

american ethos natrep - randomized

Start of Block: Intro

Q105 Thank you for taking our survey. We are interested in what ordinary Americans think about politics. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Prof Thomas Wood at the Ohio State University (wood.1080@osu.edu).

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citizen Are you a US citizen?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

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demo_age Please enter your age in the space below. Use numbers only.

End of Block: Intro

Start of Block: mz_capitalism_items



pa The US government should ...

	Strongly oppose (1)	Oppose (2)	Neither oppose nor support (3)	Support (4)	Strongly Support (5)
Make all abortions illegal, even in cases of rape or incest. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow citizens to own and openly carry any type of firearm, anywhere they wish. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eliminate all regulations on business in America. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make all public facilities (including bathrooms) gender neutral. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide a \$100,000 reparations payment to each US citizen who is a descendant of an African slave. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Q102 In general, what would you be willing to do to enact or oppose these policies? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Donate to organizations or candidates (2)
- ☐ Take part in protests or acts of civil disobedience (3)
- ☐ Take actions to keep opponents from speaking (6)
- ☐ Engage in armed resistance, if necessary (8)
- ☐ Boycott companies that oppose this policy (10)
- ☐ None of these (11)

End of Block: mz_capitalism_items

Start of Block: rwpp



pb The US government should ...

	Strongly oppose (1)	Oppose (2)	Neither oppose nor support (3)	Support (4)	Strongly Support (5)
End all government provided healthcare or health insurance (including Medicare and Medicaid). (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immediately halt all legal immigration into the US (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impose a minimum prison sentence of 20 years for selling any quantity of illegal drugs. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tax all income over \$1 million at 80%. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make abortion free and on demand for all women. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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pc The US government should ...

	Strongly oppose (1)	Oppose (2)	Neither oppose nor support (3)	Support (4)	Strongly Support (5)
End all government assistance programs, including public housing, food stamps, and welfare. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eliminate all federal Income taxes. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ban all guns. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abolish ICE (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement). (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legalize all recreational drugs. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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pd The US government should ...

	Strongly oppose (1)	Oppose (2)	Neither oppose nor support (3)	Support (4)	Strongly Support (5)
Designate parts of the US as being for whites only. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Classify Transgender identity as a psychological disorder (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide universal health care (i.e., medicare for all). (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ban all fossil fuels within 10 years. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide a minimum basic income of \$14,000 per year for each American citizen. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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mzcap1 Getting ahead in the world is mostly a matter of:

- ☐ ...ability and hard work (1)
- ☐ ...getting the breaks (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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mzcap2 Competition, whether in school, work, or business:

- ☐ ...leads to better performance and a desire for excellence (1)
- ☐is often wasteful and destructive (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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mzcap3 Under a fair economic system

- ☐ ...all people would earn the same (1)
- ☐ ...people with more ability would earn higher salaries (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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mzcap4 The free enterprise system:

- ☐ ...survives by keeping the poor down (1)
- ☐ ...gives everyone a fair chance (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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mzcap5 The poor are poor because:

- ☐ ...they don't try hard enough to get ahead (1)
- ☐the wealthy and the powerful keep them poor (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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mzdem1 "Crackpot" or radical ideas:

- ☐ ...have as much right to be heard as sensible ideas (1)
- ☐sometimes have to be censored for the public good (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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mzdem2 The freedom of atheists to make fun of God and religion:

- ☐ ...should not be allowed (1)
- ☐ ...is a legally protected right (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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mzdem3 Books that preach the overthrow of the government should be:

- ☐ ...banned from the library (1)
- ☐ ...made available by the library, just like any other book (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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mzdem4 If a person is found guilty of a crime by evidence gathered through illegal methods:

- ☐ ...he should be convicted no matter how the evidence was gathered (1)
- ☐ ...he should be set free (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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mzdem5 If a speaker at a public meeting begins to make racial slurs, the audience should:

- ☐ ...stop him from speaking (1)
- ☐ ...let him have his say, and then answer him (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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owdem1 When your side loses a bitterly contested election...

- ☐ ...you have to accept the outcome, and wait for the next election (1)
- ☐ ...you should do whatever is required to block the other side's policies (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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owdem2

In determining the outcome of an election...

- ☐ ...the candidate who received the most votes should be declared the winner (1)
- ☐ ...receiving the most votes is only one factor (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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owdem3

When an incumbent becomes really unpopular...

- ☐ ...he should be quickly removed from office, by whatever means necessary (1)
- ☐ ...he should be allowed to finish his term, and run for re-election (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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owdem4

When politicians pass laws...

- ☐ ...they should be subject to review by a panel of experts (1)
- ☐ ...they should immediately go into effect (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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owdem5

Appointed (ie. un-elected) judges...

- ☐ ...are necessary to protect the rights of unpopular political minorities. (1)
- ☐ ...are an affront to democratic principles (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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owdem6

When an election is decided by only a handful of votes...

- ☐ ...the winner should be treated no differently than if he had won by a large margin (1)
- ☐ ...the incumbent should remain in office until a new election is held (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't Know (4)

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pop1 People like me don't have much say in what government does

- ☐ Strongly disagree (1)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (4)
- ☐ Strongly agree (5)

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pop2 Politics usually boils down to a struggle between the people and powerful

- ☐ Strongly disagree (1)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (4)
- ☐ Strongly agree (5)

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pop3 It doesn't matter who you vote for, because the rich control both parties

- ☐ Strongly disagree (1)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (4)
- ☐ Strongly agree (5)

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pop4 The system is stacked against people like me

- ☐ Strongly disagree (1)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (4)
- ☐ Strongly agree (5)

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pop5 People at the top usually get there...

- ☐ ...because they have more talent and work harder (1)
- ☐ ...because of some unfair advantage (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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flouride Public water fluoridation is a way ...

- ☐ ...for chemical companies to dump the dangerous byproducts of phosphate mines into the environment (1)
- ☐ ...to prevent tooth decay by adding a small amount of a naturally-occurring mineral to our drinking water. (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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vaportrail Vapor trails left by aircraft are ...

- ☐ ...the result of normal emissions of water vapor from jet engines at high altitudes. (1)
- ☐ ...chemical agents deliberately sprayed in a secret program directed by government officials. (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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fdadrug The Food and Drug Administration is withholding approval of natural cures for cancer because ...

- ☐ ...of secret pressure from pharmaceutical companies. (1)
- ☐ ...such cures have not been proven effective in scientific trials. (2)
- ☐ neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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truther The terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001...

- ☐ ...were planned by US government officials to build support for war in the Middle East (1)
- ☐ ...were conducted solely by terrorists affiliated with Al Qaeda. (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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dnchack The computer hacks of the Democratic National Committee in 2016 were ...

- ☐ ...conducted by Russian operatives looking to sway the presidential election. (1)
- ☐ ...secretly carried out by Hillary Clinton's campaign to distract the public from her own crimes. (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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relig1 The best hope for the future of mankind lies in:

- ☐ ...science and human reason (1)
- ☐ ...faith in God (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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relig2 Would you say we are:

- ☐ ...living in End Times as foretold by Biblical prophesy (1)
- ☐ ...living in just another epoch of human history. (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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relig3 Religion...

- ☐ ...is largely old-fashioned and out of date (1)
- ☐ ...can still answer most of today's problems (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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relig4 I believe that God ...

- ☐ will answer our prayers if we believe in Him. (1)
- ☐ does not really answer our prayers, regardless of what we believe. (2)
- ☐ other. (3)

End of Block: rwpp

Start of Block: attn_checks

attn1 People are very busy these days and many do not have time to follow what goes on in government. Some people pay attention to politics but do not read questions carefully. This is just a reflection of their competing demands. To show that you've read this far, ignore the rest of this prompt and select don't know from the options below

How interested are you in national politics?

- ☐ Extremely interest (1)
- ☐ Very interested (2)
- ☐ Somewhat interested (3)
- ☐ Moderately interested (4)
- ☐ Not very interested at all (5)
- ☐ Don't Know (6)

End of Block: attn_checks

Start of Block: first_ammnd

famend We'd like to ask about a hypothetical situation, concerning a made-up person named Michael Ross.

Imagine Ross was found to have made racist statements online, which were discovered by his employer. Which of the following would be permitted under the First Amendment?

	Permitted (1)	Not permitted (2)	Don't know (3)
Ross is fired from his private sector job (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ross is fired from his public sector job (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

famend2 Now imagine that Ross was a college student, and his University discovered the statements. Which of the following would be permitted under the First Amendment?

	Permitted (1)	Not permitted (2)	Don't know (3)
Ross is expelled from his private college (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ross is expelled from his public college (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: first_ammnd

Start of Block: psychprofile

gut When facing tough decisions, I generally ...

- ☐ go with my gut instincts (1)
- ☐ take time and make a deliberate choice (2)

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gut2 My opinions ...

- ☐ are informed by taking all sides into account (1)
- ☐ come more from one or two trusted sources (2)

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gut3 When I'm confronted with a problem, I generally ...

- ☐ try to find a solution as quickly as possible (1)
- ☐ take my time to make sure I'm choosing the best option (2)

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nfc In my daily life, I generally prefer ...

- ☐ an established routine where I know what to expect (1)
- ☐ being flexible and not tied down to a set plan (2)

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nfc2 I am the kinds of person who ...

- ☐ is always trying new things (1)
- ☐ generally stays with reliable pleasures (2)

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nfc3 A good day is when ...

- ☐ I try something new (1)
- ☐ nothing bad or unexpected happens (2)

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nfc4 Would you rather spend an hour ...

- ☐ hearing about some important new scientific discoveries (1)
- ☐ watching a favorite tv show (2)

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manichean Politics is ultimately a struggle between good and evil

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)

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socialmedia How would you rate the diversity political beliefs among your friends or contacts on social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) ...

They offer a
real mix of
political beliefs

Many have
beliefs similar
to mine

They all share
my political
beliefs

0 2 4 6 8 10

Slide to correct point ()



End of Block: psychprofile

Start of Block: media_consumption

newsweb Which of the following news websites do you regularly visit? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Yahoo News (1)
- ☐ Washinton Times (2)
- ☐ Huffington Post (3)
- ☐ CNN (4)
- ☐ New York Times (5)
- ☐ Fox News (6)
- ☐ NBC News (7)
- ☐ Washington Post (8)
- ☐ Slate (9)
- ☐ DailyKos (10)
- ☐ The Wall St Journal (11)
- ☐ ABC News (12)
- ☐ Drudge Report (13)
- ☐ USA Today (14)
- ☐ LA Times (15)
- ☐ Breitbart (16)
- ☐ Reddit (17)
- ☐ 4-Chan (18)
- ☐ Politico (19)
- ☐ Other (20)

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Q58 What percent of your news about politics do you get from ...

_____ Network TV News (ABC, CBS, etc.) (53)

_____ Cable TV News (CNN, FOX, etc.) (54)

_____ Printed Newspapers (55)

_____ Talk Radio (56)

_____ Online News Sites (57)

_____ Facebook, Twitter, etc. (58)

_____ Podcasts (59)

_____ Local news or radio (60)

_____ Other (61)

End of Block: media_consumption

Start of Block: pol_knowl

Q106 We'd now like to ask you about a few factual matters. For the next set of questions, could you please provide your best estimate.

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know1 At what rate did the US Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grow in the last quarter?

-5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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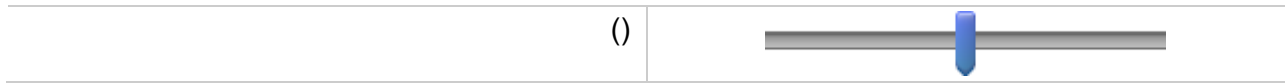
know4 Who was the Supreme Court nominee that the US Senate refused to consider in 2016?

- ☐ Elena Kagan (1)
- ☐ Neil Gorsuch (2)
- ☐ Brett Kavanaugh (3)
- ☐ Merrick Garland (4)
- ☐ Don't Know (5)

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know2 What was the unemployment rate last month?

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17



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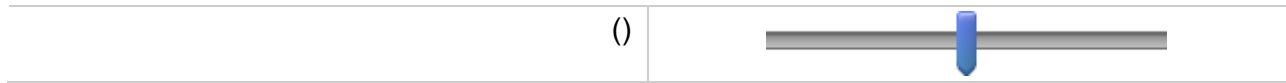
know5 The Fifth Amendment to the American Constitution mainly guarantees citizens...

- ☐ ...protection against forced confessions (1)
- ☐ ...freedom of speech (2)
- ☐ Neither (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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know3 What is the projected US federal budget deficit for 2018 (in \$ billions)?

200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200



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know6 In the Syrian Civil War, the United States' main ally is

- ☐ Government forces loyal to Bashar al-Assad (1)
- ☐ ISIS (2)
- ☐ Hamas (3)
- ☐ Democratic Federation of Northern Syria (4)
- ☐ Don't Know (5)

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know7 The main drug behind the opioid epidemic in the US is...

- ☐ Crack (1)
- ☐ Oxycodone (2)
- ☐ Crystal Methamphetamine (3)
- ☐ Heroin (4)
- ☐ Don't Know (5)

End of Block: pol_know1

Start of Block: nostalgia

nostagtime Think about US history since the end of the Second World War (1945). During this period, when do you think American was at its best? Enter the year below.

nostagpres We often rank presidents from history. Among the presidents since 1945, who would you say was the best?

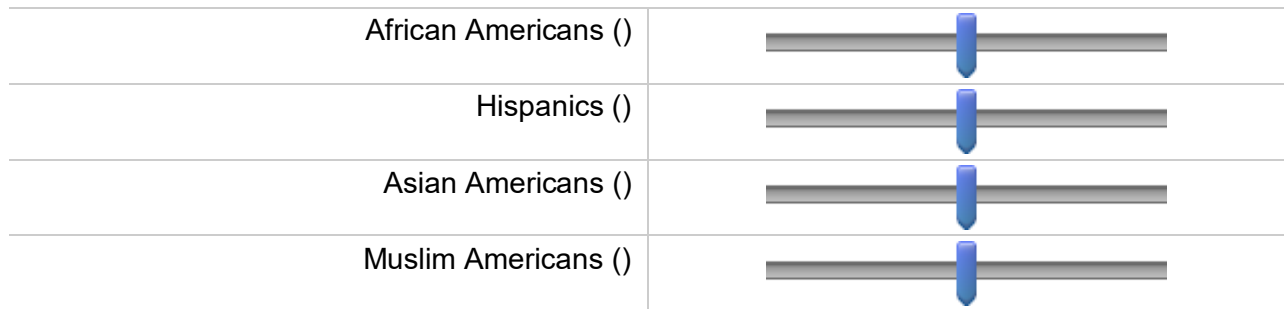
▼ Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1932-1945) (1191) ... Donald Trump (2017-) (1204)

End of Block: nostalgia

Start of Block: Race estimates

raceest1 In your best estimate, what percent of the US population is each of these minority groups?

0 8 17 25 33 42 50



raceest2 Please move the sliders to indicate the relative size of each racial group in the US population (your answers should total 100 percent)?

- White (1)
- African American (2)
- Hispanic (3)
- Asian American (4)
- Muslim American (5)

End of Block: Race estimates

Start of Block: attncheck2

attn2 Debates about television are a recurrent part of American life. Especially in recent decades, critics have agreed we're in a "Golden Age" of TV. Everyone has their favorite shows. To show you're paying attention, ignore the prompt and only select young sheldon.

Which are your favorite TV shows of the last decade (*please select all that apply*)?

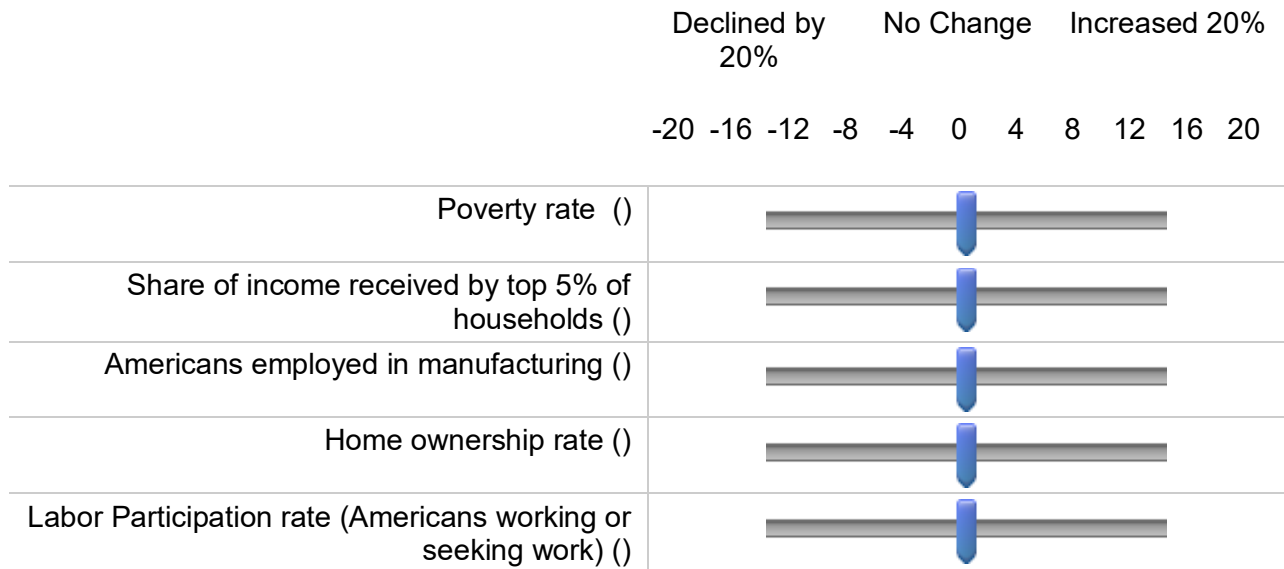
- ☐ Arrested Development (1)
- ☐ Curb Your Enthusiasm (2)
- ☐ Game of Thrones (3)
- ☐ Roseanne (4)
- ☐ Big Bang Theory (5)
- ☐ Dawson's Creek (6)
- ☐ Mad Men (7)
- ☐ Sons of Anarchy (8)
- ☐ Billions (9)
- ☐ Deadwood (10)
- ☐ Monday Night Football (11)
- ☐ The Wire (12)
- ☐ Breaking Bad (13)
- ☐ Dexter (14)
- ☐ Orange is the New Black (15)
- ☐ Young Sheldon (16)

End of Block: attncheck2

Start of Block: econ_impression

econ_imprs We're interested in your impressions about long-term changes in the US economy.

What is your best estimate about changes in the following facts **over the last decade (2008-2017)**.










End of Block: econ_impression

Start of Block: eval_figures



feelthem For the following people, please report how "warmly" you feel toward them.
A score of 100 indicates a "warm", or positive feeling, while 0 indicates a "cold", or negative feeling.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Donald Trump ()	
Sean Hannity ()	
Michael Bloomberg ()	
Tom Hanks ()	
Bill Gates ()	
Bernie Sanders ()	
Elizabeth Warren ()	

End of Block: eval_figures

Start of Block: demos

demo_educ Please provide your highest level of educational attainment:

▼ No formal education (215) ... Professional or Doctoral Degree (222)

deom_income What is your annual household income?

▼ Less than \$10,000 (34) ... More than \$150,000 (45)

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demo_race Which of the following best describes your race?

- ☐ White (138)
- ☐ Black or African American (139)
- ☐ Asian (140)
- ☐ Native American, American Indian, or Alaskan Native (141)
- ☐ Other (142)
- ☐ Two or more races (143)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (144)

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demo_hisp Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (3)

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demo_gender What's your gender?

☐ Male (1)

☐ Female (2)

☐ Other (4)

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demo_ideo Here is a 7-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- ☐ 1. Extremely liberal (1)
 - ☐ 2. Liberal (2)
 - ☐ 3. Slightly liberal (3)
 - ☐ 4. Moderate, middle of the road (4)
 - ☐ 5. Slightly conservative (5)
 - ☐ 6. Conservative (6)
 - ☐ 7. Extremely conservative. (7)
 - ☐ Don't Know/Haven't thought about this (8)
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demo_party Here is a 7-point scale on which people's partisan identities can be arranged. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- ☐ 1. Strong democrat (1)
 - ☐ 2. Democrat (2)
 - ☐ 3. Independent, lean Democrat (3)
 - ☐ 4. Independent (4)
 - ☐ 5. Independent, lean Republican (5)
 - ☐ 6. Republican (6)
 - ☐ 7. Strong Republican (7)
 - ☐ Don't Know/Haven't thought about this (8)
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demo_relig What's your religion?

- ☐ Mainline protestant (1)
 - ☐ Evangelical protestant (2)
 - ☐ Roman Catholic (3)
 - ☐ Jewish (4)
 - ☐ Other religion or spiritual belief (5)
 - ☐ Not religious (6)
 - ☐ Atheist (7)
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demo_orthdx Would you consider yourself Orthodox, Conservative, or Fundamentalist in your religious beliefs?

- ☐ Yes (23)
- ☐ No (24)

End of Block: demos
