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This study is an international survey covering recent national elections held worldwide. It is conducted by an independent team of scholars based in the United States, Australia, and Europe. People have different opinions about the quality of elections and in this survey we are interested in learning your views about how the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 was conducted in ${e://Field/State}.

The survey usually takes around 12 minutes to complete. Your answers are anonymous and all replies will be treated with the strictest confidence.

You are welcome to contact us at eip@hks.harvard.edu for any further information. You can read the relevant Participation Information Statement [LINK], which provides more information about this study.

Completing the survey is an indication that you have read and understand the Participation Information Statement. Thank you for your collaboration.

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Q 0_1
Please enter the confidential reference number you were given when invited to participate*

Q 0_2
We ask you to answer the questionnaire only in regards to how the election was run in ${e://Field/State}, not at the national level. Please confirm the state for which you will be answering the following questions.

Q 0_3
What was the DATE of the election?

Q1

1/16 When thinking about the electoral laws used in the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 in ${e://Field/State}.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
1. Electoral laws were unfair to smaller parties	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
2. Electoral laws favored the governing party or parties	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
3. Elections laws restricted citizens' rights	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q2

2/16 In terms of electoral procedures...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
4.Elections were well managed	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
5.Information about voting procedures was widely available	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
6.Election officials were fair	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
7.Elections were conducted in accordance with the law	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q3
3/16 Turning to the process of drawing boundaries for voting districts in ${e://Field/State}...
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

In some countries the electoral district boundaries are re-defined at intervals, a process also known as 'redistricting'. If this does not apply in ${e://Field/State}, please reply 'not applicable'.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
8. Boundaries discriminated against some parties	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
9. Boundaries favored incumbents	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
10. Boundaries were impartial	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q4
4/16 Turning to voter registration in ${e://Field/State}...
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
11. Some citizens were not listed in the register	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
12. The electoral register was inaccurate	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
13. Some ineligible electors were registered	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q5

5/16 Thinking about the registration process for candidates to get on the ballot for the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 in ${e://Field/State}...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
14. Some opposition candidates were prevented from running	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
15. Women had equal opportunities to run for office	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
16. Ethnic and national minorities had equal opportunities to run for office	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
17. Only top party leaders selected candidates	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
18. Some parties/candidates were restricted from holding campaign rallies	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q6

6/16 Thinking about the local media's coverage of the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 in ${e://Field/State}…

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
19. Newspapers provided balanced election news	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
20. TV news favored the incumbent party	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
21. Parties/candidates had fair access to political broadcasts and advertising	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
22. Journalists provided fair coverage of the elections	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
23. Social media were used to expose electoral fraud	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q7

7/16 Another issue concerns campaign finance in ${e://Field/State}…

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
24. Parties/candidates had equitable access to public political subsidies	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
25. Parties/candidates had equitable access to political donations	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
26. Parties/candidates publish transparent financial accounts	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
27. Rich people buy elections	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
28. Some state resources were improperly used for campaigning	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q8

8/16 When voting in the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 in ${e://Field/State}...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
29. Some voters were threatened with violence at the polls	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
30. Some fraudulent votes were cast	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
31. The process of voting was easy	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
32. Voters were offered a genuine choice at the ballot box	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
33. Postal ballots were available	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
34. Special voting facilities were available for the disabled	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
35. National citizens living abroad could vote	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
36. Some form of internet voting was available	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q9

9/16 Thinking about after the polls closed in ${e://Field/State}...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
37. Ballot boxes were secure	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
38. The results were announced without undue delay	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
39. Votes were counted fairly	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
40. International election monitors were restricted	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
41. Domestic election monitors were restricted	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q10

10/16 After the official results of the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 were announced...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
42. Parties/candidates in ${e://Field/State} challenged the results	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
43. The election led to peaceful protests in ${e://Field/State}	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
44. The election triggered violent protests in ${e://Field/State}	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
45. Any disputes in ${e://Field/State} were resolved through legal channels	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q11
11/16 Thinking about the electoral authorities administering elections in ${e://Field/State}, in your view ...
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
46. The election authorities were impartial	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
47. The authorities distributed information to citizens	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
48. The authorities allowed public scrutiny of their performance	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
49. The election authorities performed well	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q12
12/16 Overall…
Overall how would you rate the integrity of the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 as it was conducted in ${e://Field/State} on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (very good)?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Very poor electoral integrity:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	Very good electoral integrity

And how would you rate the integrity of the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 on average across all US states on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (very good)?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Very poor electoral integrity:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	Very good electoral integrity

Q13-1
13/16 Turning more generally to different situations (I)…

Here we are interested in learning your views more generally about situations which can occur in different contests. Here are some illustrative cases.

How seriously do you think that electoral integrity is undermined by the following problems?

	1 (not at all serious)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (extremely serious)
In STATE A some voters had to wait in long lines to vote	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
In STATE B the opposition decides to boycott an election, so that the government wins most seats by default	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
In STATE C election results lead to widespread violence throughout the country	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

EXTRA battery

We would also like to ask you some final questions about the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 as it was conducted in ${e://Field/State}. Thinking about that election, in your view ...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know	Not Applicable
The election was rigged	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Voting machines were accurate	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Official voting records were secure	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Many people waited in line to vote for more than 30 minutes	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Some people voted more than once	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Registration deadlines were too restricted	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Observers intimidated some voters	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The outcome of the election reflected the popular will	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The ballot was counted in a timely fashion	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q13-2

13/16 Some general questions about the election (II)…

Overall, how familiar are you with elections in ${e://Field/State}, on a scale from 1 (not familiar) to 10 (very familiar)?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Not at all familiar	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	Very familiar

If there was more than one election held simultaneously, which one do you consider the most important?

- ❑ Presidential
- ❑ The lower (first) house of parliament
- ❑ The upper (second) house of parliament
- ❑ State Governor
- ❑ State legislative
- ❑ Local election (e.g. Mayor, Judge, Sheriff)

Lastly, we are interested in your views about organizations. For each one, could you please rate how much confidence you have in those organizations in ${e://Field/State}, from a 1 (no confidence at all) to 10 (a great deal of confidence) scale?

	1 (no confidence at all)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (a great deal of confidence)
The courts	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Parliament	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The police	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The electoral authorities	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q14
14/16 The following questions are about your background...

Are you currently in full or part-time paid employment?

- ❍ Full-time paid employment (30+ hours/week)
- ❍ Part-time paid employment (less than 30 hours per week)
- ❍ Not currently in paid employment
- ❍ Not applicable/Don't know

Do you work, or have you worked, in ...

- ❑ University
- ❑ Government or the public sector
- ❑ Private business or industry
- ❑ Private non-profit sector/NGOs
- ❑ International agency
- ❑ Not applicable/ don't know

What is (or was) your most recent primary employment?

- ❍ Scholar/teacher/researcher/academic
- ❍ Journalist/reporter/broadcaster/blogger/citizen journalist
- ❍ Manager or professional
- ❍ Electoral official
- ❍ Lawyer/legal profession
- ❍ Civil servant/local government
- ❍ Elected representative/politician
- ❍ International official or consultant
- ❍ Not applicable/Don't know

Which of the following disciplines represent fields in which you have expertise? (select as many as appropriate)

- ❑ Elections and electoral behaviour
- ❑ American Politics
- ❑ State/Local Politics in ${e://Field/State}
- ❑ Comparative Politics
- ❑ International Relations
- ❑ Political Communication/Media/Journalism
- ❑ Political Theory
- ❑ Public Administration
- ❑ Public Policy
- ❑ Methods and Research design
- ❑ Sociology and Anthropology

What is your year of birth?

- ❍ 1930
- ❍ 1931
- ❍ 1932
- ❍ 1933

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- ❍ 1988
- ❍ 1989
- ❍ 1990

What is your sex?

- ❍ Male
- ❍ Female

What is your highest level of educational qualification?

- ❍ No formal education
- ❍ Primary school
- ❍ Secondary school
- ❍ University level education, with under-graduate degree
- ❍ University level education, with post-graduate degree
- ❍ Other

Were you born in ${e://Field/State}?

- ❍ Yes
- ❍ No

How long have you lived in this ${e://Field/State}, if at all?

- ❍ All my life
- ❍ 10 years or more
- ❍ 5-9 years
- ❍ 1-4 years
- ❍ Less than 12 months
- ❍ Never lived in this country

Did you participate in the US presidential election on 8 November 2016 in ${e://Field/State} in any of the following roles? Check as many as applicable

- ❑ Elected representative
- ❑ Candidate for elected office
- ❑ Full-time party activist or worker
- ❑ Election official
- ❑ International Official electoral monitor
- ❑ National Official electoral monitor
- ❑ Election NGO watch
- ❑ Voted
- ❑ No, I did not participate in any of these role

Are you a US citizen?

❍ Yes

❍ No

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To Below is a 10 point scale on which th...

Which candidate, if any, did you support in the US presidential election on 8 November 2016?

Below is a 10 point scale on which the political views are arranged from very left to very right. Where would you place your views on this scale?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Very left	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	Very right

Q15

15/16 The following questions are about your background (II)...

Besides this country, are you an expert on the elections of any other country? Please write down as many as appropriate

We are conducting this survey among election experts. Could you please give us the names, positions and emails of some other experts that we could ask to complete the survey?

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final survey results?

❍ Yes

❍ No

Overall, how easy or difficult did you find the questions? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 means the questionnaire was 'very difficult to understand' and 10 means the questionnaire was 'very easy to understand'.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Very difficult to understand	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	Very easy to understand

Do you care to make any other comments? Please let us know your views.