

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
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ASK ALL:

POL1JB

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove

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☐ Approve

☐ Disapprove

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ASK ALL:

LIFE50TY

In general, would you say life in America today is better, worse, or about the same as it was 50 years ago for people like you?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 About the same

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ASK ALL:

BIGHOUSES

Imagine for a moment that you are moving to another community.

Would you prefer to live in a community where the houses are... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Larger and farther apart, but schools, stores, and restaurants are several miles away
- 2 Smaller and closer to each other, but schools, stores, and restaurants are within walking distance

¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists

Imagine for a moment that you are moving to another community.

Would you prefer to live in a community where the houses are...

- ☐ Smaller and closer to each other, but schools, stores, and restaurants are within walking distance
- ☐ Larger and farther apart, but schools, stores, and restaurants are several miles away

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ASK ALL:

INSTN Are each of the following having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

ASK ALL:

INSTN_CHR	Churches and religious organizations
INSTN_CLGS	Colleges and universities
INSTN_LGECRP	Large corporations
INSTN_MSCENT	The entertainment industry

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

INSTN_LBRUN	Labor unions
INSTN_K12	K-12 public schools

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

INSTN_BNKS	Banks and other financial institutions
INSTN_TEHCMP	Technology companies

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Positive effect
- 2 Negative effect

Are each of the following having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days?

Large corporations

- ☐ Positive effect
- ☐ Negative effect

Colleges and universities

- ☐ Positive effect
- ☐ Negative effect

K-12 public schools

- ☐ Positive effect
- ☐ Negative effect

The entertainment industry

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ASK ALL:

DIFFPARTY

Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is...

- 1 A great deal of difference in what they stand for
- 2 A fair amount of difference in what they stand for
- 3 Hardly any difference at all in what they stand for

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ASK ALL:

NATPROBS

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

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**NO ITEMS a, b, d, f, h, k, l**

- c. The federal budget deficit
- e. Racism
- g. Illegal immigration
- i. Climate change
- j. Violent crime
- m. Economic inequality

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 A very big problem
- 2 A moderately big problem
- 3 A small problem
- 4 Not a problem at all

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

The federal budget deficit

- ☐ A very big problem
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- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

Economic inequality

- ☐ A very big problem
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- ☐ Not a problem at all

Racism

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ASK IF SAID "A VERY BIG PROBLEM" (NATPROBS_{c-m}=1) TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN NATPROBS (NATPROBS_{c-m}=1):

NATPROBS_1 Of these, which would you say is the BIGGEST problem in the country today? **[ONLY DISPLAY "VERY BIG PROBLEM" RESPONSES FROM NATPROBS (NATPROBS_{c-m}=1) IN SAME ORDER AS IN NATPROBS]**

- 1 The federal budget deficit
- 2 Racism
- 3 Illegal immigration
- 4 Climate change
- 5 Violent crime
- 6 Economic inequality

Of these, which would you say is the BIGGEST problem in the country today?

- ☐ The federal budget deficit
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- ☐ Racism
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- ☐ Climate change
- ☐ Violent crime

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ASK ALL:

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 A smaller government providing fewer services
- 2 A bigger government providing more services

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ASK IF SMALLER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=1):

GOVSIZE2 When you say you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Eliminate most current government services
- 2 Modestly reduce current government services

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ASK IF BIGGER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=2):

GOVSIZE3 When you say you favor a bigger government providing more services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Modestly expand on current government services
- 2 Greatly expand on current government services

When you say you favor a bigger government providing more services, do you think it would be better to...

- ☐ Modestly expand on current government services
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ASK ALL:
USEXCEPT

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]

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

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?

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DISPLAY WOMENOB, ECONFAIR, OPENIDEN, VTPRGHTPRIV1, ALLIES, PEACESTR, GOVWASTE, COMPROMISEVAL ON TWO PAGES WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].

[SCREEN 1]:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:
WOMENOB

- 1 The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely gone
- 2 There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than men

ASK ALL:
ECONFAIR

- 1 The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests
- 2 The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans

ASK ALL:
OPENIDEN

- 1 America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation
- 2 If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our identity as a nation

ASK ALL:
VTRGHTPRIV1

- 1 Voting is a fundamental right for every adult U.S. citizen and should not be restricted in any way
- 2 Voting is a privilege that comes with responsibilities and can be limited if adult U.S. citizens don't meet some requirements

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[SCREEN 2]:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:**ALLIES**

- 1 In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them
- 2 In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies strongly disagree

ASK ALL:**PEACESTR**

- 1 The best way to ensure peace is through military strength
- 2 Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace

ASK ALL:**GOVWASTE**

- 1 Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient
- 2 Government often does a better job than people give it credit for

ASK ALL:**COMPROMISEVAL**

- 1 Compromise in politics is really just selling out on what you believe in
- 2 Compromise is how things get done in politics, even though it sometimes means sacrificing your beliefs

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ASK ALL:

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Should provide more assistance
- 2 Should provide less assistance
- 3 Is providing about the right amount of assistance **[anchor]**

Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government...

- ☐ Should provide less assistance
- ☐ Should provide more assistance
- ☐ Is providing about the right amount of assistance

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ASK ALL:

THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them.

[RANDOMIZE]

[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

ASK ALL:

THERMTRUMP How do you feel toward Donald Trump?

THERMBIDEN How do you feel toward Joe Biden?

SOFT PROMPT TEXT: "Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

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toward Donald Trump?

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How do you feel
toward Joe Biden?

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ASK ALL:

PAR2CHILD Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

Children with two parents are... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

- 1 Better off when a parent stays home to focus on the family
- 2 Just as well off when their parents work outside the home

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

Children with two parents are...

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ASK IF PAR2CHILD=1:

PAR2CHILDa If one parent is able to stay home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Mother
- 2 Father
- 3 It doesn't matter which parent stays home **[ANCHOR]**

If one parent is able to stay home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the...

- ☐ Father
- ☐ Mother
- ☐ It doesn't matter which parent stays home

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ASK ALL:

POLICY3MOD In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...
[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

- 1 Usually BETTER at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
- 2 Usually WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
- 3 NEITHER BETTER NOR WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people

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ASK ALL:

WHADVANT In general, how much do White people benefit from advantages in society that Black people do not have?

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- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not too much
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ASK ALL:

SUPERPWR

In the future, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military superpower
- 2 It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.

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ASK ALL:

IL_IMM_PRI

What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.?
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS SHOW 3 LAST]

- 1 Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws
- 2 Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
- 3 Both should be given equal priority **[ANCHOR]**

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ASK ALL:

BILLION

Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

- 1 A good thing for the country
- 2 A bad thing for the country
- 3 Neither a good thing or a bad thing

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

GLBLZE

Thinking about increased trade of goods and services between the U.S. and other nations in recent decades...

Some say the U.S. has gained from increased trade because it has helped lower prices and increased the competitiveness of some U.S. businesses.

Others say the U.S. has lost out from increased trade because it has cost jobs in manufacturing and other industries and lowered wages for some U.S. workers.

All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

- 1 Gained more than it has lost from increased trade
- 2 Lost more than it has gained from increased trade

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GLBLZEREV

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All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

- 1 Lost more than it has gained from increased trade
- 2 Gained more than it has lost from increased trade

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ASK ALL:

FP_AUTH

In foreign policy, the U.S. should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Work with any country to achieve U.S. goals, even if that sometimes means working closely with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values
- 2 Not work with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values, even if that sometimes makes it harder to achieve U.S. goals

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ASK ALL:

GOVTHC

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage?

- 1 Yes, it is
- 2 No, it is not

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- ☐ Yes, it is
- ☐ No, it is not

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ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1):SNGLPYER Should health insurance... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government
- 2 Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs

Should health insurance...

- ☐ Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government
- ☐ Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs

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ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2):NOGOVTHC Should the government... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Not be involved in providing health insurance at all
- 2 Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor

Should the government...

- ☐ Not be involved in providing health insurance at all
- ☐ Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor

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ASK ALL:

FREECOLL Would you favor or oppose making tuition at public colleges and universities free for all American students?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose

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ASK ALL:

CRIM_SENT2 Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 OR 2-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

- 1 Too much time in prison
- 2 Too little time in prison
- 3 About the right amount of time in prison **[ANCHOR]**

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ASK ALL:

USMILSIZ Thinking about the size of America's military, do you think it should be... **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]**

- 1 Reduced a great deal
- 2 Reduced somewhat
- 3 Kept about as is
- 4 Increased somewhat
- 5 Increased a great deal

Thinking about the size of America's military, do you think it should be...

☐ Increased a great deal
☐ Increased somewhat
☐ Kept about as is
☐ Reduced somewhat
☐ Reduced a great deal

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On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

PROG_RRETRO How much progress, if any, do you think the country has made over the last 50 years toward ensuring equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 None at all

ASK ALL:

PROG_RNEED How much more, if anything, needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

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

On a different subject...

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- ☐ A lot
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How much more, if anything, needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

- ☐ A lot
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ASK IF A LOT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE (PROG_RNEED=1):

PROG_RNEED2b Which comes closer to your view about what needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds -- even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Most U.S. laws and major institutions need to be completely rebuilt because they are fundamentally biased against some racial and ethnic groups
- 2 While there are many inequities in U.S. laws and institutions, necessary changes can be made by working within the current systems

Which comes closer to your view about what needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds -- even if neither is exactly right?

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ASK ALL:

ELITEUNDMOD

In general, do you think people in influential and powerful positions throughout our society understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives...

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

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ASK ALL:

POLINTOL2

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF POLINTOL2_a AND POLINTOL2_b]

- a. In general, how comfortable do you think REPUBLICANS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?
- b. In general, how comfortable do you think DEMOCRATS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very comfortable
- 2 Somewhat comfortable
- 3 Not too comfortable
- 4 Not at all comfortable

In general, how comfortable do you think REPUBLICANS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

- ☐ Very comfortable
- ☐ Somewhat comfortable
- ☐ Not too comfortable
- ☐ Not at all comfortable

In general, how comfortable do you think DEMOCRATS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

- ☐ Very comfortable
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- ☐ Not too comfortable
- ☐ Not at all comfortable

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ASK ALL:

CANQUALPOL In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for political office in the last several years has been...

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad
- 4 Very bad

In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for political office in the last several years has been...

☐ Very good

☐ Somewhat good

☐ Somewhat bad

☐ Very bad

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ASK ALL:

CANMTCHPOL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right?

I usually feel like... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 There is at least one candidate who shares most of my views
- 2 None of the candidates represent my views well

Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right?

I usually feel like...

☐ There is at least one candidate who shares most of my views

☐ None of the candidates represent my views well

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ASK ALL:

SOCIETY Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society? **[SHOW ITEMS ON TWO PAGES AS SET BELOW; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN PAGES AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAGES; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

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SOCIETYTRANS Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)

SOCIETYRHIST Increased public attention to the history of slavery and racism in America

SOCIETYJBCLL Good-paying jobs requiring a college degree more often than they used to

SOCIETYRELG A decline in the share of Americans belonging to an organized religion

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SOCIETYWHT
SOCIETYGUNS
SOCIETYSSM

White people declining as a share of the U.S. population
An increase in the number of guns in the U.S.
Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very good for society
- 2 Somewhat good for society
- 3 Neither good nor bad for society
- 4 Somewhat bad for society
- 5 Very bad for society

Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society?

A decline in the share of Americans belonging to an organized religion

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

Good-paying jobs requiring a college degree more often than they used to

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

Increased public attention to the history of slavery and racism in America

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

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Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society?

An increase in the number of guns in the U.S.

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

White people declining as a share of the U.S. population

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S.

- ☐ Very bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat bad for society
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for society
- ☐ Somewhat good for society
- ☐ Very good for society

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ASK ALL:

PROBOFF How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today? **[ALWAYS ASK ITEMS IN THIS ORDER ON SAME PAGE]**

- a. People being too easily offended by things others say
- b. People saying things that are very offensive to others

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Major problem
- 2 Minor problem
- 3 Not a problem

How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today?

People being too easily offended by things others say

☐ Major problem
☐ Minor problem
☐ Not a problem

People saying things that are very offensive to others

☐ Major problem
☐ Minor problem
☐ Not a problem

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DISPLAY BUSPROFIT, CNTRYFAIR, GOVPROTCT, GOVAID, RELIG_GOV, MARRFAM, GOODEVIL AND PPLRESP ON TWO PAGES WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.
[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2].

SCREEN 1:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:

BUSPROFIT

- 1 Business corporations make too much profit
- 2 Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit

ASK ALL:

CNTRYFAIR

- 1 Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly as we treat them
- 2 Other countries often take unfair advantage of the United States

ASK ALL:

GOVPROTCT

- 1 It's not the government's job to protect people from themselves
- 2 Sometimes laws to protect people from themselves are necessary

ASK ALL:

MARRFAM

- 1 Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
- 2 Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[Please select one item from each pair]

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- ☐ Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit
- ☐ Business corporations make too much profit
-
- ☐ It's not the government's job to protect people from themselves
- ☐ Sometimes laws to protect people from themselves are necessary
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- ☐ Other countries often take unfair advantage of the United States
- ☐ Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly as we treat them
-
- ☐ Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children
- ☐ Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
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SCREEN 2:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:

GOVAID

- 1 Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on government assistance
- 2 Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until their basic needs are met

ASK ALL:

RELIG_GOV

- 1 Religion should be kept separate from government policies
- 2 Government policies should support religious values and beliefs

ASK ALL:
GOODEVIL

- 1 Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided into good and evil
- 2 Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided between good and evil

ASK ALL:
PPLRESP

- 1 People like me just don't get the respect we deserve in this country
- 2 People like me generally get the respect we deserve in this country

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[Please select one item from each pair]

- ☐ Government policies should support religious values and beliefs
- ☐ Religion should be kept separate from government policies

- ☐ Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided between good and evil
- ☐ Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided into good and evil

- ☐ People like me just don't get the respect we deserve in this country
- ☐ People like me generally get the respect we deserve in this country

- ☐ Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until their basic needs are met
- ☐ Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on government assistance

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ASK ALL:
RACESURV52MOD

How much, if at all, would it bother you to regularly hear people speak a language other than English in public places in your community?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

How much, if at all, would it bother you to regularly hear people speak a language other than English in public places in your community?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not much
- ☐ Not at all

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ASK FORM 1: WHYRICHSCALE

Some say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Rich people had more advantages in life than other people |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |
| 6 | Rich people worked harder than other people |

Some say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- ☐ 1 Rich people had more advantages in life than other people
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6 Rich people worked harder than other people

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ASK FORM 2:

WHYRICHSCALEREV

Some say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- 1 Rich people worked harder than other people
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 Rich people had more advantages in life than other people

Some say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- ☐ 1 Rich people worked harder than other people
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6 Rich people had more advantages in life than other people

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ASK ALL:

ELECT_IMPT3 Thinking about elections in the country, how important, if at all, is each of the following?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

PRVFR People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot
 PRVSUP People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

Thinking about elections in the country, how important, if at all, is each of the following?

People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

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ASK ALL:

ELECT_CONF3 Still thinking about elections in the country, how confident, if at all, are you that...
[MATCH ORDER OF ITEMS TO ELECT_IMPT3]

PRVFR	People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot
PRVSUP	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident

Still thinking about elections in the country, how confident, if at all, are you that...

People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not too confident
- ☐ Not at all confident

People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
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- ☐ Not at all confident

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ASK ALL:

CANDEXP

How important is it, if at all, that candidates running for high levels of political office have prior government experience?

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- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

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ASK ALL:

LEGALIMMIGAMT

Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants the U.S. admits should...
[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]

- 1 Increase a lot
- 2 Increase a little
- 3 Stay about the same
- 4 Decrease a little
- 5 Decrease a lot

Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants the U.S. admits should...

- ☐ Increase a lot
- ☐ Increase a little
- ☐ Stay about the same
- ☐ Decrease a little
- ☐ Decrease a lot

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ASK ALL:

UNIMMIGCOMM

When it comes to people who have immigrated to the U.S. ILLEGALLY, do you think they generally make the communities they live in... **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-4 OR 4-1]**

- 1 A lot better
- 2 A little better
- 3 A little worse
- 4 A lot worse

When it comes to people who have immigrated to the U.S. ILLEGALLY, do you think they generally make the communities they live in...

- ☐ A lot better
- ☐ A little better
- ☐ A little worse
- ☐ A lot worse

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ASK ALL:

GODMORALIMP Regardless of your own religious beliefs, how important, if at all, do you think it is for a person to believe in God in order to be considered good and moral?

- 1 Essential
- 2 Important, but not essential
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM

ASK ALL:

REPRSNTREP How well does the REPUBLICAN PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

How well does the REPUBLICAN PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Somewhat well
- ☐ Not too well
- ☐ Not at all well

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTDEM How well does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

How well does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

☐ Very well
☐ Somewhat well
☐ Not too well
☐ Not at all well

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ASK ALL:

VTRS_VALS Thinking for a moment about people who supported a different candidate than you did in the 2020 presidential election, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

They may feel differently than I do about politics... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 But they probably SHARE many of my other values and goals
- 2 And they probably DON'T SHARE many of my other values and goals, either

Thinking for a moment about people who supported a different candidate than you did in the 2020 presidential election, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

They may feel differently than I do about politics...

☐ And they probably DON'T SHARE many of my other values and goals, either
☐ But they probably SHARE many of my other values and goals

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