Informed Consent

Survey of Attitudes about Politics and Political Groups

Thank you very much for participating in this survey. This survey will ask you questions about your political views and thoughts about political groups. The following page presents additional information about this study, and asks you to give your consent to participate.

The Ohio State University Consent to Participate in Research

Study Title: Survey of Attitudes about Politics and Political Groups
Researchers: Jon Kingzette and Michael Neblo

This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate.
Purpose: This survey asks people for their views.
Procedures/Tasks: You will answer a variety of questions concerning your views on politics and political groups.
Duration: The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.
Your participation is voluntary. You may discontinue the study at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study, you will not receive compensation.

Risks and Benefits. You will be compensated for your time spent completing this survey. Some of the material concerns controversial issues. If this makes you uncomfortable, you may stop participating at any time.

Incentives. You will be compensated for your time spent completing this survey. The amount of compensation you will receive is determined by your panel provider. You are required to complete every question in this survey to receive compensation.

Confidentiality. Every effort will be made to keep your study-related information confidential. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released. For example, personal information regarding your participation in this study may be disclosed if required by state law. Also, your records may be reviewed by the following groups (as applicable to the research):

- Office for Human Research Protections or other federal, state, or international regulatory agencies;
- The Ohio State University Institutional Review Board or Office of Responsible Research Practices;
- The sponsor, if any, or agency (including the Food and Drug Administration for FDA-regulated research) supporting the study.

Although every effort to protect confidentiality will be made, no guarantee of internet security can be given as, although unlikely, transmissions can be intercepted and IP addresses can be identified. Your data will be protected with a code to reduce the risk that other people can view the responses.
You may refuse to participate in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you are a student or employee at Ohio State, your decision will not affect your grades or employment status.

By acknowledging this form, you do not give up any personal legal rights you may have as a participant in this study.

This study has been determined Exempt from IRB Review.

For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact Ms. Sandra Meadows in the Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251.

For questions, concerns, complaints, or if you feel you have been harmed as a result of study participation you may contact Jon Kingzette, PhD candidate, Department of Political Science (kingzette.1@osu.edu).

By clicking the "I agree" button below, you acknowledge that you understand the material on this page and you agree to participate in the study. If you do not wish to participate in the research study, please decline participation by clicking on the "I disagree" button below.

I agree

I disagree

Ideology Battery

We are going to ask a few questions about your views on public policy. Please select the answer that is closest to your view on each question.

There is much concern about the rapid rise in medical and hospital costs. Some people feel that it is the federal government's responsibility to provide a single national health care program. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Single national government program						Private insurance plan

Should federal spending on aid to poor people be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

Greatly increased	Increased	Slightly increased	Kept about the same	Slightly decreased	Decreased	Greatly decreased

There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Please select the opinion below that is closest to your own view.

By law, abortion should never be permitted.

By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion.

Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative action programs for racial minorities and women?

Strongly favor	Favor	Slightly favor	Neither favor nor disfavor	Slightly disfavor	Disfavor	Strongly disfavor

Do you think the number of border patrols on the U.S.-Mexican border should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

The number of border patrols should be greatly increased

The number of border patrols should be slightly increased

The number of border patrols should stay about the same

The number of border patrols should be slightly decreased

The number of border patrols should be greatly decreased

Political Interest

Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...

Most of the time

Some of the time

Only now and then

Hardly at all

Ideological identity

When it comes to politics, how would you rate yourself on the following scale?

Very liberal

Liberal

Somewhat liberal

Moderate, middle of the road

Somewhat conservative

Conservative

Very conservative

ANES FT

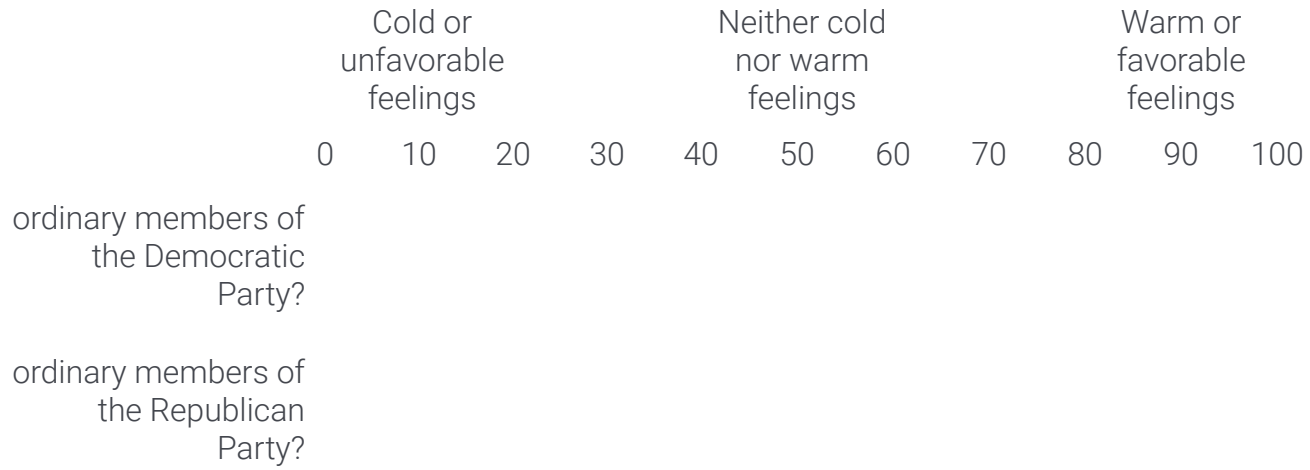
We would like to get your feelings toward the two major parties in the United States using what is called the feeling thermometer scale. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the party. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the party and that you don't care too much for that party. You would rate the party at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the party. How do you feel toward the...

	Cold or unfavorable feelings				Neither warm nor cold feelings				Warm or favorable feelings		
	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Democratic Party?											
Republican Party?											

Citizens FT

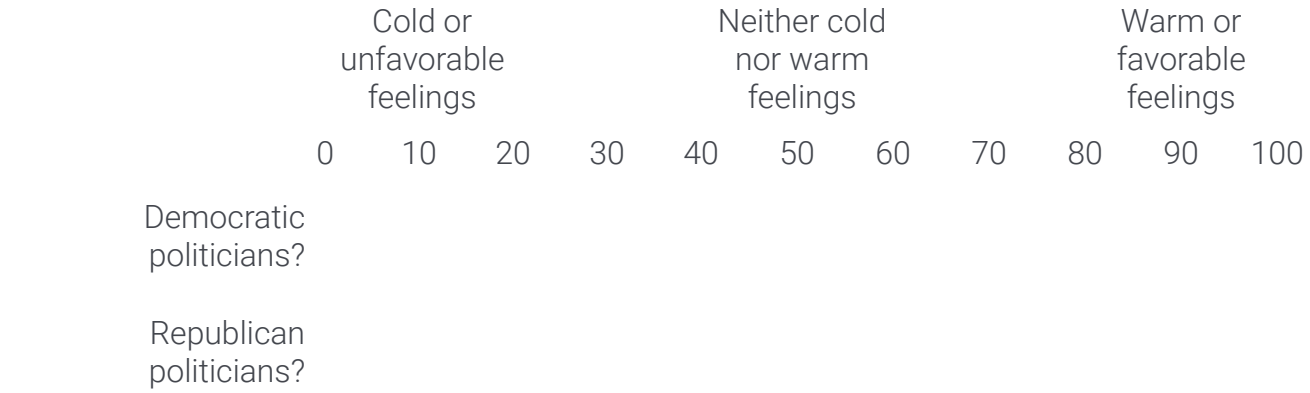
Now we would like to get your feelings toward ordinary members of the two major parties. By ordinary members of the parties, we mean people in the mass public who would call themselves Democrats or Republicans, NOT politicians. How do you feel toward...

	Cold or unfavorable feelings				Neither cold nor warm feelings				Warm or favorable feelings		
	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100



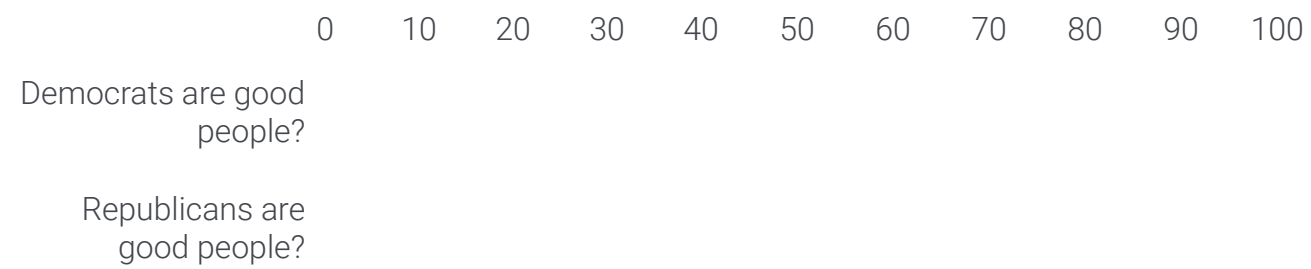
Elites FT

Now we would like to get your feelings toward politicians in the two major parties. How do you feel toward...



Generalization

One of the previous questions asked you to rate how you feel toward ordinary people who would call themselves Democrats or Republicans. Now we would like to ask you something a little different. We would like for you to tell us what percentage of ordinary people who would call themselves Democrats or Republicans are "good people," whatever that term means to you. What percentage of...



Precedence for Reps

Finally, we would like to ask you about how you would feel in a couple hypothetical scenarios. Note that these are hypothetical. Even if you think the following are unlikely to occur, please give the response that most closely matches how you would feel if it did happen.

Imagine you have a son or daughter who is about to marry a Democrat who you disagree with on most political issues. How would you feel about their marriage?

Extremely happy

Moderately happy

Slightly happy

Neither happy nor unhappy

Slightly unhappy

Moderately unhappy

Extremely unhappy

Now imagine that you know that your son or daughter is happy in their relationship with this Democrat. How would you feel about their marriage given this information?

Extremely happy

Moderately happy

Slightly happy

Neither happy nor unhappy

Slightly unhappy

Moderately unhappy

Extremely unhappy

Imagine new neighbors moved next door who publicly support the Democratic Party by putting up election signs. How would you feel about these neighbors?

Extremely happy

Moderately happy

Slightly happy

Neither happy nor unhappy

Slightly unhappy

Moderately unhappy

Extremely unhappy

Now imagine that these Democratic neighbors are also kind people who always make it a point to say hello and see how you are doing? How would you feel about these neighbors given this information?

Extremely happy

Moderately happy

Slightly happy

Neither happy nor unhappy

Slightly unhappy

Moderately unhappy

Extremely unhappy

Precedence for Dems

Finally, we would like to ask you about how you would feel in a couple hypothetical scenarios. Note that these are hypothetical. Even if you think the following are unlikely to occur, please give the response that most closely matches how you would feel if it did happen.

Imagine you have a son or daughter who is about to marry a Republican who you disagree with on most political issues. How would you feel about their marriage?

Extremely happy
Moderately happy
Slightly happy
Neither happy nor unhappy
Slightly unhappy
Moderately unhappy
Extremely unhappy

Now imagine that you know that your son or daughter is happy in their relationship with this Republican. How would you feel about their marriage given this information?

Extremely happy
Moderately happy
Slightly happy
Neither happy nor unhappy
Slightly unhappy
Moderately unhappy
Extremely unhappy

Imagine new neighbors moved next door who publicly support the Republican Party by putting up election signs. How would you feel about these neighbors?

Extremely happy
Moderately happy
Slightly happy
Neither happy nor unhappy
Slightly unhappy
Moderately unhappy
Extremely unhappy

Now imagine that these Republican neighbors are also kind people who always make it a point to say hello and see how you are doing? How would you feel about these neighbors given this information?

Extremely happy

Moderately happy

Slightly happy

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