders

7. Elizabeth Warren

8. Pete Buttigieg

9. Kamala Harris

10. Beto O’Rourke

11. Cory Booker

12. Amy Klobuchar

Base: all respondents

**Q1005 [S]**

In general, do you think of yourself as:

1. Extremely liberal

2. Liberal

3. Slightly liberal

4. Moderate, middle of the road

5. Slightly conservative

6. Conservative

7. Extremely conservative

Base: All Respondents

**Q1010 [S]**

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?

1. Republican

2. Democrat

3. Independent

4. Other

Base: If Q1010=1

**Q1015 [S]**

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

1. Strong

2. Not strong

Base: If Q1010=2

**Q1020 [S]**

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

1. Strong

2. Not strong

Base: If Q1010=3 OR 4

**Q1025 [S]**

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

1. Republican

2. Democratic

3. Neither

Base: Ask if XPPA1648=14 ‘Missing’

**PPA1648. [S]**

What is your religion?

1. Catholic

2. Evangelical or Protestant Christian (Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc.)

3. Jehovah’s Witness

4. Mormon

5. Jewish

6. Islam/Muslim

7. Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)

8. Hindu

9. Buddhist

10. Unitarian (Universalist)

11. Other Christian religion, please specify: **[*Scripter:* Please insert small text box]**

12. Other non-Christian religion, please specify: **[*Scripter:* Please insert small text box]**

13. No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic

*Programming Notes: Please create DOV\_REL1 and use the variable name ‘Religious Denomination of Respondent’ Merge coding of XPPA1648 and PPA1648 with the following values:*

*1. Catholic*

*2. Evangelical or Protestant Christian (Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc.)*

*3. Jehovah’s Witness*

*4. Mormon*

*5. Jewish*

*6. Islam/Muslim*

*7. Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)*

*8. Hindu*

*9. Buddhist*

*10. Unitarian (Universalist)*

*11. Other Christian religion, please specify: [Scripter: Please insert small text box]*

*12. Other non-Christian religion, please specify: [Scripter: Please insert small text box]*

*13. No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic*

*-1. Refused*

*Please use the following merging criteria, IF XPPA1648≠14 ‘ Missing’ THEN DOV\_REL1= XPPA1648; IF XPPA1648=14 ‘Missing’ THEN DOV\_REL1= PPA1648.*

*Programming Notes: Scripter include QF1 Standard KP Close at end of survey*

End of Survey