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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. In appreciation of your time, **if you qualify you will receive <<\$INSERT>> in compensation** via an electronic gift code immediately upon completion of this survey.

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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.

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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

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 U.S. 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 U.S. Congress 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-B21

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.	Doug Burgum	1	2	3
B19.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
B20.	Will Hurd	1	2	3
B21.	Francis Suarez	1	2	3

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SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND ISSUES

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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 U.S. 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.	The U.S. Department of Justice	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 U.S. 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 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 federal court in Florida	1	2	3
C17.	A Supreme Court case concerning the use of race in college admissions	1	2	3
C18.	Hunter Biden's agreement to plead guilty to misdemeanor charges of tax evasion and a gun charge	1	2	3
C19.	News stories about Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's financial disclosure reports	1	2	3
C20.	A Supreme Court case concerning congressional districts in Alabama	1	2	3
C21.	A Supreme Court case concerning student loan forgiveness	1	2	3
C22.	A Supreme Court case concerning the powers of state legislatures to set the rules for federal elections for Congress and president	1	2	3

SECTION D: IDEOLOGY RATINGS

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PN: Randomize order of D1-D6 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 U.S. 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
D5.	The Republican Party	1	2	3	4	5
D6.	The Democratic Party	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

D7. Over the past 15 years or so, would you say the Supreme Court has generally become...?

1. Much more conservative
 2. Somewhat more conservative
 3. Hasn't changed much
 4. Somewhat more liberal
 5. Much more liberal
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order in D8

D8. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

- 1 Mainly politics
 - 2 Mainly the law
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order in D9

D9. Should justices of the Supreme Court consider public opinion about a case when making decisions or should they ignore public opinion?

- 1 Should consider public opinion
 - 2 Should ignore public opinion
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

SECTION H: RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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PN: Randomize order of H1-H5: include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

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

Ruled 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 recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled 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*

ASK ALL

- H3. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled that the Biden administration exceeded the authority granted to it by Congress to alter loan conditions, thus striking down the student loan forgiveness policy.

- 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

- H4. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled that Alabama, in drawing a congressional districting map, diluted the power of Black voters, in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

- 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

H5. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled that federal civil rights law requires an employer to accommodate an employee's religious practice unless it can show that doing so would result in substantial increased costs to the employer.

- 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

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[PN: IF PASSFAIL=2 ALLOW RESPONDENT TO FINISH SURVEY AND CLAIM COMPENSATION; DISPO AS "98: DELETED INTERVIEW"; DO NOT COUNT AS COMPLETE TOWARDS QUOTAS]

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SECTION J: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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PN: Randomize order of J1-J5; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Over the past 15 years or so would you say the Supreme Court has generally expanded or reduced the rights protected for each of these groups or has it not changed much either way?

		Expanded rights	Reduced rights	Has not changed much either way
J1	Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ) people	1	2	3
J2	Religious people and organizations	1	2	3
J3	Gun owners	1	2	3
J4	Those seeking an abortion	1	2	3
J5	Voting rights of racial or ethnic minorities	1	2	3

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PN: Randomize order of J6-J8; include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

J6. 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

J7. 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

J8. In 2020, the Supreme Court ruled that a federal civil rights law protects gay and transgender workers from workplace discrimination.

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 J9-J13

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
J9.	U.S. Supreme Court justices	1	2	3	4	5
J10.	Judges in your state	1	2	3	4	5
J11.	Journalists	1	2	3	4	5
J12.	Lawyers	1	2	3	4	5
J13.	Cable TV news	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of J14-J16

Thinking about each of the following individuals and their handling of classified documents, do you think they did something illegal, they did something careless but not illegal, or they didn't do anything wrong regarding classified documents.

		Illegal	Careless but not illegal	Didn't do anything wrong
J14.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
J15.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
J16.	Mike Pence	1	2	3

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*

K2. How important is the abortion issue to you--would you say it is one of the most important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

- 1. One of the most important issues
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Not very important
- 4. Not important at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

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

P3. 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

P4. 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 P5 and P5b wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P5. 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 P5

P5b. 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 P6 and P6b wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P6. 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 P6

P6b. 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 P7-P10; Show as grid

ASK ALL

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

		Favor	Oppose
P7.	Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with	1	2
P8.	Ban the sale of "AR-15 style" semiautomatic rifles in your state	1	2
P9.	Ban "gender-affirming" care such as hormone therapy or surgery for transgender minors under 18	1	2
P10.	Pass a national law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy	1	2

ASK ALL

P11. Do you believe Donald Trump had top secret and other classified material or national security documents at his home in Mar-a-Lago last year?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

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

ASK ALL

P12. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for president were accurately cast and counted in the 2020 election?

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

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

ASK ALL

P13. 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

P14. 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

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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

PN: Ask P15 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1

PN: Randomize candidate order 1-12, keep 13 (Undecided) always last

P15. 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. Doug Burgum
10. Donald Trump
11. Will Hurd
12. Francis Suarez
13. Undecided
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Ask P16 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1

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

P16. 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 P217 if Z1=2 or Z2B=2

PN: Randomize candidate order

P17. 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!