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SECTION S: SCREENER

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PN: [NEW SCREEN] – Intro screen for all.

PN: Insert incentive language (in parentheses) if Prob Panel.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

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Thank you for your help with this important poll. It should take you about 7 minutes to complete the survey. (If you complete the survey, you will be provided \$5.00 as a thank you for your time and opinions.)

All information you provide will be kept confidential and your name will never be associated with your answers.

Please answer each question to the best of your ability. When you answer the questions, please be as detailed as you can, and please try to make your answers complete.

The survey you are about to take is best experienced on a PC, Laptop or Tablet. You will still be able to take the survey on a smaller screen or mobile device, however; you may need to scroll to the left, right, up, or down. If taking this survey on a mobile device, we recommend that you turn your phone to “landscape”.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S1. We value your opinions and appreciate your participation in this survey!

Please use care when answering the following questions. Should our quality checks determine that you have not provided thoughtful attention to this survey, you may be disqualified and forfeit the associated rewards. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement.

I will read each question thoroughly and I will respond to all questions thoughtfully and honestly.

- 1 I agree
- 2 I disagree (TERMINATE)

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S2. What is your age?

_____ **PN: Acceptable range is 18-98**
99 Prefer not to say

PN: Ask S2a if S2=Prefer not to say (99).

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK IF AGE NOT GIVEN (S2=99)

S2a. Are you...

- 0 Under 18
- 1 18-24
- 2 25-29
- 3 30-44
- 4 45-49
- 5 50-64
- 6 65+
- 9 Prefer not to say (TERMINATE)

PN: If under 18 in S2 or S2a, TERMINATE.

PN: Only qualified respondents continue here. All others TERMINATE.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S3. To ensure the program is working properly, please select the number "3" below.

- 1 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5

SECTION A: OVERALL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

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ASK ALL

- A1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in politics most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in politics...?

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only now and then
- 4 Hardly at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS AND FAVORABILITY

PN: Randomize order of B1-B3.

ASK ALL

- B1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- B2. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Supreme Court is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- B3. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Congress is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Randomize order of B4-B5

ASK ALL

B4. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican majority in the House of Representatives is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

ASK ALL

B5. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Ask B6 first, then randomize order of B7-B19

ASK ALL

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion	Haven't heard enough
B6.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
B7.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3
B8.	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr	1	2	3
B9.	Marianne Williamson	1	2	3
B10.	Chris Christie	1	2	3
B11.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3
B12.	Larry Elder	1	2	3
B13.	Nikki Haley	1	2	3
B14.	Asa Hutchinson	1	2	3
B15.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
B16.	Vivek Ramaswamy	1	2	3
B17.	Tim Scott	1	2	3
B18.	Chris Sununu	1	2	3
B19.	Donald Trump	1	2	3

- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND ISSUES

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of C1-C3, then randomize C4-C5; Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Here is a list of institutions in American society. How much confidence do you have in each one?

		A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None at all
C1.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C2.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
C3.	The Presidency	1	2	3	4	5
C4.	The national news media	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	Your local news media	1	2	3	4	5

PN: Rotate response codes 1-4 and 4-1 so half of sample get each order; include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

C6. What is your guess as to whether a majority of the current US Supreme Court Justices were appointed by Democratic or Republican presidents?

- 1 Definitely a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 2 Probably a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 3 Probably a majority appointed by Republican presidents
- 4 Definitely a majority appointed by Republican presidents
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of C7-C15; Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Some justices of the Supreme Court are better known than others. For each of these names, have you never heard of them, heard of them but don't know enough to have an opinion of them, have a favorable opinion or have an unfavorable opinion?

		Never heard of	Heard but not enough	Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion
C7.	Samuel Alito	1	2	3	4
C8.	Amy Coney Barrett	1	2	3	4
C9.	Neil Gorsuch	1	2	3	4
C10.	Ketanji Brown Jackson	1	2	3	4
C11.	Elena Kagan	1	2	3	4
C12.	Brett Kavanaugh	1	2	3	4
C13.	John Roberts	1	2	3	4
C14.	Sonia Sotomayor	1	2	3	4
C15.	Clarence Thomas	1	2	3	4

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PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of C16-C22; Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Here are some recent topics in the news. How much have you heard or read about each of these?

		A lot	A little	Nothing at all
C16.	Donald Trump being indicted in New York State court	1	2	3
C17.	A Supreme Court case concerning the use of race in college admissions	1	2	3
C18.	A Supreme Court case concerning the drug used in medication-induced abortions, mifepristone	1	2	3
C19.	News stories about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' financial disclosure reports	1	2	3
C20.	Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signing into law a bill banning abortions in Florida after 6 weeks of pregnancy instead of the previous 15 weeks	1	2	3
C21.	Shootings involving people who knocked on the wrong door or drove into the wrong driveway	1	2	3
C22.	The trial in New York of a civil lawsuit against Trump accusing him of battery in a mid-1990s alleged sexual assault and of subsequent defamation	1	2	3

SECTION D: IDEOLOGY RATINGS

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of D1-D4; Show as grid.

ASK ALL

In general, would you describe each of the following as...? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
D1.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
D2.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
D3.	Donald Trump	1	2	3	4	5
D4.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3	4	5

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SECTION H: FUTURE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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PN: Randomize order of H1-H2; include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

H1. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Rule that colleges cannot use race as one of several factors in deciding which applicants to admit.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision

99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

- H2. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Rule that a business owner's religious beliefs or free speech rights can justify refusing some services to gay people.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION J: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of J1-J2; include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

- J1. In 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe versus Wade*, thus striking down the 1973 decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- J2. In 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of J3-J7

Please tell me how you would rate the **honesty and ethical standards** of people in these different fields-
-very high, high, average, low, or very low?

		Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
J3.	U.S. Supreme Court Justices	1	2	3	4	5
J4.	Judges in your state	1	2	3	4	5
J5.	Journalists	1	2	3	4	5
J6.	Lawyers	1	2	3	4	5
J7.	Cable TV news	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION K: ABORTION POLICY

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

K1. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

- 1 Legal in all cases
- 2 Legal in most cases
- 3 Illegal in most cases
- 4 Illegal in all cases
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K2. Do you think your state should or should not allow a woman to obtain a legal abortion if she became pregnant as the result of rape or incest?

- 1 Should allow
- 2 Should not allow
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K3. Should a state be able to make it illegal for a woman to have an abortion by traveling to a different state where abortion is legal?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K4. Should a state be able to make it illegal for a woman to get and fill a prescription from out-of-state providers for medication that will induce an abortion, sometimes called “medication abortion” or “abortion pills”?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

Here are some limits on when during pregnancy an abortion might be banned, except in cases of medical emergencies, that some states are considering. How much do you favor or oppose each of these proposals?

		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
K5.	Ban abortions at any time during pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K6.	Ban abortions after 6 weeks of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K7.	Ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K8.	Ban abortions after 6 months of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K9.	Place no restrictions on when a woman can obtain an abortion	1	2	3	4

SECTION P: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of P1-P2

ASK ALL

P1. Would you like to see Joe Biden run for president in 2024, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P2. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of P3-P7

How would you rate the quality of education provided by the following types of K-12 schools in your community?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
P3.	Public schools	1	2	3	4
P4.	Catholic schools	1	2	3	4
P5.	Non-Catholic religious schools	1	2	3	4
P6.	Private, non-religious schools	1	2	3	4
P7.	Home schooling	1	2	3	4

ASK ALL

P8. Do you favor or oppose laws that allow most people to obtain a license to carry concealed handguns?

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P9. Do you favor or oppose laws that allow most people to carry concealed handguns **without needing** to obtain a license?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P10. Does *your* state's law allow most people to carry concealed handguns **without needing** to obtain a license?

- 1 State does allow concealed handguns without a license
- 2 State does NOT allow concealed handguns without a license
- 3 Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P11. Would you favor or oppose a law allowing the police to take guns away from people who have been found by a judge to be a danger to themselves or others?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P12. Do you favor or oppose the decision to forgive and cancel up to \$20,000 of federal student loan debt?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P13. When it comes to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the United States is providing too much support to Ukraine, not enough support to Ukraine, or about the right amount of support to Ukraine?

- 1 Too much support
- 2 Not enough support
- 3 About the right amount of support
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P14. Do you think it will be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

- 1 Take an active part in world affairs
- 2 Stay out of world affairs
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P15 and P15b wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P15. If the 2024 election for president were held today between [Former President Donald Trump, the Republican,] and [President Joe Biden, the Democrat,] would you vote for [Donald Trump] or for [Joe Biden]?

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Someone else
- 4 Wouldn't vote
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK IF 3, 4 in P15

P15b. If you had to choose, would you vote for [Biden] or for [Trump]?

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P16 and P16b wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P16. If the 2024 election for president were held today between [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Republican,] and [President Joe Biden, the Democrat,] would you vote for [Ron DeSantis] or for [Joe Biden]?

- 1 Ron DeSantis
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Someone else
- 4 Wouldn't vote
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK IF 3, 4 in P16

P16b. If you had to choose would you vote for [Biden] or for [DeSantis]?

- 1 Ron DeSantis
- 2 Joe Biden
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

PN: Randomize order of P17-P20; Show as grid

ASK ALL

Which of the following proposals would you favor and which would you oppose?

		Favor	Oppose
P17.	Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with	1	2
P18.	Provide state funding for vouchers to pay for tuition for K-12 students to attend private or religious schools of their choice instead of public schools	1	2
P19.	Ban “gender-affirming” care such as hormone therapy or surgery for transgender minors under 18	1	2
P20.	Ban the sale of “AR-15 style” semiautomatic rifles in your state	1	2

ASK ALL

P21. Do you think recent killings of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents or part of a larger pattern in the police's treatment of Black Americans?

1. Isolated incidents
2. Part of a larger pattern
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement, or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion?

- 1 Favorable opinion
- 2 Unfavorable opinion
- 3 Haven't heard enough
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P23. How much of a problem do you think racism is in the country today?

- 1 A very big problem
- 2 A moderately big problem
- 3 A small problem
- 4 Not a problem at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION X: CALIBRATION ITEMS

PN: Randomize order of X1-X2. Save order in data.

ASK ALL

X1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Only some of the time
- 4 Never
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

X2. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or most people can't be trusted?

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 Most people can't be trusted
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: IF WEB, AUTOPUNCH INT1=1

ASK ALL

INT1. (pINT1) Do you use the internet or email, at least occasionally?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: ASK IF WEB OR pINT1=1

INTFREQ. About how often do you use the internet?

- 1 Almost constantly
- 2 Several times a day
- 3 About once a day
- 4 Several times a week
- 5 Less often
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

Z1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Other/No preference
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: If 1 or 2 in Z1, ask Z2A. Otherwise, skip to Z2B.

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (Z1= 1 OR 2)

Z2A. Would you call yourself a strong **[IF Z1=1: Republican]** **[IF Z1=2: Democrat]**, or a not very strong **[IF Z1=1: Republican]** **[IF Z1=2: Democrat]**?

- 1 Strong
- 2 Not very strong
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: If 3 or 4 in Z1, ask Z2B.

ASK IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER (Z1= 3 OR 4)

Z2B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 Neither
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P24. Are you more likely to vote in the Republican or the Democratic presidential primary in your state in 2024, or would you not vote in either?

- 1. Republican
- 2. Democratic
- 3. Would not vote in either
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Ask P25 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1 or (Z2B=3 AND P24=1)

PN: Randomize candidate order, keep 11(Undecided) always last

P25. Here are some potential candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. If the primary were today, whom would you vote for?

1. Chris Christie
2. Ron DeSantis
3. Larry Elder
4. Nikki Haley
5. Asa Hutchinson
6. Mike Pence
7. Vivek Ramaswamy
8. Tim Scott
9. Chris Sununu
10. Donald Trump
11. Undecided
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Ask P26 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1 or (Z2B=3 AND P24=1)

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P25 wording and response codes.

P26. If it were a choice between just the two of them, whom would you prefer as the Republican nominee for president in 2024: [Donald Trump] or [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis]?

1. Donald Trump
2. Ron DeSantis
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Ask P27 if Z1=2 or Z2B=2 or (Z2B=3 AND P24=2)

PN: Randomize candidate order

P27. Here are some potential candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. If the primary were today, whom would you vote for?

1. Joe Biden
2. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
3. Marianne Williamson
4. Undecided
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z3. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

1. More than once a week
2. Once a week
3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times a year
5. Seldom
6. Never
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z4. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes, would
- 2 No, would not
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: This is pPolview reasked.

ASK ALL

Z5. Generally speaking, how would you describe your political views?

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Somewhat conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Somewhat liberal
- 5 Very liberal
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Z6-Z7 are calibration questions for weighing. Z6 is pTALKNEIGH internally and Z7 is pVOLUNTEER internally. Note that for each Court Survey, these two questions may be adjusted related to context around the COVID-19 pandemic.

ASK ALL

Z6. During the last 12 months, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

- 1 Basically, every day
- 2 A few times a week
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 Once a month
- 5 Less than once a month
- 6 Not at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

ASK ALL

Z7. We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. In the last 12 months, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Insert end time stamp.

ASK ALL

Z8. Which presidential candidate did you vote for in 2020?

1. Donald Trump
 2. Joe Biden
 3. Someone else
 4. I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

CLOSING SCREEN: The survey is now complete. Thank you for your time and cooperation!