



AmericasBarometer: United States Online Survey, 2012

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BLS3. To begin, in general how satisfied are you with your life? Would you say that you are...?
 (1) Very satisfied (2) Somewhat satisfied (3) Somewhat dissatisfied
 (4) Very dissatisfied (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't Answer

XA4. In your opinion, what is **the most serious** problem faced by the country?

Water, lack of	19	Impunity	61
Roads in poor condition	18	Inflation, high prices	02
Armed conflict	30	Politicians	59
Corruption	13	Bad government	15
Credit, lack of	09	Environment	10
Crime	05	Migration	16
Human rights, violations of	56	Drug trafficking	12
Unemployment	03	Gangs	14
Inequality	58	Poverty	04
Malnutrition	23	Popular protests (strikes, road blockages, work stoppages, etc.)	06
Forced displacement of persons	32	Health services, lack of	22
External debt	26	Kidnappings	31
Discrimination	25	Security (lack of)	27
Drug addiction	11	Terrorism	33
Economy, problems with, crisis of	01	Land to farm, lack of	07
Education, lack of, poor quality	21	Transportation, problems of	60
Electricity, lack of	24	Violence	57
Population explosion	20	Housing	55
War against terrorism	17	Other	70
Doesn't know	88	Doesn't answer	98

BSOCT1. How would you describe **the country's** economic situation?
 (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad
 (5) Very bad (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't Answer

BSOCT2. Do you think that the country's current economic situation is better than, the same as or worse than it was 12 months ago ? (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't Answer	
BIDIO1. How would you describe your overall economic situation? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't Answer	
BIDIO2. Do you think that your economic situation is better than, the same as, or worse than it was 12 months ago? (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't Answer	

Now, moving on to a different subject, sometimes people and communities have problems that they cannot solve by themselves, and so in order to solve them they request help from a government official or agency.

X In order to solve your problems have you ever requested help or cooperation from...?	Yes	No	DK	DA
XCP2. A member of Congress	1	2	88	98
XCP4A. A local public official or local government (for example, a mayor, municipal council, councilman, civil governor or governor)	1	2	88	98
XCP4. Any federal, state, or other public agency or institution	1	2	88	98

Now let's talk about your local government...

X NP1. Have you attended a town meeting, city council meeting or other meeting in the past 12 months? (1) Yes (2) No (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't answer	
X NP2. Have you sought assistance from or presented a request to any office, official or councilperson of the local government within the past 12 months? (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Go to SGL1] (88) Doesn't know [Go to SGL1] (98) Doesn't answer [Go to SGL1]	
X MUNI10. Did they solve your issue or request? (1) Yes (0) No (88) DK (98) DA (99) N/A	
X SGL1. Would you say that the services the municipality is providing to the people are...? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (88) Doesn't know (98) Doesn't answer	

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	DK	DA
X CP5. Now, changing the subject. In the last 12 months have you tried to help to solve a problem in your community or in your neighborhood? Please, tell us if you did it at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year or never in the last 12 months.	1	2	3	4	88	98

We are going to show you a list of groups and organizations. Please tell us if you attend their meetings at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never.

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	DK	DA	
BCP6. Meetings of any religious organization	1	2	3	4	88	98	
XCP7. Meetings of a parents' association at school	1	2	3	4	88	98	
BCP8. Meetings of a community improvement committee or association	1	2	3	4	88	98	
XCP9. Meetings of an association of professionals, merchants, manufacturers or farmers	1	2	3	4	88	98	
XCP13. Meetings of a political party or political organization	1	2	3	4	88	98	
XCP20. [Women only] Meetings of associations or groups of women or home makers.	1	2	3	4	DK 88	DA 98	N/A 99

BIT1. And speaking of the people from around here, would you say that people in your community are very trustworthy, somewhat trustworthy, not very trustworthy or untrustworthy...?

- (1) Very trustworthy (2) Somewhat trustworthy (3) Not very trustworthy
(4) Untrustworthy (88) DK (98) DA

XMIL6. Now, changing the subject, how proud are you of the Armed Forces of the United States?

- (1) Extremely proud (2) Very proud (3) Somewhat proud
(4) Not at all proud or (5) Do you not care? (88) DK (98) DA

XMIL5. How proud do you feel to be American when you hear the national anthem?

- (1) Extremely proud (2) Very proud (3) Somewhat proud
(4) Not at all proud or (5) Do you not care? (88) DK (98) DA

BL1B. Now, to change the subject.... The following scale goes from liberal to conservative. One means liberal and 10 means conservative. Nowadays, when we speak of political leanings, we talk of liberals and conservatives. In other words, some people sympathize more with the liberals and others with the conservatives. According to the meaning that the terms "liberals" and "conservatives" have for you, and thinking of your own political leanings, where would you place yourself on this scale?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	DK 88	DA 98
Liberal										Conservative	

BPROT3. In the last 12 months , have you participated in a demonstration or protest march? (1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA	
XPROT6. In the last 12 months have you signed any petition? (1) Yes, signed (2) No, has not signed (88) DK (98) DA	
XPROT8. And in the last twelve months, have you read or shared political information through any social network website such as Twitter or Facebook or Orkut? (1) Yes, has done (2) No, has not done (88) DK (98) DA	

Now, changing the subject. Some people say that under some circumstances it would be justified for the military of this country to take power by a coup d'état (military coup). In your opinion would a military coup be justified under the following circumstances? :

YJC1. When there is high unemployment.	(1) A military take-over of the state would be justified	(2) A military take-over of the state would not be justified	(88) DK	(98) DA	
YJC10. When there is a lot of crime.	(1) A military take-over of the state would be justified	(2) A military take-over of the state would not be justified	(88) DK	(98) DA	
YJC13. When there is a lot of corruption.	(1) A military take-over of the state would be justified	(2) A military take-over of the state would not be justified	(88) DK	(98) DA	

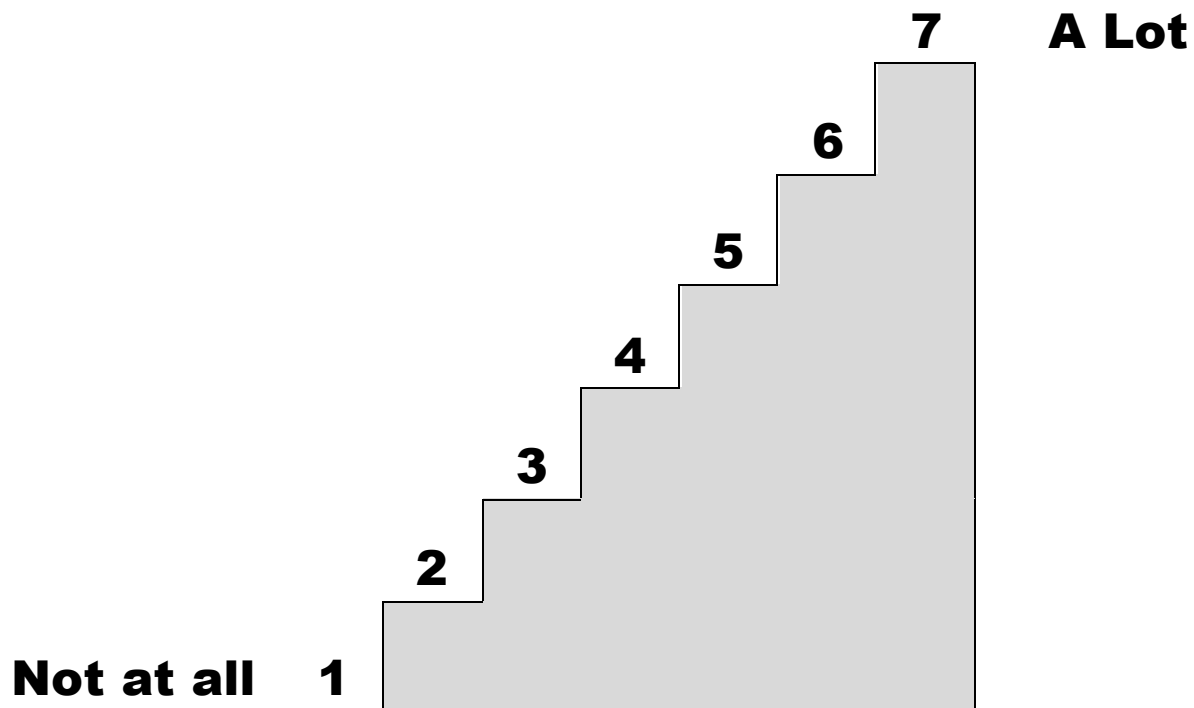
YJC15A. Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the president of the country to close the Congress and govern without Congress?	(1) Yes, it is justified	(2) No, it is not justified	(88) DK	(98) DA	
YJC16A. Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the president of the country to dissolve the Supreme Court and govern without the Supreme Court?	(1) Yes, it is justified	(2) No, it is not justified	(88) DK	(98) DA	

BVIC1EXT. Now, changing the subject, have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? That is, have you been a victim of robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail, extortion, violent threats or any other type of crime in the past 12 months? (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Skip toVIC1HOGAR] (88) DK [Skip toVIC1HOGAR] (98) DA [Skip toVIC1HOGAR]	
BVIC1EXTA. How many times have you been a crime victim during the last 12 months? ____ [fill in number] (88) DK (98) DA (99) N/A	

<p>YVIC2. Thinking of that last crime of which you were a victim, from the following list, what kind of crime was it?</p> <p>(01) Unarmed robbery, no assault or physical threats (02) Unarmed robbery with assault or physical threats (03) Armed robbery (04) Assault but not robbery (05) Rape or sexual assault (06) Kidnapping (07) Vandalism (08) Burglary of your home (thieves got into your house while no one was there) (10) Extortion (11) Other (88) DK (98)DA (99) N/A (was not a victim)</p>	
<p>YVIC2AA. Could you tell us in what place that last crime occurred?</p> <p>(1) In your home (2) In your neighborhood (3) In your municipality (4) In another municipality (5) In another country (88) DK (98) DA (99) N/A</p>	
<p>BVIC1HOGAR. Has any other person living in your household been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? That is, has any other person living in your household been a victim of robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail, extortion, violent threats or any other type of crime in the past 12 months?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA (99) N/A (I live alone)</p>	

<p>YAOJ8. In order to catch criminals, do you believe that the authorities should always abide by the law or that occasionally they can cross the line?</p> <p>(1) Should always abide by the law (2) Occasionally can cross the line (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YAOJ11. Speaking of the neighborhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?</p> <p>(1) Very safe (2) Somewhat safe (3) Somewhat unsafe (4) Very unsafe (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YAOJ12. If you were a victim of a robbery or assault how much faith do you have that the judicial system would punish the guilty?</p> <p>(1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YAOJ17. To what extent do you think your neighborhood is affected by gangs?</p> <p>(1) A lot (2) Somewhat (3) Little (4) None (88) DK (98) DA</p>	

On this image there is a staircase with steps numbered 1 to 7, where 1 is the lowest step and means NOT AT ALL and 7 the highest and means A LOT. For example, if we asked you to what extent do you like watching television, if you don't like watching it at all, you would choose a score of 1, and if, in contrast, you like watching television a lot, you would indicate the number 7. If your opinion is between not at all and a lot, you would choose an intermediate score. So, to what extent do you like watching television?



We are going to ask you a series of questions. We are going to ask that you use the numbers provided in the staircase to answer. Remember, you can use any number.		
B B1. To what extent do you think the courts in the United States guarantee a fair trial? If you think the courts do not ensure justice <u>at all</u> , choose number 1; if you think the courts ensure justice a lot, choose number 7 or choose a point in between the two.		Coded 1-7
B B2. To what extent do you respect the political institutions of the United States?		Coded 1-7
B B3. To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of the United States?		Coded 1-7
B B4. To what extent do you feel proud of living under the political system of the United States?		Coded 1-7
B B6. To what extent do you think that one should support the political system of the United States?		Coded 1-7
B B10A. To what extent do you trust the justice system?		Coded 1-7
B B12. To what extent do you trust the Armed Forces?		Coded 1-7
B B13. To what extent do you trust the U.S. Congress?		Coded 1-7
B B18. To what extent do you trust the Police?		Coded 1-7
B B21. To what extent do you trust political parties?		Coded 1-7
B B21A. To what extent do you trust the President?		Coded 1-7
B B31. To what extent do you trust the Supreme Court?		Coded 1-7

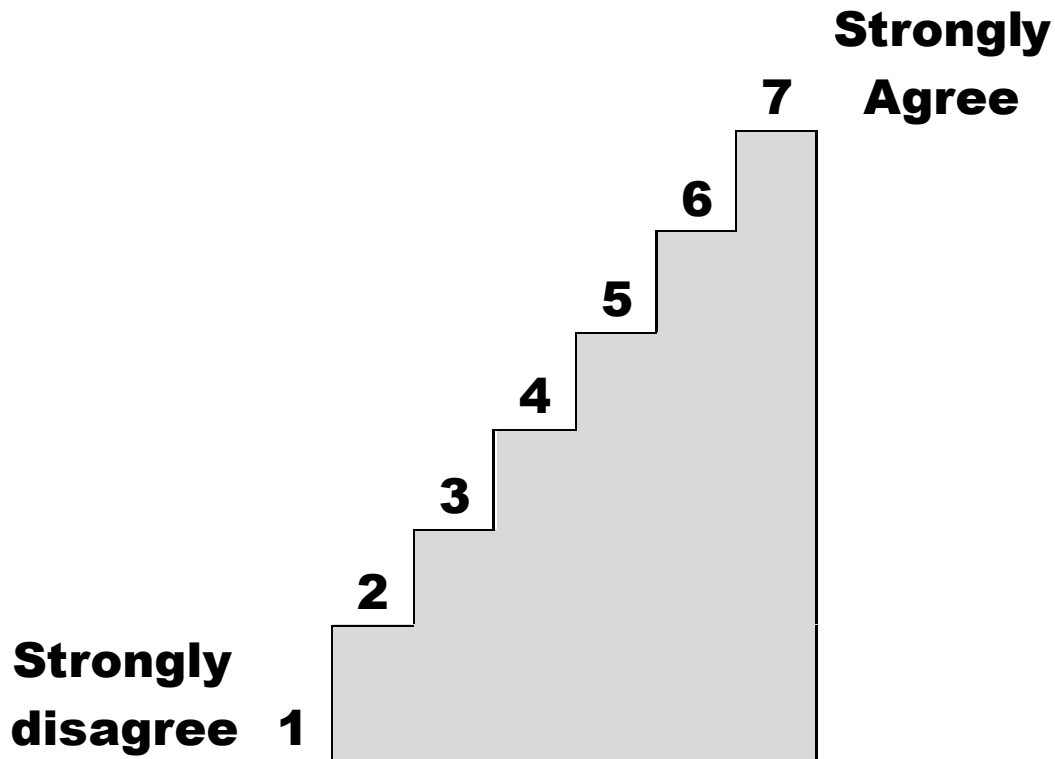
B B32. To what extent do you trust the local or municipal government?	Coded 1-7
B B43. To what extent are you proud of being American?	Coded 1-7
B B37. To what extent do you trust the mass media?	Coded 1-7

Now, using the same staircase	Coded 1-7
X N1. To what extent would you say the current administration fights poverty?	Coded 1-7
X N3. To what extent would you say the current administration promotes and protects democratic principles?	Coded 1-7
X N9. To what extent would you say the current administration combats government corruption?	Coded 1-7
X N11. To what extent would you say the current administration improves citizen safety?	Coded 1-7
X N15. To what extent would you say that the current administration is managing the economy well?	Coded 1-7

X MIL1. To what extent do you believe that the American Armed Forces are well trained and organized?	Coded 1-7
X B3MILX. To what extent do you believe that the American Armed Forces respect Americans' human rights nowadays?	Coded 1-7

B M1. Speaking in general of the current administration, how would you rate the job performance of President Barack Obama? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (88) DK (98) DA	Coded 1-7
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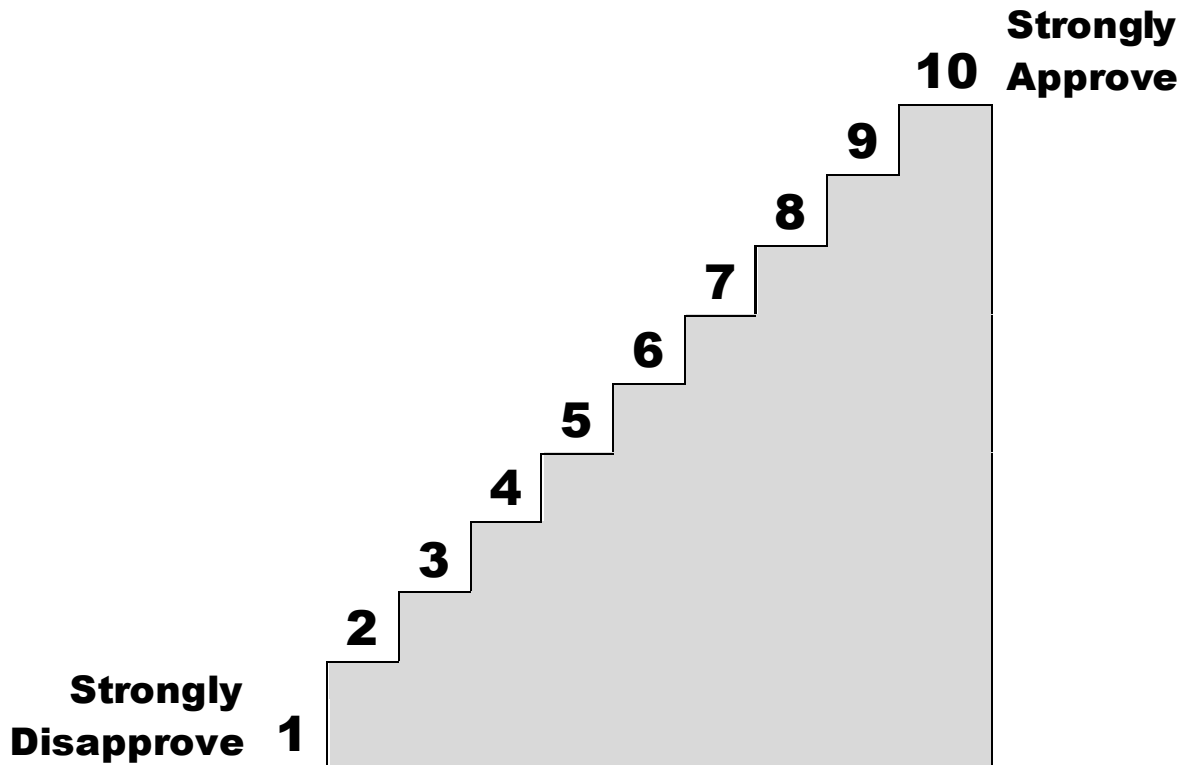
Now we will use a similar staircase, but this time 1 means "strongly disagree" and 7 means "strongly agree." A number in between 1 and 7 represents an intermediate score.



<p>Taking into account the current situation of this country, and using the staircase, we would like you to tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.</p> <p>YPOP101. It is necessary for the progress of this country that our presidents limit the voice and vote of opposition parties, how much do you agree or disagree with that view?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>YPOP107. The people should govern directly rather than through elected representatives. How much do you agree or disagree?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>YPOP113. Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the country. How much do you agree or disagree with that view?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>Please, could you tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements?</p>	
<p>XEFF1. "Those who govern this country are interested in what people like you think." How much do you agree or disagree with that view?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>XEFF2. "You feel that you understand the most important political issues of this country." How much do you agree or disagree with that view?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>BING4. Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government. To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>XDEM23. Democracy can exist without political parties. How much do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>

<p>Now we are going to show some items about the role of the national government. Please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. We will continue using the same staircase from 1 to 7.</p>	
<p>BROS1. The United States government, instead of the private sector, should own the most important enterprises and industries of the country. How much do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>BROS2. The United States government, more than individuals, should be primarily responsible for ensuring the well-being of the people. To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>BROS3. The United States government, more than the private sector, should be primarily responsible for creating jobs. To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>BROS4. The United States government should implement strong policies to reduce income inequality between the rich and the poor. To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>BROS6. The United States government, more than the private sector, should be primarily responsible for providing health care services. How much do you agree or disagree with that statement?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>XCCT3. Changing the topic...Some people say that people who get help from government social assistance programs are lazy. How much do you agree or disagree?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>XGEN1. Changing the subject again, some say that when there is not enough work, men should have a greater right to jobs than women. To what extent do you agree or disagree?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>Now we would like to know how much you are in agreement with some policies we are going to show you. We would like you to respond thinking about what should be done, regardless of whether the policies are being implemented currently. [</p>	
<p>XRAC2A. Universities ought to set aside openings for students who are racial or ethnic minorities, even if that means excluding other students. How much do you agree or disagree?</p>	<p>Coded 1-7</p>
<p>XW14A. And now, thinking about other topics. Do you think it's justified to interrupt a pregnancy, that is, to have an abortion, when the mother's health is in danger? (1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>XPN4. And now, changing the subject, in general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the way democracy works in the United States? (1) Very satisfied (2) Satisfied (3) Dissatisfied (4) Very dissatisfied (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>XPN5. In your opinion, is the United States very democratic, somewhat democratic, not very democratic or not at all democratic? (1) Very democratic (2) Somewhat democratic (3) Not very democratic (4) Not at all democratic (88) DK (98) DA</p>	

Now we are going to use another image. The new image has a 10-point ladder, which goes from 1 to 10, where 1 means that you strongly disapprove and 10 means that you strongly approve. We are going to show you a list of some actions that people can take to achieve their political goals and objectives. Please tell us how strongly you would approve or disapprove of people taking the following actions.



XE5. Of people participating in legal demonstrations. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
XE8. Of people participating in an organization or group to try to solve community problems. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
XE11. Of people working for campaigns for a political party or candidate. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
XE15. Of people participating in the blocking of roads to protest. Using the same scale, how much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
BE14. Of people seizing private property or land in order to protest. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
BE3. Of people participating in a group working to violently overthrow an elected government. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10
XE16. Of people taking the law into their own hands when the government does not punish criminals. How much do you approve or disapprove?	Coded 1-10

The following questions are to find out about the different ideas of the people who live in the United States. Please continue using the 10 point staircase.

BD1. There are people who only say bad things about the American form of government, not just the incumbent government but the system of government. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people's right to vote ?	Coded 1-10
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BD2. How strongly do you approve or disapprove that such people be allowed to conduct peaceful demonstrations in order to express their views?	Coded 1-10
BD3. Still thinking of those who only say bad things about the American form of government, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office?	Coded 1-10
BD4. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people appearing on television to make speeches?	Coded 1-10
BD5. And now on a different topic, thinking about homosexuals, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office?	Coded 1-10

XD6. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of same-sex couples having the right to marry?	Coded 1-10
XD7. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of people who are physically handicapped being permitted to run for public office?	Coded 1-10
XD8. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of the state/government having the right to prohibit newspapers from publishing news that can be politically damaging to it?	Coded 1-10

Now you are going to read a list of several groups of people. Can you check off any groups that you would not want to have as neighbors?					
	Would not want as neighbors	Would not mind having as neighbors	DK	DA	
XDIS35A. Gays. Would you mind having them as neighbors?	1	0	88	98	
XDIS35B. Poor people	1	0	88	98	
XDIS35C. People from other countries	1	0	88	98	
XDIS35D. African-Americans/blacks	1	0	88	98	

BDEM2. Now changing the subject, which of the following statements do you agree with the most: (1) For people like me it doesn't matter whether a government is democratic or non-democratic (2) Democracy is preferable to any other form of government (3) Under some circumstances an authoritarian government may be preferable to a democratic one. (88) DK (98) DA	
YDEM11. Do you think that our country needs a government with an iron fist, or do you think that problems can be resolved with everyone's participation? (1) Iron fist (2) Everyone's participation (88) DK (98) DA	
YAUT1. There are people who say that we need a strong leader who does not have to be elected by the vote of the people. Others say that although things may not work, electoral democracy, or the popular vote, is always best. What do you think? [Read the options] (1) We need a strong leader who does not have to be elected (2) Electoral democracy is the best (88) DK (98)DA	

	N/A Did not try or did not have contact	No	Yes	DK	DA	
Now we want to talk about your personal experience with things that happen in everyday life...						
BEXC2. Has a police officer asked you for a bribe in the last twelve months?		0	1	88	98	
BEXC6. In the last twelve months, did any government employee ask you for a bribe?		0	1	88	98	
YEXC11. In the last twelve months, did you have any official dealings in the municipality/local government? If the answer is No → mark 99 If it is Yes→ ask the following: In the last twelve months, to process any kind of document in your municipal government, like a permit, for example, did you have to pay any money above that required by law?	99	0	1	88	98	
YEXC13. Do you work? If the answer is No → mark 99 If it is Yes→ ask the following: In your work, have you been asked to pay a bribe in the last twelve months?	99	0	1	88	98	
YEXC14. In the last twelve months, have you had any dealings with the courts? If the answer is No → mark 99 If it is Yes→ ask the following: Did you have to pay a bribe to the courts in the last twelve months?	99	0	1	88	98	
YEXC15. Have you used any public health services in the last twelve months? If the answer is No → mark 99 If it is Yes→ ask the following: In order to be seen in a hospital or a clinic in the last twelve months, did you have to pay a bribe?	99	0	1	88	98	
YEXC16. Have you had a child in school in the last twelve months? If the answer is No → mark 99 If it is Yes→ ask the following: Have you had to pay a bribe at school in the last twelve months?	99	0	1	88	98	
YEXC18. Do you think given the way things are, sometimes paying a bribe is justified?		0	1	88	98	

BEXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is... (1) Very common (2) Common (3) Uncommon
(4) Very uncommon (88) DK (98) DA

XEXC7MIL. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption in the Armed Forces is... (1) Very common (2) Common
(3) Uncommon (4) Very uncommon (88) DK (98) DA

XVB1. Are you registered to vote?
(1) Yes (2) No (3) Being processed (88) DK (98) DA

BVB2. Did you vote in the last presidential elections of 2008?
(1) Voted [Continue]
(2) Did not vote [Go to VB10]
(88) DK [Go to VB10] (98) DA [Go to VB10]

BVB3. Who did you vote for in the last presidential elections of 2008?
(00) None
(4001) Barack Obama, Democrat
(4002) John McCain, Republican
(77) Other
(88) DK
(98) DA
(99) N/A (Did not vote)

BVB10. Do you currently identify with a political party?
(1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Go to POL1] (88) DK [Skip to POL1]
(98) DA [Skip to POL1]

BVB11. Which political party do you identify with?
(4001) Democratic Party
(4002) Republican Party
(4003) Other
(88) DK (98) DA (99) NA

BPOL1. How much interest do you have in politics: a lot, some, little or none?
(1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (88) DK (98) DA

YPP1. During election times, some people try to convince others to vote for a party or candidate. How often have you tried to persuade others to vote for a party or candidate?
(1) Frequently (2) Occasionally (3) Rarely, or (4) Never (88) DK (98) DA

YPP2. There are people who work for parties or candidates during electoral campaigns. Did you work for any candidate or party in the last presidential elections of 2008?
(1) Yes, worked (2) Did not work (88) DK (98) DA

XVB50. Some say that in general, men are better political leaders than women. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree?
(1) Strongly agree (2) Agree (3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree (88) DK (98) DA

XVB51. Who do you think would be more corrupt as a politician, a man or a woman, or are both the same?
(1) A man (2) A woman (3) Both the same
(88) DK (98) DA

<p>XVB52. If a politician is responsible for running the national economy, who would do a better job, a man, or a woman or does it not matter?</p> <p>(1) A man (2) A woman (3) It does not matter (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>Changing the subject, and talking about the qualities that children ought to have, we are going to show you various characteristics and we would like you to tell us which one is the most important for a child:</p> <p>XAB1. (1) Independence (2) Respect for adults (3) Both (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>XAB2. We would like to tell us which one is the most important for a child:</p> <p>(1) Obedience (2) Autonomy (self-sufficiency, taking care of oneself) (3) Both (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>XAB5. We would like to tell us which one is the most important for a child:</p> <p>(1) Creativity (2) Discipline (3) Both (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC1. For every 100 dollars that a rich person earns and 100 dollars that a poor person earns, in your opinion, how much should each pay in taxes?</p> <p>(1) The rich person should pay 50 dollars, and the poor person 20 dollars (2) The rich person should pay 40 dollars, and the poor person 30 dollars (3) The rich person should pay 30 dollars, and the poor person 30 dollars (4) Another combination (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC2A. Tell us, please, in which of the following areas should the government invest more money? (Please mark only the top priority)</p> <p>(1) Education (2) Infrastructure (highways, water, sewage) (3) Housing (4) Retirement (5) Assistance to the poor (6) Environment (7) Health (8) Security (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC2B. And in second place?</p> <p>(1) Education (2) Infrastructure (highways, water, sewage) (3) Housing (4) Retirement (5) Assistance to the poor (6) Environment (7) Health (8) Security (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC3. Now we are going to talk about some of the ways that the government spends money from taxes. We are going to start with education. What do you think about the quality of primary public education in the United States?</p> <p>(1) Good (2) Fair (3) Poor (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC4. In your opinion, to improve the quality of primary and secondary education in the United States, what should the government do?</p> <p>(1) Use better the money that it's currently spending on education (2) Spend more money on education, even if it has to raise taxes (3) Both (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>YSOC5. Would you be willing to pay more taxes than you do currently so that the government can spend more on primary and secondary education?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA</p>	

<p>YSOC6. In your opinion, to improve the quality of schools, who should decide how to spend the money that goes to schools?</p> <p>(1) Schools (2) Local governments (3) State governments (4) The central government (5) Other (please specify): _____ (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
<p>YSOC7. Now we are going to talk about health services. What do you think about the quality of public health services in the United States? Is it:</p> <p>(1) Good (2) Fair (3) Poor (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
<p>YSOC8. In your opinion, to improve the quality of public health services in the United States, what should the government do?</p> <p>(1) Use better the money that it's currently spending on health (2) Spend more money on health, even if it has to raise taxes, (3) Both (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
<p>YSOC9. Would you be willing to pay more taxes than you do currently so that the government can spend more on public health services?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
<p>YSOC10. In your opinion, what should the government do to reduce poverty and inequality in the United States? (Please check only one)</p> <p>(1) Create jobs/improve the economy (2) Promote agrarian reform (3) Improve public education services (4) Offer public assistance to the poor (5) Increase taxes on the rich (6) Improve infrastructure (highways, water, sewage) (9) Other (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
<p>YSOC11. Would you be willing to pay more taxes than you do currently so that the government can spend more on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (that is, "welfare") and food stamps?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (88) DK (98) DA</p>																					
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<p>YSNW1A. Do you personally know an elected official or some person who was a candidate in the most recent national, state or local elections?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No [Go to Q3C] (88) DK [Go to Q3C] (98) DA [Go to Q3C]</p>																					
<p>YSNW1B. And is this position at the local, state or national level?</p> <p>(1) Local (2) State (3) National (4) Candidates at more than one level (88) DK (98) DA (99) N/A</p>																					

<p>BQ3C. What is your religion, if any?</p> <p>(1) Catholic (2) Protestant, Mainline Protestant or Protestant non-Evangelical (Christian; Calvinist; Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian; Disciple of Christ; Anglican; Episcopalian; Moravian). (3) Non-Christian Eastern Religions (Islam; Buddhist; Hinduism; Taoist; Confucianism; Baha'i). (4) None (Believes in a Supreme Entity but does not belong to any religion) (5) Evangelical and Pentecostal (Evangelical; Pentecostals; Church of God; Assemblies of God; Universal Church of the Kingdom of God; International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Christ Pentecostal Church; Christian Congregation; Mennonite; Brethren; Christian Reformed Church; Charismatic non-Catholic; Light of World; Baptist; Nazarene; Salvation Army; Adventist; Seventh-Day Adventist; Sara Nossa Terra). (6) LDS (Mormon). (7) Traditional Religions or Native Religions (Candomblé, Voodoo, Rastafarian, Mayan Traditional Religion; Umbanda; Maria Lonza; Inti; Kardecista, Santo Daime, Esoterica). (10) Jewish (Orthodox; Conservative; Reform). (11) Agnostic, atheist (Does not believe in God). (12) Jehovah's Witness. (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>BQ5B. Please, could you tell us how important is religion in your life?</p> <p>(1) Very important (2) Rather important (3) Not very important (4) Not at all important (88) DK (98) DA</p>	
<p>XMIL8. Do you or your spouse or partner or one of your children currently serve in the Armed Forces, or have one of you ever served in the Armed Forces?</p> <p>(1) Yes, currently serving (2) Previously served (3) Never served (88) DK (98) DA</p>	

BQ10NEW. Into which of the following income ranges does the total **monthly** income of your household fit, including remittances from abroad and the income of all the working adults and children?

- (00) No income
- (01) Less than \$630
- (02) \$630-\$1,260
- (03) \$1,261-\$1,890
- (04) \$1,891-\$2,520
- (05) \$2,521-\$3,150
- (06) \$3,151-\$3,780
- (07) \$3,781-\$4,410
- (08) \$4,411-\$5,030
- (09) \$5,031-\$5,660
- (10) \$5,661-\$6,290
- (11) \$6,291-\$7,550
- (12) \$7,551-\$9,440
- (13) \$9,441-\$11,330
- (14) \$11,331-\$13,840
- (15) \$13,841-\$16,360
- (16) More than \$16,360
- (88) DK
- (98) DA

BQ10D. The salary that you receive and total household income:

- (1) Is good enough for you and you can save from it
- (2) Is just enough for you, so that you do not have major problems
- (3) Is not enough for you and you are stretched
- (4) Is not enough for you and you are having a hard time
- (88) DK (98) DA

BQ10E. Over the past two years, has the income of your household:

- (1) Increased?
- (2) Remained the same?
- (3) Decreased?
- (88) DK (98) DA

BQ11. What is your marital status?

- (1) Single **[Go to Q12C]** (2) Married **[CONTINUE]**
- (3) Domestic partnership (living with an unmarried partner) **[CONTINUE]**
- (4) Divorced **[Go to Q12C]**
- (5) Separated **[Go to Q12C]** (6) Widowed **[Go to Q12C]**
- (88) DK **[Go to Q12C]** (98) DA **[Go to Q12C]**

BGEN10. Thinking only about yourself and your spouse and the salaries that you earn, which of the following phrases best describe your salaries

(1) You don't earn anything and your spouse earns it all;
 (2) You earn less than your spouse;
 (3) You earn more or less the same as your spouse;
 (4) You earn more than your spouse;
 (5) You earn all of the income and your spouse earns nothing.
 (6) No salary income
 (88) DK
 (98) DA
 (99) INAP

BQ12C. How many people in total live in your household at this time? _____
 (88) DK (98) DA

BQ12. Do you have children? How many? If you don't have children, mark "0"

 (00 = none → Skip to ETID) (88) DK (98) DA

BQ12B. How many of your children are under 13 years of age and live in your household?

 00 = none, (88) DK (98) DA (99) INAP (no children)

BETID. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?
 (1) White (2) Black or African American (3) Hispanic or Latino
 (4) Asian or Asian American (5) Native American (6) Mixed race
 (7) Other (please specify): _____ (8) Middle Eastern (88) DK
 (98) DA

For statistical purposes, we would like to know how much information people have about politics and the country...

BGI0. About how often do you pay attention to the news, whether on TV, the radio, newspapers or the internet?
 (1) Daily (2) A few times a week (3) A few times a month (4) Rarely (5) Never
 (88) DK (98) DA

You will have 30 second limit on each of the following questions. If you come to one to which you don't know the right answer, don't worry about it – just move on to the next one.

	Correct	Incorrect	Don't know	Don't answer
BGI3. How many states does the United States have? _____	1	2	88	98
BGI4. How many years is the presidential term of office in the United States? _____	1	2	88	98
BGI7. How many representatives does the House of Representatives have?	Number: _____		8888	9888

These are all the questions we have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.