Prosecutions

Start of Block: Consent

Consent **Please click "Participate" at the bottom** of the page if you wish to take the survey. Here is some key information you should know about this study when deciding whether to participate. We are researchers from Columbia University and Harvard University studying the attitudes of self-identified Republicans and independents regarding the prosecution of Donald Trump and other political issues. The following is a summary of the study that will help you decide whether or not to take part in it. *Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?* We are inviting you to take part in this research study because you have signed up to take surveys with the survey platform Cint, formerly known as Lucid. We are conducting this survey with over two thousand Americans and invite you to take part. To participate, you must be a U.S. citizen, be 18 years or older, and identify as Republican, Republican-leaning, or independent. *What should I know about a research study?* Whether or not you take part is up to you. Your participation is completely voluntary. You can choose not to take part. You can agree to take part and later change your mind. Your decision will not be held against you. Your refusal to participate will not result in any consequences or any loss of benefits that you are otherwise entitled to receive. You can ask all the questions you want before you decide. *Why is this research being done?* The purpose of this research is to learn about how self-identified Republicans and independents view the prosecution of former President Trump and other political issues. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can also agree to take part in the study now and later change your mind. Your decision not to participate or to discontinue your participation will not be held against you. You are welcome to ask any questions before you decide whether to participate. (See the contact information below.) *How long will the research last and what will I need to do?* If you participate in this study, we will ask you to respond to a short survey lasting about 7 minutes. You will be assigned randomly into one of three groups for the survey. All groups will receive written, factual information about the prosecution of Donald Trump. Two groups will also watch one-minute videos about the prosecution. *Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?* We do not believe that there are any risks from participating in this research. *Will being in this study help me in any way?* We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. *Who can I talk to?* If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, please contact Andrew O'Donohue at aodonohue@g.harvard.edu, or Daniel Markovits at dbm2143@columbia.edu. This research has been reviewed and approved by the Harvard University Area Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). You may talk to them at (617) 496-2847 or cuhs@harvard.edu if: Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team. You cannot reach the research team. You want to talk to someone besides the research team. You have questions about your rights as a research subject. You want to get information or provide input about this research.

- ○ Participate (2)
- ○ I do not wish to participate (3)

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End of Block: Consent

Start of Block: Pre-Treatment Questions

Education What is the highest degree or level of education that you have completed?

- ○ No schooling completed (1)
- ○ Kindergarten through grade 11 (2)
- ○ Regular high school diploma or GED (3)
- ○ Some college credit but no degree (4)
- ○ Associate's degree (such as AA, AS) (5)
- ○ Bachelor's degree (such as BA, BS) (6)
- ○ Master's degree or higher (7)

Democracy 1 The next questions are about democracy... Countries around the world differ in whether they are democracies. The following practices occur around the world. How much do you think each practice is part of democracy? The government ignores unfavorable court rulings.

- Completely democratic (1)
- Somewhat democratic (2)
- Slightly democratic (3)
- Not very democratic (4)
- Not at all democratic (5)

Democracy 2 People who lose elections transfer power peacefully to the winners.

- Completely democratic (1)
- Somewhat democratic (2)
- Slightly democratic (3)
- Not very democratic (4)
- Not at all democratic (5)

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CNBC Perception What do you think of the TV channel CNBC?

- ○ Very Republican (1)
- ○ Somewhat Republican (2)
- ○ Neither Republican nor Democrat (3)
- ○ Somewhat Democrat (4)
- ○ Very Democrat (5)

Non_partisan Which best describes the U.S. Department of Justice?

- ○ Extremely partisan (1)
- ○ Very partisan (2)
- ○ Somewhat partisan (3)
- ○ Not very partisan (4)
- ○ Not at all partisan (5)

Ideology How would you describe your political ideology?

- ○ Extremely liberal (1)
- ○ Liberal (2)
- ○ Slightly liberal (3)
- ○ Moderate (4)
- ○ Slightly conservative (5)
- ○ Conservative (6)
- ○ Extremely conservative (7)

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- ☐ Blue (1)
- ☐ Red (2)
- ☐ Yellow (3)
- ☐ Green (4)
- ☐ Orange (5)

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Smith Favorability Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jack Smith (photo below)?

- ○ Very favorable (1)
- ○ Somewhat favorable (2)
- ○ Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- ○ Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- ○ Very unfavorable (8)
- ○ I don't know this person. (9)

Trump Favorability Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

- ○ Very favorable (1)
- ○ Somewhat favorable (2)
- ○ Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- ○ Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- ○ Very unfavorable (6)
- ○ I don't know this person. (8)

End of Block: Pre-Treatment Questions

Start of Block: Partisan Treatment

Trump_blurb As you may know, Donald Trump has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to his handling of classified documents after he left office as president. Please watch the following short video, in which Donald Trump addresses the prosecution. **You will be asked a question to test your comprehension.** Click the arrow to watch the video. To proceed to the next screen after the video you will have to wait 60 seconds.

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partisan_check In the prior video, Donald Trump claimed his opponents were interfering with what?

- ○ The economy (1)
- ○ The election (2)
- ○ Foreign policy (3)
- ○ The Russia-Ukraine war (5)

End of Block: Partisan Treatment

Start of Block: Non-Partisan Treatment

Non-partisan Blurb As you may know, Donald Trump has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to his handling of classified documents after he left office as president. Please watch the following short video, in which the federal prosecutor Jack Smith discusses the prosecution. **You will be asked a question to test your comprehension.** Click the arrow to watch the video. To proceed to the next screen after the video you will have to wait 60 seconds.

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nonpartisan_check In the prior video, the official says that Donald Trump was charged with violating which type of laws?

- ○ Campaign finance laws (1)
- ○ National security laws (2)
- ○ Tax laws (5)
- ○ International laws (6)

End of Block: Non-Partisan Treatment

Start of Block: Placebo Condition

Placebo blurb As you may know, Donald Trump has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to his handling of classified documents after he left office as president. Please watch the following short video. **You will be asked a question to test your comprehension.** Click the arrow to watch the video. To proceed to the next screen after the video you will have to wait 60 seconds.

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Placebo Attn Check What was the profession of the man being interviewed?

- Lawyer (2)
- Venture capitalist (3)
- Politician (4)
- Author (5)

End of Block: Placebo Condition

Start of Block: Support for Prosecution

Facts Prosecutors have claimed that Donald Trump kept classified documents that he should have returned, including sensitive military documents. How likely do think this claim is to be true?

- Very unlikely (1)
- Unlikely (2)
- Somewhat likely (3)
- Likely (4)
- Very likely (5)

Justified Do you agree or disagree: The prosecution of Donald Trump is politically motivated.

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

Norm Violation Do you agree or disagree: The prosecution of Donald Trump is a violation of democratic norms.

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

Post Jack Smith Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jack Smith (photo below)?

- ○ Very favorable (1)
- ○ Somewhat favorable (2)
- ○ Neither favorable nor unfavorable (3)
- ○ Somewhat unfavorable (4)
- ○ Very unfavorable (8)
- ○ I don't know this person. (9)

Post DOJ Which best describes the U.S. Department of Justice?

- Extremely partisan (1)
- Very partisan (2)
- Somewhat partisan (3)
- Not very partisan (4)
- Not at all partisan (5)

End of Block: Support for Prosecution

Start of Block: Political Attitudes

Trump Approval How do you feel about Donald Trump?

- Extremely positive (1)
- Very positive (2)
- Somewhat positive (3)
- Neither positive nor negative (4)
- Somewhat negative (5)
- Very negative (6)
- Extremely negative (7)

Trump Primary Vote How likely are you to vote for Donald Trump in the 2024 Republican primary?

- ○ 90-100% likely (1)
- ○ 80-90% likely (2)
- ○ 70-80% likely (3)
- ○ 60-70% likely (4)
- ○ 50-60% likely (5)
- ○ 40-50% likely (6)
- ○ 30-40% likely (7)
- ○ 20-30% likely (8)
- ○ 10-20% likely (9)
- ○ 0-10% likely (10)

Thermometer We'd like you to rate how you feel towards some groups on a scale of 0 to 100. Zero means very unfavorable and 100 means very favorable. Fifty means you do not feel favorable or unfavorable. How would you rate your feeling toward...

	Unfavorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Favorable
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DEMOCRATS ()			
REPUBLICANS ()			

End of Block: Political Attitudes

Start of Block: Democratic Norms

direct_1 Do you agree or disagree: If a Republican is elected president, the president should fire the prosecutors who brought criminal charges against Donald Trump.

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

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direct_2 Do you agree or disagree: If a Republican is elected president, the president should bring the Department of Justice and FBI under direct presidential control.

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

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direct_3 Do you agree or disagree: If a Republican is elected president, the president should open criminal investigations into the behavior of Democrats like Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer.

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

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indirect_1 Do you agree or disagree: When a Republican candidate questions the outcome of an election, other Republicans should be more loyal to the Republican party than to election rules and the constitution.

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

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indirect_2 Do you agree or disagree: The government should be able to censor media sources that spend more time attacking Republicans than Democrats.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (6)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

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indirect_3 Do you agree or disagree: The stakes of politics have become so high that violence is necessary to prevent our opponents from destroying America.

- ○ Strongly agree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (6)
- ○ Neither agree nor disagree (2)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ○ Strongly disagree (5)

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open_ended In a sentence or two, how do you feel about the prosecution of Donald Trump?

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End of Block: Democratic Norms

Start of Block: disqualification

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