Political perceptions of economic conditions survey flow

Block: Consent screen (2 Questions)

Standard: ReCaptcha (1 Question)

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Standard: 3 pt PID (2 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

If

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent,... Republican Is Selected

Standard: Republican ID (1 Question)

Branch: New Branch

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If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent,... Democrat Is Selected

Standard: Democratic ID (1 Question)

Branch: New Branch

If

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent,... Independent Is Selected

Standard: Independent ID (1 Question)

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Branch: New Branch

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If randomization\_1 Is Equal to congress

Standard: Congress evals - self (3 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

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If randomization\_1 Is Equal to obama

Standard: Obama economic evaluations - self (3 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

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If randomization\_1 Is Equal to trump

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Start of Block: Consent screen

[INSERT LANGUAGE FROM CONSENT FORM]

Q1   
Your participation is voluntary. Please indicate below whether or not you would be willing to participate in this survey.

* Yes, I agree to partcipate (1)
* No, I do not agree to participate (2)

End of Block: Consent screen

Start of Block: ReCaptcha

Q2 Please confirm that you are not a robot.

End of Block: ReCaptcha

Start of Block: State, gender, age

Q3 In which state do you currently reside?

▼ Alabama (1) ... I do not reside in the United States (53)

Q4 Are you...

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Nonbinary (3)
* Prefer not to say (4)

Q5 How old are you?

* Under 18 (1)
* 18 - 24 (2)
* 25 - 34 (3)
* 35 - 44 (4)
* 45 - 54 (5)
* 55 - 64 (6)
* 65 - 74 (7)
* 75 - 84 (8)
* 85 or older (9)

Skip To: End of Survey If How old are you? = Under 18

End of Block: State, gender, age

Start of Block: 3 pt PID

Q31 First, we'd like you to answer a few questions about your relationship to politics. As a reminder, your responses will be kept completely confidential.

Q32 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

* Democrat (1)
* Republican (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (please specify) (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: 3 pt PID

Start of Block: Republican ID

Q34 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a weak Republican?

* Strong Republican (1)
* Weak Republican (2)

End of Block: Republican ID

Start of Block: Democratic ID

Q35 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a weak Democrat?

* Strong Democrat (1)
* Weak Democrat (2)

End of Block: Democratic ID

Start of Block: Independent ID

Q36 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican party, or neither?

* Closer to Democratic Party (1)
* Closer to Republican Party (2)
* Neither (3)

End of Block: Independent ID

Start of Block: Political interest

Q38 Some people are more interested in politics and public affairs than in almost anything else; others just aren't interested in that at all. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all, 10 is extremely interested, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how interested would you say you generally are in politics and public affairs?

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|  | Not at all interested | Extremely interested |

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|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

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| When it comes to politics and public affairs, I am... () |  |

End of Block: Political interest

Start of Block: Feeling thermometers

Q39 We'd like to get your feelings toward some political groups who are in the news these days.   
  
  
Below, you'll find three different groups. For each group, we'd like you to rate that group using something we call the feeling thermometer.   
  
  
Ratings between 5 degrees and 10 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward that group. Ratings between 0 degrees and 5 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the group and that you don't care too much for that group. You would rate the group at the 5 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward that group.

Q40 Please rate your feelings toward **Democrats** using the thermometer below.

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|  |  | 0 (0)  1 (1)  2 (2)  3 (3)  4 (4)  5 (5)  6 (6)  7 (7)  8 (8)  9 (9)  10 (10) |

Q41 Please rate your feelings toward **Republicans** using the thermometer below.

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|  |  | 0 (0)  1 (1)  2 (2)  3 (3)  4 (4)  5 (5)  6 (6)  7 (7)  8 (8)  9 (9)  10 (10) |

Q42 Please rate your feelings toward **Independents** using the thermometer below.

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|  |  | 0 (0)  1 (1)  2 (2)  3 (3)  4 (4)  5 (5)  6 (6)  7 (7)  8 (8)  9 (9)  10 (10) |

End of Block: Feeling thermometers

Start of Block: Past year evaluations - self

Q6 We'd like to understand how you think various measures of the economy performed in 2019.   
  
  
When answering, please consider how the economy performed during 2019 only; that is, how it performed prior to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.   
  
  
Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability; your compensation for this survey does not depend on which answers you select.

Q7 First, would you say that during 2019, **the nation’s economy** got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q8 Would you say that during 2019, the **level of unemployment** in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q9 What about **inflation**? Would you say that during 2019, **inflation** got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Past year evaluations - self

Start of Block: Partisan evaluations - economy over last year

Q14 Now, we'd like to get your thoughts on how Democrats and Republicans would interpret the same information you just received.  
  
  
First, let's start with how you think Democrats and Republicans would evaluate the **nation's economy** during 2019.

Q19 Do you think **most Republicans** would say that during 2019, the nation's economy got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q20 What about **Democrats**? Do you think **most Democrats** would say that during 2019, the nation's economy got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Partisan evaluations - economy over last year

Start of Block: Partisan evaluations - unemployment over last year

Q21 Next, we'd like to hear how you think Democrats and Republicans would evaluate **the level of unemployment** in the country during 2019.

Q22 Do you think **most Republicans** would say that during 2019, the level of unemployment in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q24 What about **Democrats**? Do you think **most Democrats** would say that during 2019, level of unemployment in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Partisan evaluations - unemployment over last year

Start of Block: Partisan evaluations - inflation over the past year

Q15 Finally, we'd like to hear how you think Democrats and Republicans would evaluate the **inflation rate** during 2019.

Q25 Do you think **most Republicans** would say that during 2019, inflation got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q26 What about **Democrats**? Do you think **most Democrats** would say that during 2019, inflation got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Partisan evaluations - inflation over the past year

Start of Block: Congress evals - self

[RANDOMIZATION INTO ONE OF 3 CONDITIONS BEGINS HERE]

Q64 Switching gears, we'd like to understand how you think various measures of the economy performed a few years ago.

Q63 During 2015-2016, when Republicans controlled both Houses of Congress, **the level of unemployment** in the country went from 5.0% to 4.8%, a change of 0.2 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say that the level of unemployment in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q64 During that same year (2015-2016), the inflation rate went from about 0.7% to 2.1%, a change of 1.4 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say that inflation got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Congress evals - self

Start of Block: Obama economic evaluations - self

Q65 Switching gears, we'd like to understand how you think various measures of the economy performed a few years ago.

Q10 During President Obama's last year in office (2015-2016), **the level of unemployment**in the country went from about 5.0% to 4.8%, a change of 0.2 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say that **the level of unemployment** in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q11 During that same year (2015-2016), the **inflation rate** went from about 0.7% to 2.1%, a change of 1.4 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say that **inflation** got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Obama economic evaluations - self

Start of Block: Trump economic evaluations - self

Q66 Switching gears, we'd like to understand how you think various measures of the economy performed a few years ago.

Q12 During President Trump's first year in office (2017-2018), **the level of unemployment** in the country went from about 4.0% to 3.8%, a change of 0.2 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say that the **level of unemployment** in the country got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

Q13 During that same year (2017-2018), **the inflation rate** went from about 2.1% to 1.9%, a change of 0.2 percentage points. Over this time period, would you say **inflation** got better, stayed about the same, or got worse?

* Got better (1)
* Stayed about the same (2)
* Got worse (3)

End of Block: Trump economic evaluations - self

Start of Block: Race and education

[END RANDOMIZATION]

Q48 Next, we have some questions about your personal life and health. Some of the questions may touch on sensitive topics. Please remember that your responses will be kept completely confidential. If you do not feel comfortable answering a question, you may simply skip it.

Q52 Do you consider yourself Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, or not?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q50 Which race(s) below best describe(s) you? Select all that apply.

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q55 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

* Less than high school degree (1)
* High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
* Some college but no degree (3)
* Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
* Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
* Master's degree (6)
* Doctoral degree (7)
* Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

End of Block: Race and education

Start of Block: Low incidence screeners

Q56 On average, how many hours do you sleep each night?

* 4 or less (1)
* 4-6 (2)
* 6-8 (3)
* 8-10 (4)
* More than 10 (5)

Q57 Do you use an artificial limb or prothestic?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q58 Are you blind or do you have vision impairment?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q59 Are you deaf or do you have a hearing impairment?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q61 Does one or more of your immediate family members belong to a gang?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

End of Block: Low incidence screeners

Start of Block: Sincerity

Q62 Finally, sometimes researchers find that people don't always take surveys seriously, instead providing humorous or insincere responses to questions. How often do you do this?

* Never (1)
* Rarely (2)
* Some of the time (3)
* Most of the time (4)
* Always (5)

End of Block: Sincerity

Start of Block: End screen

Q85 Thank you for participating in this survey!  
  
  
To collect your financial compensation, please visit [insert link] and use code [TBD].  
  
  
As a reminder, if you have any questions about this survey, please contact Dr. Carolyn Roush at croush (at) fsu (dot) edu.

End of Block: End screen