Full List of Items

Study 1

Affective Polarization Scale

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2) Unlike [Democrats/Republicans], [Republicans/Democrats] are generally all the same
3) Although they hold different views, [Republicans/Democrats] are very similar to us [Democrats/Republicans] as people.
4) Some people like to say that us [Democrats/Republicans] are fundamentally different from [Republicans/Democrats], but deep down we are all Americans.
5) As [Democrats/Republicans], It is important to differentiate ourselves from [Republicans/Democrats].
6) It is us [Democrats/Republicans] versus [Republicans/Democrats].
7) [Republicans/Democrats] lead very different lifestyles from us as [Democrats/Republicans]
8) [Republicans/Democrats] are hurting our society.
9) Compared to [Democrats/Republicans], [Republicans/Democrats] seem like strange people.
10) [Republicans/Democrats] seem out of place when they are around us [Democrats/Republicans].
11) When I am around [Republicans/Democrats], I feel like I am among people I cannot relate to at all.

12) [Republicans/Democrats] live in a different world from us [Democrats/Republicans].
13) Whatever differences there are between us [Democrats/Republicans] and [Republicans/Democrats] are not important compared to what we have in common.
14) It is often difficult for us as [Democrats/Republicans] to relate to people who are [Republicans/Democrats]
15) [Republicans/Democrats] act in ways that us [Democrats/Republicans] could never understand.

Aversion

16) [Republicans/Democrats] are not to be trusted.
17) As a [Democrat/Republican], I would not want my child to marry a [Republican/Democrat].
18) As a [Democrat/Republican], I would not want to be friends with someone who was a [Republican/Democrat].
19) If I found out a friend of mine was a [Republican/Democrat], I would want to stop spending time with them.
20) [Republicans/Democrats] are usually honest.
21) Most [Republicans/Democrats] are fundamentally selfish.
22) Most [Republicans/Democrats] are warm people.
23) In general, [Republicans/Democrats] are cruel people.
24) I would be happy to attend a social gathering where most people were [Republicans/Democrats].
25) Although I do not agree with their political views, there are people I like who are [Republicans/Democrats].
26) There is no way for us [Democrats/Republicans] to get along with [Republicans/Democrats].

27) I do not have any respect for [Republicans/Democrats].

28) I dislike spending time with [Republicans/Democrats].

29) The lifestyles of [Republicans/Democrats] are just as valid as the lifestyles of us [Democrats/Republicans]

30) It is best for us [Democrats/Republicans] to keep to ourselves rather than spending time with [Republicans/Democrats].

Moralization

31) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are connected to my core moral beliefs.

32) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican] is connected to my core moral beliefs.

33) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are based on fundamental questions of right and wrong

34) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican] reflects my beliefs about the difference between right and wrong.

35) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are based on moral principles.

36) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican is rooted in moral principles.

37) As a [Democrat/Republican], I feel that my positions on politics are morally correct in ways that [Republicans'/Democrats'] positions are not.

38) [Republicans'/Democrats'] views on politics make them bad people.

39) Identifying as a [Republican/Democrat] rather than a [Democrat/Republican] makes someone a bad person.

40) In general, us [Democrats/Republicans] are better people than [Republicans/Democrats].

41) Unlike us [Democrats/Republicans], most [Republicans/Democrats] lack a moral compass.

42) Us [Democrats/Republicans] are the good guys, and [Republicans/Democrats] are the bad

guys.

43) As a [Democrat/Republican], I have little respect for the values of [Republicans/Democrats].

44) [Republicans/Democrats] do not differ morally from us [Democrats/Republicans].

45) It is impossible to see how a morally decent person could ever identify as a [Republican/Democrat].

Party Identification

How would you describe your **political party preference** (choose one)?

1 Strong Democrat

2 Weak Democrat

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4 Independent

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6 Weak Republican

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Ideological Self Placement

How would you describe your ideological preference in general (choose one)?

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Partisan Social Identity

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Republicans (0-100)

Democrats (0-100)

Conservatives (0-100)

Liberals (0-100)

Support for Partisan Violence

Please share your views on the following questions.

1. When, if ever, is it OK for [Democrats/Republicans] to send threatening and intimidating messages to [Republican/Democratic] party leaders? Please choose a point on the scale below that best describes your view. [Sliding scale from 0 (Never) to 100 (Always)]

2. When, if ever, is it OK for an ordinary [Democrats/Republicans] in the public to harass an ordinary [Republican/Democrat] on the Internet, in a way that makes the target feel frightened? Please choose a point on the scale below that best describes your view. [Sliding scale from 0 (Never) to 100 (Always)]

3. How much do you feel it is justified for [Democrats/Republicans] to use violence in advancing their political goals these days? Please choose a point on the scale below that best describes your view. [Sliding scale from 0 (Not justified at all) to 100 (Extremely justified)]

4. How much do you feel it is justified for [Democrats/Republicans] to use violence if the [Republican/Democratic] party wins the next presidential election? Please choose a point on the scale below that best describes your view. [Sliding scale from 0 (Not justified at all) to 100 (Extremely justified)]

Electoral Cheating

1. Imagine that it's just after a local election and one of your acquaintances, who is a registered [Democrat/Republican], admits to you they voted twice in the election. If you reported

your acquaintance to an election official, their votes would not be counted, they would have to pay a small fine, and they would not know you reported them.

How likely is it that you would report your acquaintance to an election official?

1 Very likely

2 Likely

3 Slightly likely

4 Neither likely nor unlikely

5 Slightly unlikely

6 Unlikely

7 Very unlikely

2. Now, imagine a new scenario.

It's the day after the 2020 election. A reliable [Democratic/Republican] county in your state is under scrutiny for allowing people to vote past your state's mandated poll closing time. Due to voter demand, polling places in this [Democratic/Republican] county stayed open until midnight. State law requires that polling places close at 8pm.

Should votes cast after 8pm be counted?

1 Definitely should be counted

2 Should be counted

3 Probably should be counted

4 Uncertain

5 Probably should be NOT counted

6 Should be NOT counted

7 Definitely should be NOT counted

3. Now, imagine a new scenario.

Imagine you're employed to work at your local polling place on election day 2020. You are required to check voters' state-issued ID to ensure they're eligible to vote. An acquaintance who you know is a registered [Democrat/Republican], comes to vote and presents their registration card but is unable to present an appropriate form of ID. Under state law, your acquaintance would not be allowed to cast a ballot without appropriate ID.

In this situation, how likely are you to allow your acquaintance to vote?

1 Very likely

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4. Now, imagine a new scenario.

Imagine that it's the day before the 2020 election. You intend to vote, but realize that you have lost your voter ID, and will not be able to vote without it. You mention this to your friend, who is a registered independent, and your friend offers to let you use his voter ID. In your state, only a voter ID is required to vote and you will not need to present any photo identification to vote.

How likely is it that you would go vote by using your friend's voter ID?

1 Very likely

2	Likely
3	Slightly likely
4	Neither likely nor unlikely
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6	Unlikely
7	Very unlikely

Rules of the Game

1. There are times when it almost seems better for the people to take the law into their own hands rather than wait for the machinery of government to act.

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2. The majority has the right to abolish the minorities if it wants to.

3. We might as well make up or minds that in order to make the world better a lot of innocent people will have to suffer.

4. If congressional committees stuck strictly to the rules and gave every witness his rights, they would never succeed in exposing the many dangerous subversives they have turned up.

5. I don't mind a politician's methods if he manages to get the right things done.

6. Almost any unfairness or brutality may have to be justified when some great purpose is being carried out.

7. Politicians have to cut a few corners if they are going to get anywhere.

8. People ought to be allowed to vote even if they can't do so intelligently.

9. To bring about great changes for the benefit of mankind often requires cruelty and even ruthlessness.

10. Very few politicians have clean records, so why get excited about the mudslinging that sometimes goes on?

11. It is all right to get around the law if you don't actually break it.

12. The true American way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.

Trait Rating Scales

1. Where would you rate Democrats in general on these scales?

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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, or hardly at all?

1. Most of the time

2. Some of the time

3. Only now and then

4. Hardly at all

Political Knowledge

1. What job or political office does Kamala Harris currently hold?

(a) Attorney General

(b) Vice President

(c) Secretary of State

(d) Speaker of the House

(e) Governor of New Hampshire

2. What job or political office does John Roberts currently hold?

(a) Secretary of Defense

(b) Attorney General

(c) Senate Majority Leader

(d) Secretary of the Interior

(e) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

3. What job or political office does Boris Johnson currently hold?

(a) Speaker of the United Nations General Assembly

(b) Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

(c) Prime Minister of Australia

(d) U.S. envoy to the United Nations

(e) Head of the European Commission

4. What job or political office does Nancy Pelosi currently hold?

(a) Speaker of the House

(b) Secretary of the Treasury

(c) Secretary of Homeland Security

(d) White House Chief of Staff

(e) Attorney General

5. Which political party currently has the most members in the Senate in Washington?

(a) Democrats

(b) Republicans

(c) Both parties have the same number of members in the Senate

6. Which political party currently has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington?

(a) Democrats

(b) Republicans

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7. How long is the term of office for a U.S. senator?

(a) 2 years

(b) 4 years

(c) 5 years

(d) 6 years

(e) 8 years

8. Whose responsibility is it to nominate judges to the Federal Courts — the President, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

(a) The President

(b) Congress

(c) The Supreme Court

Political Violence

Jon James Fishnick was convicted last week of [crime]. He was arrested by police [description].

Protesting without a permit

after leading a protest against [outparty] on the grounds of the county courthouse. He made no effort to acquire the necessary permit for the protest and refused to leave when asked by police.

Vandalism

after he cut down several large signs expressing support for candidates of the [outparty] party.

Assault

for throwing rocks at peaceful [outparty] protesters. Although no one was seriously injured, paramedics bandaged a man with a head wound.

Arson

as he attempted to run from a fire he started at the local [outparty] party headquarters. Although he waited for the building to close for the night, several adjacent buildings were still occupied.

Assault with a deadly weapon

after driving his car into a crowd of [outparty] protesters. Although no one was killed, several individuals were seriously injured and one spent a month in the hospital.

Murder

after surveillance footage was found showing Fisknick stabbing a prominent [outparty] to death. Fisknick targeted the victim because he stopped Fisknick from voting in the last election. Fisknick claims the victim wanted to stop [inparty] voters.

1. The judge is expected to sentence Fishnick next week. We are interested in what sentence you think is appropriate:
   - Community service
   - 1 - 3 days in jail
   - 4 - 30 days in jail
   - 2 - 3 months in jail
   - 4 - 6 months in jail
   - 7 months to 1 year in jail
   - 2 - 5 years in prison
   - 6 - 10 years in prison
   - 11 - 15 years in prison
   - 16 - 20 years in prison
   - More than 20 years in prison
2. Would you support or oppose a pardon for Jon James Fishnick?
   - Strongly Support
   - Support
   - Neither support nor oppose
   - Oppose
   - Strongly Oppose

ANES Democratic norms

For the next few items, we would like to know how important you think each one is to the United States maintaining a strong democracy.

First, how important is it that news organizations are free to criticize political leaders?

1. Not important at all
2. A little important
3. Moderately important
4. Very important
5. Extremely important

How important is it that elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct?

1. Not important at all
2. A little important
3. Moderately important
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How important is it that people agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically?

1. Not important at all
2. A little important
3. Moderately important
4. Very important
5. Extremely important

Would it be helpful, harmful, or neither helpful nor harmful if U.S. presidents could work on the country's problems without paying attention to what Congress and the courts say?

1. Extremely Helpful
2. Moderately helpful
3. Slightly helpful
4. Neither helpful nor harmful
5. Slightly harmful
6. Moderately helpful
7. Extremely Helpful

Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose elected officials restricting journalists' access to information about government decision-making?

1. Strongly favor
2. Moderately favor
3. Slightly favor
4. Neither favor or oppose
5. Slightly oppose
6. Moderately oppose
7. Strongly oppose

How concerned are you that some people in the government today might want to undermine the news media's ability to serve as a check on governmental power?

1. Not at all concerned
2. A little concerned

3. Moderately concerned

4. Very concerned

5. Extremely concerned

In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the news media when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately, and fairly?

1. None

2. A little

3. A moderate amount

4. A lot

5. A great deal

In general, how appropriate or inappropriate is it for the president of the United States to ask leaders of foreign countries to investigate political rivals?

1. Very appropriate

2. Somewhat appropriate

3. Neither appropriate or inappropriate

4. Somewhat inappropriate

5. Very inappropriate

Support for undemocratic candidate

For the next series of questions, please imagine a [Inparty] candidate runs for office against a [Outparty] candidate.

Please choose a point that best describes your view on the below scale that goes from extremely likely to vote for the [Outparty] candidate to extremely likely to vote for the [Inparty] candidate. (0-100 scale)

1. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they said they would prosecute journalists who accuse them of misconduct if the journalists won't reveal their sources?

2. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they said they would ban far-[left/right] group rallies on the state capitol grounds?

3. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they said they would ignore unfavorable court rulings by [Outparty]-appointed judges?

4. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they support a proposal to reduce the number of polling stations in areas that support the [Outparty] party?

5. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they support a redistricting plan that gives [Inparty] 10 extra seats despite a decline in the polls?

6. How likely would you be to vote for the [Inparty] candidate if you learned that they said that [Inparty]s should not accept election results if they do not win?

Partisan spite

I think the [Inparty]s should do everything they can to hurt the [Outparty] party, even if it is at the short-term expense of the country.

1. Strongly disagree
2. Disagree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Neither
5. Somewhat agree
6. Agree
7. Strongly agree

I think the [Inparty]s should do everything in their power within the law to make it as difficult as possible for [Outparty]s to vote.

[Inparty]s should redraw districts to maximize their potential to win more seats in federal elections, even if it may be technically illegal.

If [Inparty]s gain control of all branches of government, they should use the Federal Communications Commission to heavily restrict or shut down [Fox News/MSNBC] to stop the spread of fake news.

It's OK to sacrifice US economic prosperity in the short term in order to hurt [Outparty]s' chances in future elections.

Authoritarian rule

Here are various types of political systems. For each one, would you say it is a very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad way of governing this country?

1. Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with congress and elections?

   Very bad

   Fairly bad

   Neither bad nor good

   Fairly good

   Very good

2. Having army rule?

   Very bad

   Fairly bad

   Neither bad nor good

   Fairly good

   Very good

Need for closure 15

1. I don't like situations that are uncertain. 4
2. I dislike questions which could be answered in many different ways. 5
3. I find that a well ordered life with regular hours suits my temperament. 1
4. I feel uncomfortable when I don't understand the reason why an event occurred in my life. 4
5. I feel irritated when one person disagrees with what everyone else in a group believes. 5

6. I don't like to go into a situation without knowing what I can expect from it. 2
7. When I have made a decision, I feel relieved. 3
8. When I am confronted with a problem, I'm dying to reach a solution very quickly. 3
9. I would quickly become impatient and irritated if I could not find a solution to a problem immediately. 3
10. I don't like to be with people who are capable of unexpected actions. 2
11. I dislike it when a person's statement could mean many different things. 4
12. I find that establishing a consistent routine enables me to enjoy life more. 1
13. I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life. 1
14. I do not usually consult many different opinions before forming my own view. 5
15. I dislike unpredictable situations. 2

    1 = order, 2 = predictability, 3 = decisiveness (revised scale), 4 = ambiguity, 5 = closed-mindedness.

Study 4 (all wording is the same across waves)

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1) I feel as though [Democrats/Republicans] are very different from [Republicans/Democrats].

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

2) Republicans/Democrats] lead very different lifestyles from us as [Democrats/Republicans]

3) [Republicans/Democrats] are hurting our society.

4) Compared to [Democrats/Republicans], [Republicans/Democrats] seem like strange people.
5) [Republicans/Democrats] seem out of place when they are around us [Democrats/Republicans].
6) [Republicans/Democrats] live in a different world from us [Democrats/Republicans].
7) It is often difficult for us as [Democrats/Republicans] to relate to people who are [Republicans/Democrats]
8) [Republicans/Democrats] act in ways that us [Democrats/Republicans] could never understand.

Aversion

1) As a [Democrat/Republican], I would not want to be friends with someone who was a [Republican/Democrat].
2) If I found out a friend of mine was a [Republican/Democrat], I would want to stop spending time with them.
3) I would be happy to attend a social gathering where most people were [Republicans/Democrats].
4) Although I do not agree with their political views, there are people I like who are [Republicans/Democrats].
5) Identifying as a [Republican/Democrat] rather than a [Democrat/Republican] makes someone a bad person.
6) Some people like to say that us [Democrats/Republicans] are fundamentally different from [Republicans/Democrats], but deep down we are all Americans.

Moralization

1) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are connected to my core moral beliefs.

2) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican] is connected to my core moral beliefs.
3) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are based on fundamental questions of right and wrong
4) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican] reflects my beliefs about the difference between right and wrong.
5) As a [Democrat/Republican], my feelings about politics are based on moral principles.
6) My identity as a [Democrat/Republican is rooted in moral principles.

Partisan Identity

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

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Independent
4. Other party (pleaser specify)

[IF CHOOSE: Democrat OR Republican] Would you call yourself a strong [Democrat/Republican] or a not very strong [Democrat/Republican]?

1. Strong [Democrat/Republican]
2. Not very strong [Democrat/Republican]

[IF CHOOSE: Independent OR Other] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Neither

Partisan Social Identity

1. How important is being a [Democrat/Republican] to you?

1 Extremely important

2 Very important

3 Not very important

4 Not important at all

2. How well does the term [Democrat/Republican] describe you?

1 Extremely well

2 Very well

3 Not very well

4 Not at all

3. When talking about [Democrats/Republicans], how often do you use "we" instead of "they"?

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 Rarely

5 Never

4. To what extent do you think of yourself as being a [Democrat/Republican]?

1 A great deal

2 Somewhat

3 Very little

4 Not at all

Feeling Thermometers

We would like to get your feelings toward the following individuals or entities. Please rate these entities using something we call the "feeling thermometer."

Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the entity. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the entity and that you don't care too much for that entity.

You would rate the entity at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the entity. There is no right or wrong answer.

1. Republicans [0-100]
2. Democrats [0-100]

Political Knowledge

1. What job or political office does John Roberts currently hold?

(a) Secretary of Defense

(b) Attorney General

(c) Senate Majority Leader

(d) Secretary of the Interior

(e) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

2. What job or political office is now held by Olaf Scholz?

(b) Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

(c) Chancellor of Germany

(d) Secretary General of the United Nations

(e) President of the European Commission

3. Which party currently controls the presidency?

(a) The Democratic Party

(b) The Republican Party

4. How long is the term of office for a U.S. senator?

(a) 2 years

(b) 4 years

(c) 6 years

(d) 8 years

Political Violence

Is it ever OK to send threatening and intimidating messages to political leaders?

1. Never
2. Occasionally
3. Frequently
4. Under most Circumstances
5. Always

Ordinary citizens may have to resort to violence to save our democracy.

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

What do you think about making threats to advance an important political objective that you support?

1. Never justified
2. Sometimes justified
3. Usually justified
4. Always justified

What do you think about making threats to oppose the government when it does not share your beliefs?

1. Never justified
2. Sometimes justified
3. Usually justified
4. Always justified

What do you think about making threats to save our political institutions?

1. Never justified
2. Sometimes justified
3. Usually justified
4. Always justified