Block 1

You are invited to participate in a survey about politics and public affairs in the United States. The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You will be asked to answer some questions about yourself and your views on politics. The aim of the survey is to increase our knowledge about political attitudes in the United States.

The survey is anonymous. The researcher will not know your name, and no identifying information will be connected to your survey answers in any way.

We would be very grateful if you take your time to complete the survey.

Block 2

We begin the survey by asking you a few questions about your background. Please answer the following questions as precisely as possible.

In which state do you reside?

○ Alabama

○ Alaska

○ Arizona

○ Arkansas

○ California

○ Colorado

○ Connecticut

○ Delaware

○ Florida

○ Georgia

○ Hawaii

○ Idaho

○ Illinois

○ Indiana

○ Iowa

○ Kansas

○ Kentucky

○ Louisiana

○ Maine

○ Maryland

○ Massachusetts

○ Michigan

○ Minnesota

○ Mississippi

○ Missouri

○ Montana

○ Nebraska

○ Nevada

○ New Hampshire

○ New Jersey

○ New Mexico

○ New York

○ North Carolina

○ North Dakota

○ Ohio

○ Oklahoma

○ Oregon

○ Pennsylvania

○ Rhode Island

○ South Carolina

○ South Dakota

○ Tennessee

○ Texas

○ Utah

○ Vermont

○ Virginia

○ Washington

○ West Virginia

○ Wisconsin

○ Wyoming

What best describes the place where you live?

○ Metropolis

○ Medium-size or small city

○ Rural County

What is your gender?

○ Male

○ Female

○ Other

○ Prefer not to answer

What is your exact age?

[_____]

What is the highest level of education you have completed? If still a student, please mark the current level of education.

○ Less than high school

○ High school

○ More than high school

Block 3

We will now present a series of statements to you. Please express to what extent you agree with the statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democracy in my country is very fragile	○	○	○	○	○	○
Public welfare spending should be increased	○	○	○	○	○	○
It should be easier for women to get an abortion	○	○	○	○	○	○
Labor unions have too little power	○	○	○	○	○	○
Illegal immigrants should be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship	○	○	○	○	○	○
Taxes on the richest people in this country should be decreased	○	○	○	○	○	○
It should be harder for people of the same sex to marry each other	○	○	○	○	○	○

Now we would like to hear how important a series of issues are to you.

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
Tax levels	○	○	○	○	○	○
Legalization/prohibition of same-sex marriage	○	○	○	○	○	○
Handling of immigration	○	○	○	○	○	○
Degree of state-financed access to education	○	○	○	○	○	○
Magnitude of public welfare benefits	○	○	○	○	○	○
Abortion law	○	○	○	○	○	○

Block 4

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as identifying with one of these political parties or do you think of yourself as not identifying with any of them?

○ Republican Party

○ Democratic Party

○ I identify with a party not listed here

○ I do not identify with any party

○ Don't know

Now we would like to hear your opinion on each of the major political parties mentioned above.

	Like a great deal	Like somewhat	Neither like nor dislike	Dislike somewhat	Dislike a great deal	Don't know
Democratic Party	○	○	○	○	○	○
Republican Party	○	○	○	○	○	○

Block 5

On the following page, we will briefly inform you about the current state of democracy around the world. Democracy is here defined as a political system where political leaders are elected through free and fair elections, where citizens enjoy civil liberties such as freedom of speech and assembly, and where courts and judges act independently of the government. Please read the text carefully.

Block 6

DEMOCRACY IS ROBUST

Recent developments in countries around the world have shown that democracy is generally strong and that it is hard to undermine even though some political leaders may wish to do so. On this basis, experts predict that no or only very few democratic breakdowns will occur during the next 10 years around the world.

DEMOCRACY IS VULNERABLE

Recent developments in countries around the world have shown that democracy is generally fragile and that it is easy to undermine for political leaders who wish to do so. On this basis, experts predict that many democratic breakdowns will occur during the next 10 years around the world.

Block 7

In your opinion, how robust or vulnerable is democracy in the United States?

○ Democracy is very robust in the United States

○ Democracy is quite robust in the United States

○ Democracy is neither robust nor vulnerable in the United States

○ Democracy is quite vulnerable in the United States

○ Democracy is very vulnerable in the United States

○ Don't know

Block 8

In the following, we will ask you to choose between a number of possible candidates for the 2024 presidential election in the United States. Please assume that none of the candidates for the 2020 election run in 2024.

Block 9

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_1}	${e://Field/age_2}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_1}	${e://Field/gender_2}
Background	${e://Field/background_1}	${e://Field/background_2}
Party	${e://Field/party_1}	${e://Field/party_2}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_1} - ${e://Field/soc_1} - ${e://Field/dem_1}	- ${e://Field/redi_2} - ${e://Field/soc_2} - ${e://Field/dem_2}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_1} - ${e://Field/cor_1}	- ${e://Field/eco_2} - ${e://Field/cor_2}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_3}	${e://Field/age_4}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_3}	${e://Field/gender_4}
Background	${e://Field/background_3}	${e://Field/background_4}
Party	${e://Field/party_3}	${e://Field/party_4}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_3} - ${e://Field/soc_3} - ${e://Field/dem_3}	- ${e://Field/redi_4} - ${e://Field/soc_4} - ${e://Field/dem_4}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_3} - ${e://Field/cor_3}	- ${e://Field/eco_4} - ${e://Field/cor_4}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_5}	${e://Field/age_6}

Gender	${e://Field/gender_5}	${e://Field/gender_6}
Background	${e://Field/background_5}	${e://Field/background_6}
Party	${e://Field/party_5}	${e://Field/party_6}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_5} - ${e://Field/soc_5} - ${e://Field/dem_5}	- ${e://Field/redi_6} - ${e://Field/soc_6} - ${e://Field/dem_6}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_5} - ${e://Field/cor_5}	- ${e://Field/eco_6} - ${e://Field/cor_6}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_7}	${e://Field/age_8}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_7}	${e://Field/gender_8}
Background	${e://Field/background_7}	${e://Field/background_8}
Party	${e://Field/party_7}	${e://Field/party_8}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_7} - ${e://Field/soc_7} - ${e://Field/dem_7}	- ${e://Field/redi_8} - ${e://Field/soc_8} - ${e://Field/dem_8}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_7} - ${e://Field/cor_7}	- ${e://Field/eco_8} - ${e://Field/cor_8}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Age	${e://Field/age_9}	${e://Field/age_10}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_9}	${e://Field/gender_10}
Background	${e://Field/background_9}	${e://Field/background_10}
Party	${e://Field/party_9}	${e://Field/party_10}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_9} - ${e://Field/soc_9} - ${e://Field/dem_9}	- ${e://Field/redi_10} - ${e://Field/soc_10} - ${e://Field/dem_10}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_9} - ${e://Field/cor_9}	- ${e://Field/eco_10} - ${e://Field/cor_10}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Age	${e://Field/age_11}	${e://Field/age_12}

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Gender	${e://Field/gender_11}	${e://Field/gender_12}
Background	${e://Field/background_11}	${e://Field/background_12}
Party	${e://Field/party_11}	${e://Field/party_12}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_11} - ${e://Field/soc_11} - ${e://Field/dem_11}	- ${e://Field/redi_12} - ${e://Field/soc_12} - ${e://Field/dem_12}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_11} - ${e://Field/cor_11}	- ${e://Field/eco_12} - ${e://Field/cor_12}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Age	${e://Field/age_13}	${e://Field/age_14}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_13}	${e://Field/gender_14}
Background	${e://Field/background_13}	${e://Field/background_14}
Party	${e://Field/party_13}	${e://Field/party_14}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_13} - ${e://Field/soc_13} - ${e://Field/dem_13}	- ${e://Field/redi_14} - ${e://Field/soc_14} - ${e://Field/dem_14}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_13} - ${e://Field/cor_13}	- ${e://Field/eco_14} - ${e://Field/cor_14}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_15}	${e://Field/age_16}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_15}	${e://Field/gender_16}
Background	${e://Field/background_15}	${e://Field/background_16}
Party	${e://Field/party_15}	${e://Field/party_16}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_15} - ${e://Field/soc_15} - ${e://Field/dem_15}	- ${e://Field/redi_16} - ${e://Field/soc_16} - ${e://Field/dem_16}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_15} - ${e://Field/cor_15}	- ${e://Field/eco_16} - ${e://Field/cor_16}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	**Candidate 2**
Age	${e://Field/age_17}	${e://Field/age_18}

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Gender	${e://Field/gender_17}	${e://Field/gender_18}
Background	${e://Field/background_17}	${e://Field/background_18}
Party	${e://Field/party_17}	${e://Field/party_18}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_17} - ${e://Field/soc_17} - ${e://Field/dem_17}	- ${e://Field/redi_18} - ${e://Field/soc_18} - ${e://Field/dem_18}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_17} - ${e://Field/cor_17}	- ${e://Field/eco_18} - ${e://Field/cor_18}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Imagine that the following two candidates run for the 2024 presidential election. Please read the candidate profiles carefully, and tell us how likely you would be to vote for each of the two candidates at the election.

	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Age	${e://Field/age_19}	${e://Field/age_20}
Gender	${e://Field/gender_19}	${e://Field/gender_20}
Background	${e://Field/background_19}	${e://Field/background_20}
Party	${e://Field/party_19}	${e://Field/party_20}
Positions	- ${e://Field/redi_19} - ${e://Field/soc_19} - ${e://Field/dem_19}	- ${e://Field/redi_20} - ${e://Field/soc_20} - ${e://Field/dem_20}
Reputation	- ${e://Field/eco_19} - ${e://Field/cor_19}	- ${e://Field/eco_20} - ${e://Field/cor_20}

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?

	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 1**?	How likely is it that you would vote for **candidate 2**?
Very likely	○	○
Somewhat likely	○	○
Neither likely nor unlikely	○	○
Somewhat unlikely	○	○
Very unlikely	○	○
Don't know	○	○

Block 9

Earlier in the survey, you read a piece of text about the current state of democracy around the world. The text mentioned expert predictions of the number of democratic breakdowns in this decade. What exactly did these predictions say?

○ That no or only very few democratic breakdowns will occur during this decade

○ The piece of text did not mention any predictions

○ That many democratic breakdowns will occur during this decade

○ I have not been presented for a piece of text about the current state of democracy around the world

○ Don't know

Block 10

On which type of device did you answer this survey?

○ PC or Macbook

○ Smartphone

○ Tablet

○ Other

○ Prefer not to answer