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including 449 Democrats, and 469 Republicans  
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S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	
Registered to vote .....	100	100	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not registered to vote .....	-	-	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Not sure about registration status .....	-	-	-	

S2abc. In politics, do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN) or not that strong of a (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or strictly independent with no party leaning at all?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Strong Democrat .....	27	58	-
Not that strong Democrat .....	13	27	-
Closer to the Democrats .....	7	14	-
Strictly independent/do not lean toward either party .....	8	-	-
Closer to the Republicans .....	5	-	11
Not that strong Republican.....	15	-	32
Strong Republican.....	26	-	57
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>

***Due to rounding, not all tables will add to 100. When totaled responses differ from individual responses, totaled responses are more precise.***

1a. How satisfied are you with America's political system today, meaning our system of electing leaders and passing laws?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Very satisfied .....	14	20	9
Somewhat satisfied .....	31	40	23
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	29	25	32
Very dissatisfied .....	26	15	37
<b>Total Satisfied</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Dissatisfied</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>

1b. As you know, our federal political system and institutions are determined by the Constitution. Which of these best describes your feelings about how that system is working today?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
It needs a complete overhaul. ....	14	11	15
It needs major changes .....	33	37	29
It needs minor changes .....	34	36	33
It is working pretty well .....	19	15	24
<b>Total Complete Overhaul/Major Changes</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Minor Changes/Working Well</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>

2. How much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country--a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
A great deal .....	12	17	8
A fair amount .....	43	49	39
Not very much .....	37	30	42
None at all .....	8	5	11
<b>Total Great Deal/Fair Amount</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Not Very Much/None</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>

Gallup Poll Adults Nationwide											
	9/21	9/20	9/18	9/17	9/16	9/15	9/14	9/13	9/12	9/11	9/10
A great deal .....	10	10	13	14	13	12	15	16	17	19	21
A fair amount .....	45	46	45	48	43	45	44	45	47	48	48
Not very much .....	37	38	32	32	36	37	34	33	31	29	26
None at all .....	8	6	9	6	7	6	7	6	4	4	4
No opinion .....	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1
<b>Total Great Deal/Fair Amount</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Not Very Much/None</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>
	9/09	9/08	9/07	9/05	9/04	9/03	9/02	9/01	6/76	4/74	
A great deal .....	20	19	17	22	21	24	23	17	25	27	
A fair amount .....	53	53	53	56	54	52	55	57	61	56	
Not very much .....	23	23	27	19	22	21	17	22	12	13	
None at all .....	4	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	1	2	
No opinion .....	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	3	
<b>Total Great Deal/Fair Amount</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>83</b>	
<b>Total Not Very Much/None</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	

3. Which of the following comes closest to describing what democracy means to you?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Individual rights and liberties are protected .....	37	28	47
Decisions are made by a majority of citizens .....	31	39	22
The same laws apply to everyone .....	28	29	26
None of these .....	5	4	5

4a. Do you feel democracy in America is safe and secure today, or is democracy in America threatened today?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Democracy in America is very safe and secure .....	5	9	2
Democracy in America is somewhat safe and secure .....	21	24	17
Democracy in America is somewhat threatened .....	42	40	42
Democracy in America is very threatened .....	32	27	38
<b>Total Safe And Secure</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Threatened</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>80</b>

4b. In your own words, what are the main reasons that you feel democracy is [safe and secure / threatened] in America today?

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5. For each of the following, please indicate whether or not you feel this is a serious threat to democracy in America.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SERIOUS THREAT*

	<b>Total Serious Threat</b>	<b>Total Small/ Not A Threat</b>	Very Serious Threat	Fairly Serious Threat	Small Threat	Not A Threat
<b>The influence of big money in elections</b>						
All.....	80	20	55	25	15	5
Democrats .....	82	18	56	26	13	5
Republicans.....	77	23	54	23	18	5
<b>The possibility of political violence</b>						
All.....	72	28	42	31	19	9
Democrats .....	81	19	53	28	13	5
Republicans.....	61	39	31	31	26	13
<b>Increasing economic power of the very wealthy</b>						
All.....	69	31	43	27	21	10
Democrats .....	81	19	51	30	14	5
Republicans.....	58	42	34	23	27	16
<b>New election laws giving state legislatures more power to determine the winner of the presidential election in their state</b>						
All.....	63	37	37	26	22	16
Democrats .....	73	27	44	29	18	9
Republicans.....	51	49	30	21	26	23
<b>The growing strength of white nationalist groups</b>						
All.....	60	40	40	20	20	20
Democrats .....	82	18	61	21	12	6
Republicans.....	38	62	19	19	28	34
<b>Democrats committing election fraud</b>						
All.....	59	41	43	16	15	26
Democrats .....	34	66	23	11	16	50
Republicans.....	84	16	64	20	12	4
<b>Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the result of the 2020 election</b>						
All.....	52	48	41	11	14	34
Democrats .....	84	16	70	14	9	6
Republicans.....	19	81	11	7	18	63
<b>Filibusters in the U.S. Senate preventing passage of legislation</b>						
All.....	52	48	24	28	25	23
Democrats .....	63	37	31	32	24	12
Republicans.....	39	61	18	22	25	35
<b>Republicans making it harder for people to vote</b>						
All.....	51	49	36	15	14	35
Democrats .....	85	15	67	18	9	5
Republicans.....	16	84	6	10	17	67
<b>Government mandates on vaccination and mask-wearing</b>						
All.....	39	61	26	14	19	41
Democrats .....	20	80	10	10	17	63
Republicans.....	60	40	43	17	20	19

6. Below you will see some pairs of statements that describe goals people might have for the country. For each pair, please indicate which goal is more important to you.

	Statement A			Statement B			
	Total A	Much More	Some-what More	Some-what More	Much More	Total B	
<b>Statement A Is More Important</b>							<b>Statement B Is More Important</b>
<b>Having election outcomes determined democratically</b>							<b>Having political leaders I can trust to look out for my values and interests</b>
All .....	54	34	20	20	26	46	
Democrats.....	61	42	19	18	21	39	
Republicans .....	47	28	19	22	31	53	
<b>Making sure the next president has the support of a majority of voters</b>							<b>Making sure the next president is someone that you support</b>
All .....	68	41	27	15	17	32	
Democrats.....	71	48	23	14	15	29	
Republicans .....	65	37	29	16	18	35	
<b>Having a federal government that can get things done and solve problems</b>							<b>Limiting the power of the federal government</b>
All .....	59	30	29	21	20	41	
Democrats.....	73	40	33	17	10	27	
Republicans .....	45	22	23	25	30	55	
<b>Allowing people the personal freedom to do as they please</b>							<b>Having people work together for a better country</b>
All .....	30	13	17	28	42	70	
Democrats.....	21	10	11	28	50	79	
Republicans .....	38	17	21	26	36	62	
<b>Making sure that everyone who wants to vote can do so</b>							<b>Making sure that no one votes who is not eligible to vote</b>
All .....	51	33	17	14	35	49	
Democrats.....	78	55	22	11	12	22	
Republicans .....	23	13	11	17	60	77	

7. Looking ahead to the 2024 presidential election, do you feel more confident that the result will be fairly determined, or more worried that the result will not be fair?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Very confident.....	15	22	9
Mostly confident.....	35	39	30
Mostly worried .....	30	24	37
Very worried .....	20	16	24
<b>Total Confident</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Worried</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>61</b>

8a. If the Democratic nominee is declared the winner of the next presidential election, do you think the Republicans will accept that result or will Republicans work to overturn the result? \*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Republicans will accept the result. ....	49	30	67
Republicans will work to overturn the result .....	51	70	33

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8b. If the Republican nominee is declared the winner of the next presidential election, do you think the Democrats will accept that result or will Democrats work to overturn the result? \*\*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Democrats will accept the result. ....	54	88	21
Democrats will work to overturn the result.....	46	12	79

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. Looking forward to the next 10 or 20 years, do you feel more confident or more worried about the future of democracy in America?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Very confident.....	5	7	3
Mostly confident.....	25	29	22
Mostly worried .....	39	39	37
Very worried .....	31	25	38
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<b>Total Confident</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Worried</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>75</b>

10a. Below are different proposals regarding democracy in America today. For each one, please indicate whether you think this proposal would strengthen or weaken democracy.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL WHO SAY WOULD GREATLY OR SOMEWHAT STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY

	<b>Total Strengthen Democracy</b>	<b>Total Weaken Democracy</b>	Would Greatly Strengthen	Would Somewhat Strengthen	Would Somewhat Weaken	Would Greatly Weaken
<b>Improving border security and restricting illegal immigration</b>						
All.....	77	23	45	32	17	6
Democrats .....	61	39	19	42	30	8
Republicans.....	93	7	73	20	5	2
<b>Limiting the number of years a U.S. Supreme Court justice could serve on the court rather than having a lifetime appointment</b>						
All.....	68	32	30	38	22	9
Democrats .....	75	25	35	40	19	6
Republicans.....	59	41	24	35	27	14
<b>Electing as president the person who receives the most votes nationally, rather than who wins a majority in the electoral college</b>						
All.....	67	33	37	30	15	18
Democrats .....	84	16	49	34	10	6
Republicans.....	48	52	23	25	20	32
<b>Making Puerto Rico a state, with representation in the U.S. House and Senate</b>						
All.....	60	40	19	41	24	16
Democrats .....	83	17	32	51	12	6
Republicans.....	36	64	7	29	36	27
<b>Eliminating the filibuster in the U.S. Senate, so that it takes a simple majority of 51 votes to pass legislation</b>						
All.....	57	43	22	35	24	19
Democrats .....	76	24	35	41	18	6
Republicans.....	39	61	11	28	29	32
<b>Making Washington, D.C. a state with representation in the U.S. House and Senate</b>						
All.....	53	47	17	36	24	22
Democrats .....	76	24	30	46	17	7
Republicans.....	29	71	7	22	31	40
<b>Increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court</b>						
All.....	52	48	15	37	25	23
Democrats .....	72	28	23	49	21	7
Republicans.....	30	70	6	24	29	41
<b>State legislation reducing absentee voting and limiting early voting times</b>						
All.....	43	57	18	26	27	30
Democrats .....	24	76	9	15	26	50
Republicans.....	64	36	28	36	26	10

10b. As you know, the U.S. Senate consists of two senators from each state. This gives Wyoming and Vermont, each with around 600,000 people, the same number of votes as California or Texas, which have tens of millions of people. Do you think this system is good because it gives a voice to small states, or is bad because it violates the principle of one person/one vote?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
System is good--gives a voice to small states .....	65	59	72
System is bad--violates the principle of one person/one vote.	35	41	28

11a. Some people have suggested that the United States should split into two countries, one that is more conservative or "red" and one that is more progressive or "blue." Do you favor or oppose this idea of dividing the U.S. into two countries?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Strongly favor .....	6	6	7
Somewhat favor.....	11	10	12
Somewhat oppose.....	16	16	16
Strongly oppose.....	66	68	65
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>80</b>

11b. If the United States did split into two countries, would you prefer to live in the more conservative or "red" country or the more progressive or "blue" country?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Prefer conservative/Red America.....	51	15	89
Prefer progressive/Blue America.....	49	85	11

11c. In 20 years, do you think all 50 states will still be part of the United States of America--one nation under one federal government--or do you think the U.S will have divided into two or more countries?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Will be one country in 20 years .....	83	85	81
Will be two or more countries in 20 years.....	17	15	19

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "DEMOCRAT" IN Q.S2abc.)**

12a. Do you think of Republicans more as political opponents who you disagree with on issues, or more as political enemies who are a threat to your values and way of life?

	<u>Democrats</u>
Political opponents I disagree with.....	57
Political enemies who are a threat .....	43

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.S2abc.)**

12b. Do you think of Democrats more as political opponents who you disagree with on issues, or more as political enemies who are a threat to your values and way of life?

	<u>Republicans</u>
Political opponents I disagree with .....	53
Political enemies who are a threat .....	47



13. Thinking about the people who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, would you say that was more of an insurrection against the United States or more of an act of patriotism?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Insurrection--much more .....	47	77	17
Insurrection--somewhat more.....	19	11	26
Act of patriotism--somewhat more.....	24	8	41
Act of patriotism--much more .....	10	4	17
<b>Total Insurrection</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Act Of Patriotism</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>

14. Thinking about the next few years, do you think America will have more political violence, less political violence, or about the same level as today?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
More political violence .....	54	55	54
Less political violence.....	12	13	10
About the same .....	35	33	36

- 15a. If the Democratic nominee is declared the winner of the next presidential election, but the results of the election are contested, how likely do you think it is that political violence will break out around the country?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Very likely .....	29	38	23
Fairly likely.....	46	44	46
Fairly unlikely.....	21	14	29
Very unlikely.....	3	4	3
<b>Total Likely</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Unlikely</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 15b. If the Republican nominee is declared the winner of the next presidential election, but the results of the election are contested, how likely do you think it is that political violence will break out around the country?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Very likely .....	24	19	30
Fairly likely.....	44	44	44
Fairly unlikely.....	24	27	20
Very unlikely.....	7	10	5
<b>Total Likely</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total Unlikely</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16. People sometimes advocate the use of force or violence to resist a political outcome they feel is not legitimate. For each of the following situations, please indicate whether you feel opponents of that outcome might be justified in using force to resist the outcome.

Would opponents of this outcome be justified in using force to resist it?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL WHO SAY USE OF FORCE WOULD BE DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY JUSTIFIED*

	<b>Total Use Of Force Would Be Justified</b>	<b>Total Use Of Force Would Not Be Justified</b>	<u>Would Definitely Be Justified</u>	<u>Probably Be Justified</u>	<u>Would Probably Not Be Justified</u>	<u>Would Definitely Not Be Justified</u>
<b>If Joe Biden is declared the winner of the 2024 election, but there are reports of voter fraud in some of the states he won</b>						
All .....	33	67	15	18	28	39
Democrats .....	24	76	8	15	27	49
Republicans .....	43	57	23	20	28	29
<b>If Donald Trump is declared the winner of the 2024 election, because some Republican state legislatures reversed the result of the election in their state</b>						
All .....	31	69	14	18	30	39
Democrats .....	42	58	23	20	23	35
Republicans .....	19	81	5	14	37	44
<b>If Congress bans the sale and possession of semi-automatic assault rifles</b>						
All .....	31	69	14	17	27	43
Democrats .....	24	76	7	17	24	52
Republicans .....	37	63	20	17	28	35
<b>If Congress passed a national COVID-19 vaccine mandate</b>						
All .....	30	70	15	15	24	46
Democrats .....	20	80	8	12	23	57
Republicans .....	39	61	23	16	25	35
<b>If Congress added four seats to the Supreme Court, and the seats were filled by Joe Biden</b>						
All .....	29	71	12	17	28	43
Democrats .....	16	84	6	10	27	57
Republicans .....	41	59	20	21	29	31
<b>If the Supreme Court overturns <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and state legislatures make abortion illegal</b>						
All .....	27	73	12	15	27	46
Democrats .....	34	66	16	19	26	40
Republicans .....	19	81	8	11	27	54

**FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.**

F1. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	<u>All RV</u>
Conservative .....	38
Moderate .....	35
Liberal .....	26

F2. Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

	<u>All RV</u>
Urban .....	25
Suburban .....	51
Small town .....	7
Rural .....	17
<b>Total Small Town/Rural</b>	<b>25</b>

F3. Please indicate whether each of the following applies to you.

	<u>Yes, Applies To Me</u>	<u>No, Does Not Apply To Me</u>
You or someone in your household owns a gun.....	35	65
You are a "born again" or evangelical Christian .....	31	69

**Q.F5 THROUGH Q.F10 WERE ASKED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

F5. For statistical purposes only, are you...?

	<u>All RV</u>
Male .....	47
Female .....	52
Non-binary/other .....	1

F6. For statistical purposes only and to ensure that we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

	<u>All RV</u>
18-24 .....	5
25-29 .....	9
30-34 .....	10
35-39 .....	8
40-44 .....	7
45-49 .....	7
50-54 .....	7
55-59 .....	12
60-64 .....	9
65 -69 .....	9
70-74 .....	9
75 and older.....	6

F7. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

	<u>All RV</u>
Did not graduate high school.....	1
High school graduate.....	26
Attended technical or vocational school .....	4
Attended some college, but no degree.....	20
Graduated 2-year college with an associate's degree.....	11
Graduated 4-year college with a bachelor's degree .....	25
Obtained a master's, PhD, or professional degree.....	13

F8. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2020 election for president?

	<u>All RV</u>
Joe Biden, the Democrat .....	49
Donald Trump, the Republican.....	45
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian .....	1
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate + .....	-
Did not vote in the 2020 election .....	5

F9. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

	<u>All RV</u>
Employed full time .....	46
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week) .....	16
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work .....	3
Disabled, unable to work .....	2
Stay-at-home parent.....	9
Full-time student .....	3
Retired .....	22
<b>Total Employed</b>	<b>61</b>

F10. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And to ensure that we have a representative sample, please indicate your race.

	<u>All RV</u>
Asian or Asian American .....	5
Black or African American .....	12
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin .....	11
American Indian or Native American .....	-
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander .....	-
White .....	71
Another race .....	1