Pre-Analysis Plan
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Overview and Expectations

This pre-analysis plan presents hypotheses that I will test using a survey experiment with respondents recruited through Prolific. The survey will recruit about to 1,500-2,000 voters who are registered in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, or Wisconsin (exact sample size depends on availability). Since a large majority of Prolific users are Democrats, to ensure partisan balance and there are enough Republicans in the sample, I include party quotas.

The goal of this study is to better understand the attitudinal effects of informing people that their vote history is public record and encouraging them to use their state's online tools to look up their own vote history (effectively allowing them to perform their own "voting self-audit"). This study examines if these informational tools can promote confidence in the integrity of elections.

The full survey text, display logic etc., is provided at the end of this document. The survey was programmed in Qualtrics.

To begin, respondents will be asked a series of questions about their demographics, preferences towards voting methods, and trust in elections**.** (Notably, Prolific automatically provides researchers with information on participant age, sex, employment status that will not be collected in the survey).

Following pre-treatment questions, respondents will be asked to read a public service announcement and be block randomized (by 2024 vote choice) to receive one of 4 conditions listed below. The condition they receive will be about the state in which they are registered to vote. All experimental conditions have embedded weblinks that can be tracked to determine the total number of clicks they each receive.

- Control (recycling)
- GOTV
- GOTV + Voting is Public Record
- GOTV + Voting is Public Record + Self Audit

After this message, respondents will then be asked about their beliefs about electoral record access, confidence in elections, and belief about the prevlance of certain election issues.

Hypotheses and research questions:

> H1: Those who receive any public voting record message will have greater confidence in elections than those who do not receive this message.
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> H2a: Those who receive a vote monitoring message that also encourages them to look up their vote history through official routes will have greater confidence in elections than those who only receive a public voting record message.
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> H2b: Those who receive a public voting record message that also encourages them to look up their vote history through official routes will strengthen their belief that the electoral record system is accessible.
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> R1: Does encouraging voters to check their own vote history on the election administration websites influence their perceptions of the prevalence of specific election integrity issues?
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> R2: Are there heterogeneous treatment effects by race (white versus non-white), vote propensity (voted in 2020 versus did not vote), age, education, state as well as partisanship (Republican, Independent or Democrat)?

I also expect that those in the control (recycling) condition and the GOTV condition to have similar levels of trust in elections. The inclusion of the GOTV condition is to determine if even reading about an upcoming election affects election confidence simply due to priming the topic– I expect it should not.

Methods of Analysis:
I am primarily interested in treatment effects for four outcomes, which will be measured as simple additive indices. "Don't know/no opinion" will be excluded.

- Electoral record accessibility index (4 items)
- Election confidence index (4 items)
- Belief in prevalence of issue specific concerns in their state (6 items)
- Belief in prevalence of issue specific concerns in other states (6 items)

Within these indices, I will test treatment effects on confidence in election at different levels of aggregation (self, city, state, other states).

All items will be rescaled to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. All items will be added into an index and missing data will be ignored. I will use OLS to estimate the treatment effect for each of these 4 outcomes. In each model, I will include 2 pre-treatment variables: denialism index (4-item) and state dummies.

I will also estimate separate models to examine heterogeneous treatment effects for race (white versus non-white), vote propensity (voted in 2020 versus did not vote) and party. I will also explore impact of education, age and state on treatment effects.

I will also examine potential mediator/moderator effects, including if perceptions of electoral record access mediates the relationship between the treatments and trust in elections.

Finally, in addition to the regression models described above, I will test the difference in proportions across experimental conditions (described below). Given that there may be ceiling effects for election trust (particularly among Democrats who report generally high levels of trust), I include this analysis. It also helps facilitate easier interpretation. I will look at:

- Electoral record accessibility (proportion who strongly/somewhat agree)
- Election confidence (proportion who are very/somewhat confident)
- Belief in prevalence of issue specific concerns in their state (proportion who say rarely, almost never or never occurs)
- Belief in prevalence of issue specific concerns in other states (proportion who say rarely, almost never or never occurs)

Other items are included in the survey to better understand respondents' knowledge of public records/voter search tools and their general reactions to it (comfort with their information being public, etc.,). I include an open-ended response option to gain more insight into their reactions to the message through respondents' own words.

Data quality checks:
Respondents who fail 2 attention checks placed in the beginning of the survey will be screened out.

A factual manipulation check is included after the treatment.

Speeders will be removed from the survey.

Election Attitudes Survey (Qualtrics)

** In addition to survey wording, this document includes variable names, survey logic and how survey responses are coded numerically (all of which is not shown to respondents).

Start of Block: Consent Form

consent IRB Study [Anonymized]
Title of Study: Study [Anonymized]
Principal Investigator: Study [Anonymized]
Principal Investigator Contact Information: Study [Anonymized]

The general purpose of this research is to measure how people are thinking about current events in 2024. Participants in this study will be asked to read some information and answer questions in an online survey. By agreeing to participate, you consent to the following: My participation in this study will take approximately 6-8 minutes. I agree to complete the study in one sitting. I must be a registered voter in North Carolina, Wisconsin, Virginia or Georgia and at least 18 years of age to participate in this study. I will be compensated for participating in this study with the compensation that was described to me by the agency or organization that directed me to this survey. My participation is voluntary, and I may discontinue participation in the study at any time by closing the survey. Some aspects of the study purpose/procedures may be withheld from me until its end. What the investigators hope to learn from this study, the specific nature of and reasons for the procedures employed, and those aspects of my behavior that have been recorded for measurement purposes will all be fully explained to me at the end of the

study. My responses will be recorded anonymously, and I cannot be identified by my responses by the researchers.

- ○ I have read and understand my rights, and I consent to participate in this online research study (1)
- ○ I have not read and understand my rights, and/or I DO NOT consent to participate in this online research study (2)

End of Block: Consent Form

Start of Block: Prolific ID

prolific_id What is your Prolific ID? Please note that this response should auto-fill with the correct ID.

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End of Block: Prolific ID

Start of Block: Screener Validation

state In which state do you live in?

- ○ Georgia (1)
- ○ Wisconsin (2)
- ○ Virginia (3)
- ○ North Carolina (4)
- ○ None of these (5)

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register Are you registered to vote in your state?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Unsure (3)

End of Block: Screener Validation

Start of Block: Demographics/Political Attitudes

transition Thank you for agreeing to take this survey. First, we'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

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vote_2020 Did you vote in the presidential election held in November 2020?

- ○ Yes, I did vote in the 2020 election (1)
- ○ No, I did not vote in the 2020 election (2)

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vote_choice_2024 Who do you plan to vote for in the election for U.S. President in 2024?

- ○ Joe Biden (1)
- ○ Donald Trump (2)
- ○ Third Party Candidate (3)
- ○ I do not plan to vote (4)

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party_id Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- ○ Republican (1)
- ○ Democrat (2)
- ○ Independent or Unaffiliated (3)
- ○ Something else (4)

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Display This Question:

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

republican Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- ○ Strong Republican (1)
- ○ Not very strong Republican (2)

Display This Question:

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

democrat Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

- ○ Strong Democrat (1)
- ○ Not very strong Democrat (2)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent,... = Independent or Unaffiliated

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

- ○ Republicans (1)
- ○ Neither (2)
- ○ Democrats (3)

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race Which racial or ethnic group do you identify with?

- White (1)
- Hispanic or Latino (2)
- Black or African American (3)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (4)
- Asian (5)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (6)
- Middle Eastern (7)
- Multiracial (8)
- Other (9)

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educ What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Did not graduate from high school (1)
- High school graduate (2)
- Some college, but no degree (3)
- 2 year college degree (4)
- 4 year college degree (5)
- Postgraduate degree (MA, MBA, PHD, JD, etc.,) (6)

End of Block: Demographics/Political Attitudes

Start of Block: Denialism

intro Now we would like to ask you about some common beliefs and ideas that you might have heard about. There are no right or wrong answers. We are solely interested in your personal views.

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denial1 Much of the information we receive is wrong.

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

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denialism2 I often disagree with conventional views about the world.

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

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denialism3 Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

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

denialism4 Major events are not always what they seem.

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

End of Block: Denialism

Start of Block: Attention Screener

screen1 The color test you're about to take is quite simple. When asked about your favorite color, select "Pink".

Based on the text you read above, what color have you been asked to enter?

- ○ Blue (1)
- ○ Black (2)
- ○ Pink (3)
- ○ Orange (4)

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screen2 If you are reading this sentence, click "Don't know".

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Agree (2)
- ○ Disagree (3)
- ○ Strongly disagree (4)
- ○ Don't know (5)

End of Block: Attention Screener

Start of Block: Transition

transition Next, we'd like you to carefully read the following statement that includes important information for residents in your state, and answer several questions once you have finished.

End of Block: Transition

Start of Block: NC Condition 1: Recycle

nc_control
Dear North Carolina Resident:

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that recycling is crucial for our community's well-being. It conserves resources, reduces pollution, and lowers energy consumption.

Want to learn more about recycling in your community? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Please recycle!

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mc_control1 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Recycling (1)
- ○ Flooding (2)
- ○ Housing Prices (3)

End of Block: NC Condition 1: Recycle

Start of Block: NC Condition 2: Voting

nc_vote
Dear North Carolina Voter:

GO OUT AND VOTE!

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Please vote this November!

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mc_vote1 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Voting (1)
- ○ Public schools (2)
- ○ Parks (3)

End of Block: NC Condition 2: Voting

Start of Block: NC Condition 3: Voting and Public Records

nc_pr
Dear North Carolina Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION! GO OUT AND VOTE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as all states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record. Please vote this November!

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mc_pr1 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Ranked choice voting (1)
- ○ Voting records are public (2)
- ○ Electoral College (3)

End of Block: NC Condition 3: Voting and Public Records

Start of Block: NC Condition 4: Audit

nc_audit
Dear North Carolina Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to see your OWN vote history on the North Carolina State Board of Elections' website? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!
It's simple as 3 easy steps:
1. Enter your name and county as they would appear on your voter record, into the required fields, then click “Search.”
2. From the resulting list, click on your name, which appears in blue type.
3. Scroll down to the “Your Voter History” section.

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record.
Please vote this November!

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mc_audit1 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- Ranked choice voting (1)
- Voting records are public (2)
- Electoral College (3)

End of Block: NC Condition 4: Audit

Start of Block: VA Condition 1: Recycle

va_control
Dear Virginia Resident:

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that recycling is crucial for our community's well-being. It conserves resources, reduces pollution, and lowers energy consumption.

Want to learn more about recycling in your community? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Please recycle!

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mc_control2 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Recycling (1)
- ○ Flooding (2)
- ○ Housing Prices (3)

End of Block: VA Condition 1: Recycle

Start of Block: VA Condition 3: Voting and PR

va_pr
Dear Virginia Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION! GO OUT AND VOTE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as all states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record. Please vote this November!

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mc_pr2 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Ranked choice voting (1)
- ○ Voting records are public (2)
- ○ Electoral College (3)

End of Block: VA Condition 3: Voting and PR

Start of Block: VA Condition 2: Voting

va_vote
Dear Virginia Voter:

GO OUT AND VOTE!

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Please vote this November!

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mc_vote2 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Voting (1)
- ○ Public schools (2)
- ○ Parks (3)

End of Block: VA Condition 2: Voting

Start of Block: VA Condition 4: Audit

va_audit
Dear Virginia Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to see your OWN vote history on the Virginia Department of Elections' website?
CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!
It's simple as 2 easy steps:
1. Enter your first and last names, date of birth, city or county of residence and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
2. From the resulting page, scroll down to the Vote History section and click "See Vote History" .

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record.
Please vote this November!

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mc_audit2 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- Ranked choice voting (1)
- Voting records are public (2)
- Electoral College (3)

End of Block: VA Condition 4: Audit

Start of Block: GA Condition 1: Recycle

ga_control
Dear Georgia Resident:

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that recycling is crucial for our community's well-being. It conserves resources, reduces pollution, and lowers energy consumption.

Want to learn more about recycling in your community? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Please recycle!

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mc_control3 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Recycling (1)
- ○ Flooding (2)
- ○ Housing Prices (3)

End of Block: GA Condition 1: Recycle

Start of Block: GA Condition 2: Voting

ga_vote
Dear Georgia Voter:

GO OUT AND VOTE!

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Please vote this November!

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mc_vote3 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Voting (1)
- ○ Public schools (2)
- ○ Parks (3)

End of Block: GA Condition 2: Voting

Start of Block: GA Condition 3: Voting and PR

ga_pr
Dear Georgia Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION! GO OUT AND VOTE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as all states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE**!**

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record. Please vote this November!

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mc_pr3 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Ranked choice voting (1)
- ○ Voting records are public (2)
- ○ Electoral College (3)

End of Block: GA Condition 3: Voting and PR

Start of Block: GA Condition 4: Audit

ga_audit
Dear Georgia Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to see your OWN vote history on the Georgia Secretary of State's website?
CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!
It's simple as 2 easy steps:
1. Enter your first initial and last name, as well as your date of birth and county as they would appear on your voter record, into the required fields, then click “Submit.”
2. Scroll down to the “Voter Participation History” section and select “View All.”

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record.
Please vote this November!

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mc_audit3 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Ranked choice voting (1)
- ○ Voting records are public (2)
- ○ Electoral College (3)

End of Block: GA Condition 4: Audit

Start of Block: WI Condition 1: Recycle

wi_control
Dear Wisconsin Resident:

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that recycling is crucial for our community's well-being. It conserves resources, reduces pollution, and lowers energy consumption.

Want to learn more about recycling in your community? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Please recycle!

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mc_control4 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Recycling (1)
- ○ Flooding (2)
- ○ Housing Prices (3)

End of Block: WI Condition 1: Recycle

Start of Block: WI Condition 3: Voting and PR

wi_pr
Dear Wisconsin Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION! GO OUT AND VOTE!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as all states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record. Please vote this November!

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mc_pr4 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- Ranked choice voting (1)
- Voting records are public (2)
- Electoral College (3)

End of Block: WI Condition 3: Voting and PR

Start of Block: WI Condition 2: Voting

wi_vote
Dear Wisconsin Voter:

GO OUT AND VOTE!

Want to learn important information regarding how to vote in the 2024 election? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!

Please vote this November!

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mc_vote4 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- ○ Voting (1)
- ○ Public schools (2)
- ○ Parks (3)

End of Block: WI Condition 2: Voting

Start of Block: WI Condition 4: Audit

wi_audit
Dear Wisconsin Voter:

WHO VOTES IS PUBLIC INFORMATION!

We are reaching out to people as we'd like to remind folks that who votes is a matter of public record. This information is taken directly from the state voter rolls which are available for public inspection, as states are required to keep a record of who votes in every election.

Want to see your OWN vote history on the State of Wisconsin Election Commission's website? CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE!
It's simple as 2 easy steps:
1. Enter your first and last names and date of birth, as they would appear on your voter record, into the required fields, then click “Search".
2. Scroll down to the “My Voting Activity” section.

Remember: Who you vote for is private, but whether you vote or not is public record.
Please vote this November!

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mc_audit4 What was the focus of the public service announcement?

- Ranked choice voting (1)
- Voting records are public (2)
- Electoral College (3)

End of Block: WI Condition 4: Audit

Start of Block: Electoral Record Access Scale

transition We now would like you to read several statements regarding elections in **your state**. For each one, rate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the statement.

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record1 Who votes in elections is well documented.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Somewhat agree (2)
- Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- Somewhat disagree (4)
- Strongly disagree (5)
- Don’t know/ no opinion (6)

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record2 The public has access to records showing who votes in each election.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)
- ○ Don’t know/ no opinion (6)

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record3 Ballots are secret, meaning who you vote for is private.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)
- ○ Don’t know/ no opinion (6)

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record4 I can easily access my personal voting information.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (2)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)
- ○ Don’t know/ no opinion (6)

End of Block: Electoral Record Access Scale

Start of Block: Election Confidence Scale 2024

Q56 Next, we'd like you to answer some question regarding the trust and integrity of elections.

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conf1 Thinking ahead to the 2024 Presidential election, how confident are you that **your vote** will be counted accurately, if you decide to vote?

- ○ Very confident (1)
- ○ Somewhat confident (2)
- ○ Don't know/unsure (3)
- ○ Somewhat skeptical (5)
- ○ Very skeptical (6)

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conf2 Think about vote counting throughout your county or city, and not just your own personal situation. How confident are you that **votes in your county or city** will be counted accurately in the 2024 presidential election?

- ○ Very confident (1)
- ○ Somewhat confident (2)
- ○ Don't know/unsure (3)
- ○ Somewhat skeptical (5)
- ○ Very skeptical (4)

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conf3 How confident are you that the votes of **other people in your own state** will be counted accurately in the 2024 presidential election?

- ○ Very confident (1)
- ○ Somewhat confident (2)
- ○ Don't know/unsure (3)
- ○ Somewhat skeptical (4)
- ○ Very skeptical (5)

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conf4 How confident are you that the votes of **voters in other states** will be counted accurately in the 2024 presidential election?

- ○ Very confident (1)
- ○ Somewhat confident (2)
- ○ Don't know/unsure (3)
- ○ Somewhat skeptical (5)
- ○ Very skeptical (4)

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conf5 How confident are you that **votes in your state** will be counted accurately in 2024 for offices other than the president, such as Congressional elections?

- Very confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Don't know/unsure (3)
- Somewhat skeptical (4)
- Very skeptical (5)

End of Block: Election Confidence Scale 2024

Start of Block: Issue Concerns - Your State

transition Now we are going to list several activities that are illegal. Please indicate how often you think each of these activities occur in **your state**.

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concern1 People who are not legal residents of the state voting.

- Often occurs (1)
- Sometimes occurs (2)
- Rarely occurs (3)
- Almost never occurs (4)
- Never occurs (5)

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concern2 People stealing or tampering with ballots.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

X→

concern3 People pretending to be someone else when going to vote.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

X→

concern4 People voting who are not U.S. citizens.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

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concern5 Election officials tampering with the reported vote counts.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

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concern6 Voting machines miscounting votes.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

End of Block: Issue Concerns - Your State

Start of Block: Issue Concerns - Other States

transition Now we'd like you to think about often these same activities occur in **other states outside of yours**. Please provide your best guess even if you are not sure.

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concern1_out People who are not legal residents of the state voting.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

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concern2_out People stealing or tampering with ballots.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

X→

concern3_out People pretending to be someone else when going to vote.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

X→

concern4_out People voting who are not U.S. citizens.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

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concern5_out Election officials tampering with the reported vote counts.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

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concern6_out Voting machines miscounting votes.

- ○ Often occurs (1)
- ○ Sometimes occurs (2)
- ○ Rarely occurs (3)
- ○ Almost never occurs (4)
- ○ Never occurs (5)

End of Block: Issue Concerns - Other States

Start of Block: Knowledge Election Administration

transition Finally, we'd like you to complete a few questions about election administration in your state. Please reach each question carefully.

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knowledge Which of the following, if any, are you aware of that occur in your state regarding election administration? (Check all that apply).

- [ ] Election officials test every machine used in the election to ensure they are secure. (1)
- [ ] Nonpartisan poll watchers observe the election to ensure it is fair. (2)
- [ ] Election officials conduct audits of ballots after every election to confirm the results were accurate. (3)
- [ ] Paper ballots are stored in secure facilities so there is always a paper trail and audits and recounts can be conducted. (4)
- [ ] Election officials compile data on which registered voters voted in each election that is available for public inspection. (5)
- [ ] Election officials provide an online tool where registered voters can look up their vote history (elections in which they have voted). (6)

End of Block: Knowledge Election Administration

Start of Block: Tool Experience

mc_searchtool After reading the public service message about your state, did you look up your own voting history through the online voter search tool?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I don't remember (3)

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Display This Question:

If After reading the public service message about your state, did you look up your own voting histor… = Yes

mc_searchtool2 Please rate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the statement below.

I found the online voter search tool easy to use.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Agree (2)
- Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- Disagree (4)
- Strongly disagree (5)

End of Block: Tool Experience

Start of Block: Public Records Look Up

comfort Please rate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the statement below.

I am comfortable with my vote history - meaning a list of elections I voted in, not who I voted for - being public information.

- Strongly agree (1)
- Somewhat agree (2)
- Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- Somewhat disagree (4)
- Strongly disagree (5)
- Don't know/unsure (6)

End of Block: Public Records Look Up

Start of Block: Open-ended

open_end Thinking back to the public service announcement you read about coming out of your state, what was your reaction to the message?

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End of Block: Open-ended

Start of Block: Voter Record Look Up

vote_lookup1 Prior to taking this survey, have you ever looked up **your own** voting history (which elections you have voted in) through your state's official online voter search tool?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Unsure (3)

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vote_lookup2 Prior to taking this survey, have you ever looked up **another person's** voting history (which elections you have voted in) through your state's official online voter search tool?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Unsure (3)

End of Block: Voter Record Look Up

Start of Block: Debrief

debrief IRB Study [Anon]
Title of Study: [Anon]
Principal Investigator: [Anon]
Principal Investigator Email Address: [Anon]

Thank you for your participation in this research study. For this study, it was important that I withhold some information from you about some aspects of the study. Now that your participation is complete, I will describe the withheld information to you, tell you why it was important, answer any of your questions, and provide you with the opportunity to make a decision on whether you would like to have your data included in this study.

What you should know about this study
In this study, we were interested in learning what the effects were, if any, of informing Americans that voting records are public information shapes confidence in the election system. So, we used a survey experiment (in which you were randomly assigned to one of four conditions). You might have read about voting, about public voting records, about how to access your own voting records, or you might have read about something not related to voting (recycling). This experiment is meant to determine whether informing voters that individual voters' turnout history (not who they voted for, but whether they voted) resulted in any effects on people's attitudes about election administration. We needed to withhold this information because disclosing it to you might have influenced your responses. Researchers had no access to identifiable data in this survey. You may choose to withdraw the data you provided prior to debriefing without penalty.

If you have questions, you may contact [Anon]at the contact information provided above. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a research participation in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at [Anon].

Whether you agree or do not agree to have your data used for this survey, you will still receive payment for your participation. Please do not disclose research procedures and/or purpose to anyone who might participate in this study in the future as this could affect the results of the study.

End of Block: Debrief

Start of Block: Thank you

end Thank you for taking part in this survey. Please click the proceed button to be redirected back to Prolific and register your submission.

End of Block: Thank you