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Questionnaire
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INTRO1. Like all surveys, this survey may include some personal questions. This survey may include some questions about your thoughts on social and political issues. As a reminder, your responses are only ever used for research purposes and will remain anonymous – results are reported only for groups, not for individuals. You can choose not to answer any question. Answering the questions means that you accept us collecting the data.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

- 1 Approve strongly
- 2 Approve somewhat
- 3 Disapprove somewhat
- 4 Disapprove strongly
- 5 No opinion

1a. [ASK IF Q1=5 (NO OPINION) OR REFUSED] Which way do you lean on how Trump is handling his job as president?

- 1 Lean toward approving
- 2 Lean toward disapproving
- 3 No opinion

2. What one word would you use to express your personal reaction to Trump's performance as president so far?

[Text box]

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling each of the following?

- a. The economy [ANCHOR]
[RANDOMIZE]
- b. Immigration
- c. Managing the federal government
- e. Looking out for the interests of average Americans
- f. U.S. relations with other countries
- g. Tariffs on imported goods
- h. The recent turmoil in the stock market

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove

4. In each of these areas, do you think Trump is (going too far), is (not going far enough), or is handling it about right?

[SCRAMBLE ITEMS]

- a. Trying to expand the power of the presidency
- b. Deporting undocumented immigrants
- c. Laying off government employees to cut the size of the federal workforce
- d. Closing federal agencies
- e. Taking measures against his political opponents
- f. Trying to end efforts to increase diversity in the government and private workplaces

[ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Going too far
- 2 Not going far enough
- 3 Handling it about right

5. How concerned are you, if at all, that Trump will do too much to reduce the size and role of government in U.S. society?

- 1 Very concerned
- 2 Somewhat concerned
- 3 Not so concerned
- 4 Not concerned at all

6. Overall, do you think Trump is moving the country (closer to its founding principles), moving the country (away from its founding principles), or not moving the country either way?

[ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Closer to its founding principles
- 2 Away from its founding principles
- 3 Not moving the country either way [ANCHOR]

7. Do you think the Trump administration does or does not respect the rule of law?

- 1 Respects the rule of law
- 2 Does not respect the rule of law

8. Do you think the Trump administration is or is not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms?

- 1 Committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms
- 2 Not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms

9. Since Trump started his second term, do you think the amount of [HALF SAMPLE: waste/HALF SAMPLE: fraud] in the federal government has (increased), (decreased), or stayed about the same?

[ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]

- 1 Increased
- 2 Decreased
- 3 Stayed about the same [ANCHOR]

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elon Musk is handling his job in the Trump administration?

- 1 Approve strongly
- 2 Approve somewhat
- 3 Disapprove somewhat
- 4 Disapprove strongly
- 5 No opinion

10a. [ASK IF Q10=5 (NO OPINION) OR REFUSED] Which way do you lean on how Musk is handling his job in the Trump administration?

- 1 Lean toward approving
- 2 Lean toward disapproving
- 3 No opinion

11. Overall, who do you trust to do a better job handling the country's main problems – Trump or the Democrats in Congress?

- 1 Trump
- 2 The Democrats in Congress
- 3 Neither
- 4 Both equally

12. Do you think Trump is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he out of touch?

- 1 In touch
- 2 Out of touch

13. Do you think the Democratic Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch? [Randomize and record the order of Q13 and Q14]

- 1 In touch
- 2 Out of touch

14. Do you think the Republican Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch? [Randomize and record the order of Q13 and Q14]

- 1 In touch
- 2 Out of touch

15. Do you think the Democratic Party should be doing (more to support Trump), (more to oppose Trump), or is it handling this about right? [Show Q15 and Q16 in the same order as Q13 and Q14 (if Q13 then Q14, Q15 then Q16. If Q14 then Q13, Q16 then Q15)]

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q16]

- 1 More to support Trump
- 2 More to oppose Trump
- 3 Handling this about right [ANCHOR]

16. Do you think the Republican Party should be doing (more to support Trump), (more to oppose Trump), or is it handling this about right? [Show Q15 and Q16 in the same order as Q13 and Q14 (if Q13 then Q14, Q15 then Q16. If Q14 then Q13, Q16 then Q15)]

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q15]

- 1 More to support Trump
- 2 More to oppose Trump
- 3 Handling this about right [ANCHOR]

17. Since taking office, do you think Trump has (acted within his authority as president) or (gone beyond his authority as president)?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Acted within his authority as president
- 2 Gone beyond his authority as president

17a. [ASK IF TRUMP HAS GONE BEYOND, Q17=2] Do you think Trump is justified in going beyond his authority as president, or not justified?

- 1 Justified
- 2 Not justified

18. If a federal judge thinks a policy of the Trump administration will harm people and probably is illegal, should the judge have the authority to block that policy until a trial is held, or not?

- 1 Yes, should have the authority to block administration policy
- 2 No, should not have the authority to block administration policy

19. In handling lawsuits against the Trump administration, which of these do you think best describes what federal judges are trying to do?

[ROTATE ITEMS]

- 1 Federal judges are trying to interfere with Trump's legal authority
- 2 Federal judges are trying to enforce existing limits on Trump's legal authority

20. In responding to federal court rulings regarding its activities, which of these do you think best describes what the Trump administration is trying to do?

[ROTATE ITEMS]

- 1 The Trump administration is trying to comply with court orders
- 2 The Trump administration is trying to avoid complying with court orders

21. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

[SCRAMBLE ITEMS]

- a. Shutting down the U.S. Department of Education
- b. Cutting back environmental regulations on oil and gas drilling
- c. Sending undocumented immigrants who are suspected of being members of a criminal group to a prison in El Salvador without a court hearing
- d. Deporting international students who have criticized U.S. policy in the Middle East
- e. Freezing foreign aid providing food, health services and disease prevention services for people in poor countries
- f. Ending birthright citizenship, under which anyone born in the United States is a U.S. citizen
- g. Increasing the federal government's role in how private universities operate
- h. Reducing federal funding for medical research

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose

22. The Trump administration is trying to take a greater role in Harvard University's hiring of faculty, admission of students, and operation of its academic programs. Harvard says this intrudes on its freedom as a private university. Whose side do you take on this issue, the Trump administration's or Harvard's?

- 1 The Trump administration's side
- 2 Harvard's side

23. Thinking about federal regulations, which of these do you think is more likely?

[ROTATE ITEMS]

- 1 The Trump Administration will cut unnecessary federal regulations while keeping those that are needed to protect public health and safety
- 2 The Trump Administration will cut federal regulations that are needed to protect public health and safety

24. Some people say diversity, equity and inclusion programs (help level the playing field for people who have been denied equal opportunities). Others say DEI programs (create unfair discrimination). Which of these views comes closest to your own?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Help level the playing field for people who have been denied equal opportunities
- 2 Create unfair discrimination

25. When Trump talks about the following things, do you think he's serious about it, or not serious?

[SCRAMBLE ITEMS]

- a. The U.S. trying to take control of Canada
- b. The U.S. trying to take control of Greenland
- c. Trump serving a third term as president, even though the Constitution prohibits him from running for president again
- d. Sending American citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to prisons in other countries

- 1 Trump is serious about it
- 2 Trump is not serious about it

26. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS Q]

- a. The U.S. trying to take control of Canada
- b. The U.S. trying to take control of Greenland

- c. Trump serving a third term as president, even though the Constitution prohibits him from running for president again
- d. Sending American citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to prisons in other countries

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose

27. Under Trump, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten (stronger), gotten (weaker), or remained about the same?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Stronger
- 2 Weaker
- 3 About the same [ANCHOR]

28. Do you think Trump is being too (friendly) towards Russia, too (confrontational) toward them, or is taking about the right approach?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Too friendly
- 2 Too confrontational
- 3 Taking about the right approach [ANCHOR]

29. There's been a dispute regarding an undocumented immigrant named Kilmar Abrego García, who was recently deported from Maryland to a prison in El Salvador despite a 2019 court order that was supposed to prevent his deportation to that country. Do you think Abrego García should (be returned to the United States) or should (remain in prison in El Salvador)?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Should remain in prison in El Salvador
- 2 Should be returned to the United States
- 3 Don't know enough to say [ANCHOR]

30. Thinking about economic conditions,
Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as...

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Not so good
- 4 Poor

31. Would you say the country's economy has gotten better since Trump became president in January, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

- 1 Much better
- 2 Better
- 3 Remained about the same
- 4 Worse
- 5 Much worse

32. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Trump became president in January, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

- 1 Better off
- 2 Not as well off
- 3 In about the same shape

33. How likely do you think it is that Trump's economic policies will cause an economic recession in the short term?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not so likely
- 4 Not likely at all

34. Do you think Trump's economic policies will put the U.S. economy on a stronger foundation for the long term, on a weaker foundation, or have no impact on the economy's foundation?

- 1 Stronger foundation
- 2 Weaker foundation
- 3 Have no impact on the economy's foundation
- 4 Too soon to say

35. Are prices for the things you want or need to buy (going up), (going down), or staying about the same?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Going up
- 2 Doing down
- 3 Staying about the same [ANCHOR]

36. Thinking about how Trump is handling tariffs – which are taxes on goods or materials from other countries – do you think this situation will have a positive or negative impact on each of the following?

[ROTATE a-b]

- a. Inflation in the United States
- b. Creating more manufacturing jobs in the United States
- c. U.S. economic leadership in the world [ANCHOR]

- 1 Very positive
- 2 Somewhat positive
- 3 Somewhat negative
- 4 Very negative

37. Changing topics...

Are you currently registered to vote in the U.S.? *Select one answer only. SCRIPTER: Prompt following nonresponse.*

- 1 Yes, I am registered to vote
- 3 No, I am not registered to vote
- 5 No, I am not eligible to vote
- 4 Not sure

38. [ASK IF RESPONDENT IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE OR UNSURE OF THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS, Q37=3, 4, OR REFUSED] Have you ever been registered to vote in the U.S.? *Select one answer only. SCRIPTER: Prompt following nonresponse.*

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not sure

Q6f_Profile. [ASK IF HAS EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE, Q37=1 OR Q38=1] Did you happen to vote in the November 2024 elections for the U.S. President and Congress? *Select one answer only.*

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q6g_Profile. [ASK IF VOTED IN 2024, Q6f_PROFILE=1] Which candidate did you vote for in the 2024 Presidential election? *Select one answer only.*

- 1 Kamala Harris (Democrat)

- 2 Donald Trump (Republican)
- 3 Another candidate, please specify [O]

39. [ASK IF VOTED FOR TRUMP IN 2024, Q6G_PROFILE=2] Do you (regret supporting Trump) in the 2024 election, or do you (think that supporting Trump was the right thing to do) in that election?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Regret supporting Trump in 2024
- 2 Think that supporting Trump in 2024 was the right thing to do

40. [ASK IF VOTED FOR HARRIS IN 2024, Q6G_PROFILE=1] Do you (regret supporting Harris) in the 2024 election, or do you (think that supporting Harris was the right thing to do) in that election?

[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS IN STEM]

- 1 Regret supporting Harris in 2024
- 2 Think that supporting Harris in 2024 was the right thing to do

The next set of questions are to make sure our information is up to date, even though you may have answered some of the questions before.

Q901. In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else

Q904. [ASK IF Q901=3,4 OR REFUSED] As of today do you lean more to...

- 1 The Republican Party
- 2 The Democratic Party

Q908. Would you say your views on most political matters are:

[ROTATE 1-5, 5-1]

- 1 Very liberal
- 2 Somewhat liberal
- 3 Moderate

- 4 Somewhat conservative
- 5 Very conservative

AGECONS How old are you?
[PROMPT IF REFUSED]

Q260. What is your religion? *Select one answer only.*

- 1 Catholic
- 2 Evangelical or Protestant Christian (Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc.)
- 3 Jehovah's Witness
- 4 Mormon
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Islam/Muslim
- 7 Greek or Russian Orthodox
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Buddhist
- 10 Unitarian (Universalist)
- 11 Other Christian religion
- 12 Other non-Christian religion
- 13 No religion

Q26A. [ASK IF EVANGELICAL OR PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC, JEHOVAH'S WITNESS, MORMON, ORTHODOX, OR OTHER CHRISTIAN, Q260=1-4, 7, 11] Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian? *Select one answer only.*

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

INTFREQ. About how often do you use the internet?

- 1 Almost constantly
- 2 Several times a day
- 3 About once a day
- 4 Several times a week
- 5 Less often
- 6 Don't know

VOL_CPS. In the past 12 months, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association?

1 Yes

2 No

VOL_CPSA. [ASK IF DID NOT VOLUNTEER, VOL_CPS NE 1] Some people don't think of activities they do infrequently or for children's schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. In the past 12 months, have you done any of these types of activities?

1 Yes

2 No

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