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# NATIONAL: REPUBLICANS WOULD NOT BE THAT BOTHERED IF TRUMP GOES AFTER POLITICAL ENEMIES

More Americans say 2024 election was fair than did so four years ago

*West Long Branch, NJ* – Most Democrats and independents would be upset if President-elect Donald Trump suspended laws and constitutional provisions to go after his political enemies. However, few Republicans say this would bother them a lot, although most see his statements about doing this as overstated. The *Monmouth ("Mon-muth") University Poll* finds that most Americans feel the country has become more divided during President Joe Biden's term, but only Republicans think it will become more united after Trump takes office again. In other results, more Americans believe the 2024 presidential results were fair than said the same about the 2020 outcome, mainly due to the steadfast refusal of most Republicans to acknowledge the validity of Biden's win.

Trump suggested during the presidential campaign that he could suspend some laws and constitutional provisions to go after political enemies in his second term. The public is divided on whether this is something he will seriously do (48%) or if it is more of an exaggeration (47%). Most Democrats take these statements seriously (77%) while most

Republicans tend to see them as an

exaggeration (71%). Republicans are somewhat less likely to takes these statements seriously

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LAWS TO GO AFTER	R POLI	TICAL	. ENE	VIES
	Total	Rep	Ind	Dem
He is serious	48%	21%	48%	77%
He is exaggerating	47%	71%	48%	21%
If he does this, will it				
Bother you a lot	52%	23%	55%	77%
Bother you a little	22%	34%	21%	12%
Not bother you at all	22%	36%	21%	10%
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now (21%) then they were six months ago (33% in June).

If Trump did suspend some laws and constitutional provisions, 52% of the public would be bothered a lot by this. This number is down from 65% who felt this way in June. Those who say they would be bothered a lot by this ranges from 77% of Democrats (down from 86% in June) to 55% of independents (down from 68%) and just 23% of Republicans (down from 41%).

"As recently as this week, Trump said those who investigated the Jan. 6 riot should go to jail. Still many Americans see this more as bombast than intent. If he is serious, however, he can probably bank on his fellow Republicans to stand behind him, or at least turn a blind eye," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Two-thirds (67%) of Americans say the country has become more divided since Biden took office four years ago. This is similar to the number who said the same at the end of Trump's first term (70% in November 2020). In the current poll, just 10% feel the country has become more united and 23% say it has not really changed. The one thing that has changed is which partian group expresses negative views about national unity. At the end of Trump's first term, nearly all Democrats (90%), and close to 3 in 4

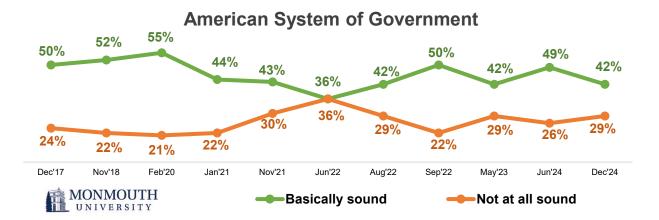
COUNTRY IS MORE DIVIDED											
	Total	Rep	Ind	Dem							
After Biden's term <i>(Dec. 2024)</i>	67%	86%	62%	56%							
After Trump's term (Nov. 2020)	70%	49%	73%	90%							
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independents (73%) said the country grew more divided under Trump, while just under half of Republicans (49%) agreed. This contrasts with current public opinion, where nearly 9 in 10 Republicans (86%) say the country has grown more divided under Biden, while about 6 in 10 independents (62%) and Democrats (56%) feel the same.

Just 34% think the country will become more united under President Trump in the next four years, while 44% say we will grow more divided and 19% expect that not much will change. Republicans (71%) are optimistic about having more unity. Democrats (85%) are pessimistic about seeing more division. Independents tend to lean toward expecting more division (42%) than greater unity (28%).

"Because many Americans tend to dwell in partisan cocoons, there's the appearance of unity when your side is in charge, even if it is by the slimmest of majorities," said Murray.

Less than half of the American public says our system of government is basically sound, needing only some (36%) or no (6%) improvement, while a majority say it is on shakier ground, being either not too sound (29%) or not sound at all (29%). Since January 2021, the number of Americans who see our system as sound has ranged between 36% (June 2022) and 50% (September 2022). This opinion was slightly higher between 2017 and 2020 (from 50% to 55%) and significantly higher more than four decades ago (62% in 1980).



Currently, Democrats (55%) are more likely than either independents (39%) or Republicans (36%) to say our system of government is sound. This represents a slight drop since June among Democrats (from 69%) and virtually no change among either independents (43%) or Republicans (39%) in the past six months. When Biden first took office nearly four years ago there was no partisan variation in this opinion, with independents (46% in January 2021) and Republicans (41%) having similar levels of confidence in the American system as they do today, while Democrats (45%) had much less faith in the system's soundness than they do now. In the first year of Trump's initial term, however, Republicans were much more positive about the American system (60% basically sound in December 2017) than either independents (45%) or Democrats (48%).

### 2024 Election Reaction

More than 8 in 10 Americans (83%) believe that Trump won this year's election fair and square. Just 12% believe he only won it due to voter fraud. Nearly four years ago, a smaller majority (65% in January 2021) believed Biden won the 2020 election fair and square, while 32% said his victory was due to voter fraud. For the most recent election, nearly all Republicans (95%) and independents (86%) and nearly two-thirds of Democrats

WON ELECTION FAIR AND SQUARE											
	Total	Rep	Ind	Dem							
Donald Trump (Dec. 2024)	83%	95%	86%	65%							
Joe Biden (Jan. 2021)	65%	24%	62%	98%							
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(65%) believe Trump won fairly. After the prior election nearly all Democrats (98%) and more than 6 in 10 independents (62%) thought Biden won fairly, but only 24% of Republicans agreed. The Monmouth University Poll asked this question more than 10 times throughout Biden's term and found public opinion, including the partisan gap, barely budged during that entire four-year span.

While the 2024 national popular vote result was the eighth closest presidential margin in the history of the republic, more Americans feel that most of their family and friends voted for Trump (47%)

than for Kamala Harris (39%). There are some interesting differences by race and education. Among white Americans without a college degree, 64% say most of their family and friends voted for Trump while just 22% feel their personal circle favored Harris. Among white Americans who hold a college degree, opinion is more divided between Harris (46%) and Trump (42%) being the pick of their family and friends. Among Black, Hispanic, Asian and other non-white Americans, 52% say most of their family and friends voted for Harris while 34% say most voted for Trump.

"This is just more evidence of how partisan tribalism isolates us. Certain groups of Americans simply don't know many people who have different views from them. Or at least who are willing to talk politics with them," said Murray.

Just over half of the public is either happy (27%) or satisfied (24%) by the idea of Trump winning the election. At the other end of the spectrum, 23% are dissatisfied and 22% feel angry about this outcome. These overall results are fairly similar to public opinion about Biden's victory in November 2020, but with significant partisan differences underneath those topline numbers. When Biden won, 57% of Democrats said they felt happy and 35% of Republicans were angry. Now, with the partisan result flipped, there is relatively more happiness in the Republican camp (63%) and a lot more anger among Democrats (52%).

In other poll findings, just 27% of Americans say the country is headed in the right direction while nearly 6 in 10 (58%) feel things have gotten off on the wrong track. This view has been more negative than positive for years, but there has been a shift in partisan opinion since the summer. In June, Democrats (42%) were much more likely than independents (15%) or Republicans (6%) to say the country was headed in the right direction. Now, after Trump's election victory, Republicans (45%) are more optimistic than independents (22%) or Democrats (16%) about where the country is heading.

One thing Americans of all partisan stripes continue to agree upon is their dim view of Congress. Just 17% approve of the job the U.S. Congress is doing while 74% disapprove. Large majorities of Republicans (67%), Democrats (76%), and independents (78%) alike give negative marks to the federal government's legislative branch. These results have been fairly consistent over the past decade or so.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone and online from December 5 to 10, 2024 with 1,006 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points for the full sample. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

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# **QUESTIONS AND RESULTS**

(\* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

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Trend:	Dec. 2024	June 2024	April 2024	Feb. 2024	Dec. 2023	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023				
Right direction	2024	2024		17%	2023	17%	2023	16%	2023	2023				
Wrong track	58%	68%		69%	69%	68%	68%	74%	72%	73%				
(VOL) Depends	11%	11%		13%	9%	12%	5%	6%	3%	1%				
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%				
(n)	(1,006)	(1,106)		(902)	(803)	(814)	(910)	(981)	(805)	(805)				
Trend: Continued	Dec. 2022	Sept. 2022		June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021		June Ap 2021 20		
Right direction	28%	23%	15%	10%	18%	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37% 46	% 34%	42%
Wrong track	68%	74%	82%	88%	79%	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57% 50	% 61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3% 29	% 4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3% 29	% 2%	4%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810) (80	00) (802)	(809)
Trend: Continued	Nov. 2020	Early Se 2020	pt. Aug. 2020	20	20	arly June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020			
Right direction	26%	27%	22%			21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%			
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%			74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%			
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5		4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%			
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	39	%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%			
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(86	67)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)			
Trend: Continued	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	2019	April 2019	Marc 2019	201	B 201	8 201	8 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%		28%	29%					31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%		62%	63%					61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%				6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	6 3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802	) (802	?) (80	5) (806	6) (803)	(803)	(806)
Trend: Continued	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015						
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	5 23%	۶ 27 <sup>0</sup>	% 23%	6 28%		
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66 66	% 69%	63%		
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6 5%	5%		
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	6 3%	4%		
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012	) (1,00	1) (1,00	2) (1,00	05) (1,00	8) (1,012)		

\* Registered voters

2. I'm going to read four statements about our American system of government. Listen carefully and then tell me which one is closest to how you feel: our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes, our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement, our system is not too sound and needs many improvements, or our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes?

Trend:	Dec.	June	May	Sept.	Aug.	June	Nov.	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.
Trend.	2024	2024	2023	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020	2018	2017	1980*
Basically sound, no changes	6%	6%	6%	11%	9%	6%	8%	7%	9%	10%	7%	6%
Basically sound, some improvement	36%	43%	36%	39%	33%	30%	35%	37%	46%	42%	43%	56%
Not too sound, many improvements	29%	26%	27%	26%	27%	26%	26%	33%	24%	26%	25%	27%
Not sound at all, significant changes	29%	26%	29%	22%	29%	36%	30%	22%	21%	22%	24%	10%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
(n)	(1,006)	(1,106)	(981)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(811)	(809)	(902)	(802)	(806)	(1,103)

\* Source: Opinion Research Corporation

3. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office four years ago?

Trend:			Ŭ	Comparis	Comparison: Trump's First Term						
	Dec.	March	Nov.	Nov.	June	Nov.	Dec.	March			
	2024	2022	2021	2020	2020	2018	2017	2017			
More united	10%	15%	12%	12%	13%	11%	9%	11%			
More divided	67%	48%	49%	70%	66%	62%	63%	52%			
Not really changed	23%	35%	38%	16%	17%	25%	26%	34%			
(VOL) Don't know	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%			
(n)	(1,006)	(809)	(811)	(810)	(867)	(802)	(806)	(801)			

\* Question wording prior to 2024 did not include "four years ago."

4. Looking ahead to the next four years under President Trump, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?

	Dec.
	2024
More united	34%
More divided	44%
Not much change	19%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(1,006)

5. Do you believe Donald Trump won the 2024 election fair and square, or do you believe that he only won it due to voter fraud?

Comparison:		Biden 2020
	Dec.	Jan.
	2024	2021
Fair and square	83%	65%
Due to voter fraud	12%	32%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	3%
(n)	(1,006)	(809)

6. Does the idea of Donald Trump winning the election make you feel happy, satisfied, dissatisfied, or angry?

Comparison:		Biden 2020
	Dec.	Nov.
	2024	2020*
Нарру	27%	25%
Satisfied	24%	26%
Dissatisfied	23%	29%
Angry	22%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	5%
(n)	(1,006)	(810)

\* Question in 2020 was asked about "the idea of Joe Biden becoming president."

7. Did you cast a ballot in this year's presidential election, or did you not vote for whatever reason? [*If YES*:] Who did you vote for – Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, or another candidate? [*NAMES WERE ROTATED*]

	Dec.
	2024
Donald Trump	36%
Kamala Harris	36%
Another candidate	5%
Voted, did not name candidate	6%
Did not vote	16%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(1,006)

8. And thinking of your friends and family who voted this year, do you think most of them voted for Donald Trump or Kamala Harris? [*NAMES WERE ROTATED*]

	Dec.
	2024
Donald Trump	47%
Kamala Harris	39%
(VOL) Don't know	14%
(n)	(1,006)

## [Q9 previously released.] [Q10 held for future release.]

### 11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

Trend:	Dec. 2024	June 2024	April 2024	Feb. 2024	Dec. 2023	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023						
Approve	17%	2024 14%			17%	2023 17%	2023	2023 18%		19%						
Disapprove	74%	82%	79%		77%	74%	68%	72%		67%						
(VOL) No opinion	8%	4%	7%	7%	6%	9%	10%	9%	10%	14%						
(n)	(1,006				(803)	(814)	(910)	(981)		(805)						
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Trend: Continued	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	26%	23%	23%	17%	15%	15%	21%	19%	23%	18%			21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	62%	69%	66%	74%	78%	77%	71%	74%	66%	70%			65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	12%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	8%	6%	11%	12%		15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)			(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)
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Trend: Continued	Nov. 2020	Early Jun 2020	ie May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019		
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%		24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%		
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%	
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%	,
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)	
Trend: Continued	Nov.	Aug.	June	April	March	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	Aug.	July	May	March	Jan.	]		
	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017			
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%			
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%			
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%			
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	]		
Trend: Continued	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015							luly 013
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%							4%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%						6%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	129	6 10%	6 129	% 11	% 1	1% 1	0%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203	) (1,00	1) (1,002	2) (1,00	5) (1,0	03) (1,0	)08) (1,	012)
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\* Registered voters

[Q12-17 held for future release.] [Q18-24 previously released.]

25. Donald Trump made statements suggesting that he could suspend some laws and constitutional provisions to go after political enemies if he is elected president again. Do you see these statements as something he will seriously do if elected, or more of an exaggeration?

Trend:	Dec.	Oct.	June
Tienu.	2024	2024*	2024
Something he will seriously do	48%	48%	52%
More of an exaggeration	47%	49%	45%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	4%	3%
( <i>n</i> )	(1,006)	(802)	(1,106)

\* Registered voters

26. If Donald Trump did suspend some laws and constitutional provisions, would that bother you a lot, bother you a little, or not bother you at all?

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Trend:	Dec.	Oct.	June
Trenu.	2024	2024*	2024
Bother a lot	52%	59%	65%
Bother a little	22%	20%	20%
Not bother at all	22%	18%	12%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	3%	3%
(n)	(1,006)	(802)	(1,106)

\* Registered voters

# METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from December 5 to 10, 2024 with a probability-based national random sample of 1,006 adults age 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in English, and included 208 live landline telephone interviews, 540 live cell phone interviews, and 258 online surveys via a cell phone text invitation. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n=637), Aristotle (list, n=115) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n=254). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2022 oneyear survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points adjusted for sample design effects (1.63). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

#### Demographics (weighted)

Party (self-reported): 27% Republican, 47% Independent, 26% Democrat Sex: 49% men, 50% women, 1% other Age: 29% 18-34, 33% 35-54, 38% 55+ Race: 62% White, 11% Black, 17% Hispanic, 10% Asian/other Education: 38% high school or less, 29% some college, 18% 4 year degree, 15% graduate degree

MARGIN OF ERROR			
		unweighted	moe
		sample	(+/-)
TOTAL		1,006	3.9%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	946	4.1%
	No	60	16.2%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	252	7.9%
	Independent	453	5.9%
	Democrat	296	7.3%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	254	7.9%
	Moderate	387	6.4%
	Conservative	338	6.8%
GENDER	Male	475	5.7%
	Female	515	5.5%
AGE	18-34	201	8.8%
	35-54	327	6.9%
	55+	472	5.8%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	219	8.5%
	No	778	4.5%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	707	4.7%
	Other	276	7.5%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	459	5.8%
	4 year degree	542	5.4%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	330	6.9%
	White, 4 year degree	374	6.5%
INCOME	<\$50K	239	8.1%
	\$50 to <\$100K	296	7.3%
	\$100K+	412	6.2%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Would you say things in the	Right direction	27%	27%	26%	45%	22%	16%	19%	24%	37%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	58%	59%	47%	44%	60%	70%	65%	61%	50%
on the wrong track? [V0	[VOL] Depends	11%	9%	25%	9%	12%	9%	13%	11%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	2%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
	Right direction	29%	26%	24%	31%	25%	28%	26%	28%	26%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	54%	62%	59%	56%	60%	52%	60%	60%	55%
on the wrong track?	[VOL] Depends	13%	8%	14%	11%	8%	16%	9%	10%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1. Would you say things in the	Right direction	28%	24%	30%	22%	28%	25%	26%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	55%	65%	57%	65%	56%	60%	60%
on the wrong track?	[VOL] Depends	12%	9%	10%	10%	8%	13%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	2%	3%	3%	7%	2%	3%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Im going to read four statements about our American system of government. Listen carefully and then tell me which one is closest to how you feel. [READ LIST]	Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes,	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%	9%	8%	4%	8%
	Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement,	36%	37%	28%	29%	34%	46%	31%	46%	28%
[	Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements, or	29%	28%	36%	32%	29%	23%	33%	24%	29%
	Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	29%	29%	30%	31%	31%	21%	27%	25%	34%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

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		GENDER			AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		CE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
2. Im going to read four statements about our American system of government. Listen carefully and then tell me which one is closest to how you feel. [READ LIST]	Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes,	8%	5%	3%	7%	9%	8%	6%	7%	6%
	Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement,	37%	36%	27%	38%	42%	28%	39%	37%	36%
	Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements, or	29%	28%	42%	25%	21%	30%	28%	29%	27%
	Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	26%	30%	28%	31%	27%	34%	27%	27%	32%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

		COLLEG	E GRAD	WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2. Im going to read four statements about our American system of government. Listen carefully and then tell me which one is closest to how you feel. [READ LIST]	Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes,	6%	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%	7%
	Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement,	33%	42%	33%	43%	36%	35%	38%
[	Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements, or	28%	29%	30%	28%	26%	33%	29%
	Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	32%	22%	30%	20%	31%	27%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

				REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
	More united	10%	10%	7%	4%	10%	15%	14%	9%	8%	
united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden	More divided	67%	67%	67%	86%	62%	56%	54%	59%	84%	
took office four years ago?	Not really changed	23%	22%	25%	9%	27%	29%	30%	30%	8%	
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
3. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office four years ago?	More united	11%	9%	10%	6%	12%	10%	9%	7%	13%
	More divided	65%	67%	63%	69%	68%	65%	67%	71%	60%
	Not really changed	23%	23%	26%	23%	19%	25%	22%	20%	27%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Has the country become more	More united	10%	8%	7%	8%	13%	8%	7%
united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden	More divided	68%	65%	74%	66%	64%	66%	70%
took office four years ago?	Not really changed	21%	26%	17%	25%	21%	25%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
<ol> <li>Looking ahead to the next four years under President Trump, do</li> </ol>	More united	34%	34%	34%	71%	28%	6%	9%	22%	64%
you think the country will grow	More divided	44%	45%	38%	8%	42%	85%	77%	51%	14%
more united, more divided, or will not much change?	Not much change	19%	19%	22%	18%	26%	8%	12%	25%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%

		GENDER Male Female		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
				18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
4. Looking ahead to the next four years under President Trump, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?	More united	35%	33%	26%	35%	39%	32%	34%	39%	26%
	More divided	39%	49%	52%	38%	44%	36%	47%	39%	53%
	Not much change	23%	15%	19%	24%	14%	27%	17%	20%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%

		COLLEG	COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME	
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4. Looking ahead to the next four	More united	38%	26%	45%	27%	36%	28%	33%
years under President Trump, do you think the country will grow	More divided	38%	58%	30%	55%	40%	49%	47%
more united, more divided, or will not much change?	Not much change	21%	14%	22%	16%	21%	20%	18%
_	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE VOTE No		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
				Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
5. Do you believe Donald Trump won the 2024 election fair and square, or do you believe that he only won it due to voter fraud?	Fair and square	83%	83%	83%	95%	86%	65%	78%	76%	95%
	Due to voter fraud	12%	11%	14%	5%	8%	25%	14%	17%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	6%	3%	0%	5%	11%	9%	7%	1%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN	I IN HOME	RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
5. Do you believe Donald Trump	Fair and square	89%	76%	77%	86%	85%	83%	83%	88%	73%
won the 2024 election fair and square, or do you believe that he only won it due to voter fraud?	Due to voter fraud	7%	16%	17%	10%	9%	14%	11%	7%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	7%	7%	4%	6%	2%	6%	4%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5. Do you believe Donald Trump won the 2024 election fair and	Fair and square	82%	85%	89%	88%	80%	79%	89%
square, or do you believe that he	Due to voter fraud	13%	9%	8%	6%	14%	16%	6%
only won it due to voter fraud?	[VOL] Dont know	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	5%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
<ol> <li>Does the idea of Donald Trump winning the election make you feel happy, satisfied, dissatisfied,</li> </ol>	Нарру	27%	27%	22%	63%	19%	6%	8%	16%	52%
	Satisfied	24%	22%	41%	31%	31%	4%	6%	27%	33%
or angry?	Dissatisfied	23%	23%	20%	3%	27%	35%	36%	29%	5%
	Angry	22%	23%	12%	0%	17%	52%	46%	23%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%	5%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
<ol> <li>Does the idea of Donald Trump winning the election make you feel happy, satisfied, dissatisfied,</li> </ol>	Нарру	30%	25%	19%	33%	28%	30%	26%	31%	20%
	Satisfied	26%	22%	23%	26%	23%	27%	23%	26%	21%
or angry?	Dissatisfied	24%	22%	25%	19%	24%	16%	25%	19%	28%
	Angry	17%	25%	27%	16%	22%	19%	22%	20%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	6%	6%	6%	2%	8%	4%	3%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
<ol> <li>Does the idea of Donald Trump winning the election make you feel happy, satisfied, dissatisfied,</li> </ol>	Нарру	30%	21%	36%	23%	27%	21%	30%
	Satisfied	28%	16%	29%	20%	28%	25%	20%
or angry?	Dissatisfied	20%	28%	17%	24%	25%	22%	22%
	Angry	17%	31%	15%	31%	16%	26%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%

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		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE			PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. Did you cast a ballot in this	Donald Trump	36%	39%	0%	80%	29%	2%	4%	24%	70%
years presidential election, or did you not vote for whatever reason?	Kamala Harris	36%	40%	0%	5%	31%	79%	70%	42%	8%
[Who did you vote for - Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, or another	Other candidate	5%	6%	0%	2%	10%	0%	6%	6%	5%
candidate?]	Voted, did not name cand	6%	7%	0%	5%	9%	2%	4%	7%	6%
	Did not vote	16%	8%	100%	8%	21%	16%	16%	20%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		CHILDREN IN HOME		RA	CE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
7. Did you cast a ballot in this	Donald Trump	38%	34%	22%	42%	40%	40%	34%	45%	21%
years presidential election, or did you not vote for whatever reason?	Kamala Harris	31%	41%	39%	31%	39%	33%	37%	33%	42%
[Who did you vote for - Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, or another	Other candidate	6%	5%	7%	7%	3%	3%	6%	5%	6%
candidate?]	Voted, did not name cand	6%	6%	6%	3%	8%	4%	7%	5%	8%
	Did not vote	19%	13%	26%	16%	9%	19%	16%	12%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE C DEG				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. Did you cast a ballot in this	Donald Trump	38%	31%	50%	36%	30%	33%	40%
years presidential election, or did you not vote for whatever reason?	Kamala Harris	29%	51%	25%	47%	30%	39%	42%
Who did you vote for - Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, or another	Other candidate	6%	3%	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%
candidate?]	Voted, did not name cand	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%
	Did not vote	20%	9%	15%	8%	28%	16%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. And thinking of your friends	Donald Trump	47%	48%	44%	83%	45%	16%	21%	39%	76%
and family who voted this year, do you think most of them voted for	Kamala Harris	39%	38%	41%	10%	35%	74%	70%	43%	13%
Donald Trump or Kamala Harris?	[VOL] Dont know	14%	14%	15%	7%	20%	9%	9%	18%	11%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
8. And thinking of your friends	Donald Trump	50%	46%	38%	53%	50%	44%	49%	56%	34%
and family who voted this year, do you think most of them voted for	Kamala Harris	37%	39%	49%	32%	36%	43%	37%	30%	52%
Donald Trump or Kamala Harris?	[VOL] Dont know	13%	15%	13%	15%	14%	13%	14%	13%	15%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	e degree degree college <\$50K \$50-100K				\$100K+	
8. And thinking of your friends and family who voted this year, do	Donald Trump	51%	39%	64%	42%	47%	46%	49%
you think most of them voted for	Kamala Harris	34%	49%	22%	46%	35%	45%	39%
Donald Trump or Kamala Harris?	[VOL] Dont know	15%	12%	14%	11%	18%	9%	12%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is	Approve	17%	17%	26%	22%	15%	16%	19%	16%	17%
doing?	Disapprove	74%	75%	65%	67%	78%	76%	74%	75%	74%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	8%	10%	11%	7%	8%	6%	8%	9%

		GENDER			AGE 3-WAY		CHILDREN	IN HOME	RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
11. Do you approve or disapprove	Approve	18%	16%	17%	21%	15%	19%	17%	16%	19%
of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Disapprove	78%	71%	73%	73%	76%	70%	76%	75%	72%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	13%	9%	6%	9%	11%	7%	8%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No 4 yr White no White degree degree college <\$50K \$50-1				\$50-100K	\$100K+	
11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is	Approve	19%	14%	18%	14%	25%	11%	15%
doing?	Disapprove	71%	80%	72%	81%	64%	79%	81%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	5%	10%	5%	11%	10%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTE VO			PARTY ID		POLITICAL IDEC		OGY
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
25. Donald Trump made statements suggesting that he could suspend some laws and	Something he will seriously do	48%	48%	45%	21%	48%	77%	68%	56%	25%
constitutional provisions to go after political enemies if he is elected president again. Do you	More of an exaggeration	47%	47%	50%	71%	48%	21%	28%	40%	71%
see these statements as something he will seriously do, or more of an exaggeration?	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	5%	8%	4%	2%	4%	5%	4%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
25. Donald Trump made statements suggesting that he could suspend some laws and	Something he will seriously do	43%	52%	53%	47%	45%	51%	47%	42%	59%
constitutional provisions to go after political enemies if he is elected president again. Do you	More of an exaggeration	53%	43%	42%	50%	49%	46%	48%	White non-Hisp	37%
see these statements as something he will seriously do, or more of an exaggeration?	[VOL] Dont know	4%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE				
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
25. Donald Trump made statements suggesting that he could suspend some laws and	Something he will seriously do	48%	48%	39%	47%	54%	49%	44%
constitutional provisions to go after political enemies if he is elected president again. Do you	More of an exaggeration	47%	48%	56%	49%	40%	49%	53%
see these statements as something he will seriously do, or more of an exaggeration?	[VOL] Dont know	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%	3%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
26. If Donald Trump did suspend	Bother a lot	52%	54%	30%	23%	55%	77%	77%	58%	29%
some laws and constitutional provisions, would that bother you	Bother a little	22%	22%	22%	34%	21%	12%	13%	Mod	33%
a lot, bother you a little, or not bother you at all?	Not bother at all	22%	20%	47%	36%	21%	10%	9%	23%	32%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	1%	6%	4%	1%	1%	2%	7%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk- Asn-Oth
26. If Donald Trump did suspend	Bother a lot	52%	52%	51%	50%	55%	45%	54%	53%	51%
some laws and constitutional provisions, would that bother you	Bother a little	21%	23%	24%	20%	23%	24%	22%	53% 25%	17%
a lot, bother you a little, or not bother you at all?	Not bother at all	25%	19%	23%	27%	18%	28%	21%	19%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
26. If Donald Trump did suspend	Bother a lot	44%	68%	45%	67%	47%	59%	57%
some laws and constitutional provisions, would that bother you	Bother a little	24%	18%	28%	20%	23%	\$50-100K 59% 19% 20%	23%
a lot, bother you a little, or not bother you at all?	Not bother at all	27%	12%	24%	10%	26%		19%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%