

DEMOCRACY SURVEY QUESTIONS (U.S. Version)

[Note to translator: Text for introduction, identifying the age-eligible respondent, and citizenship verification, along with other various pieces of text that require translation, are at the end of this document.]

Q1. (DEM13) In a few words, what does democracy mean to you?

Q2. (CP6) Now I am going to read a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you attend their meetings at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice year, or never. First of all, meetings of any religious organization. Do you attend them...

- 1 Once a week
2. Once or twice a month
3. Once or twice a year, or
4. Never
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q3. (CP7) What about meetings of a parents association at school? Do you attend them...

- 1 Once a week
2. Once or twice a month
3. Once or twice a year, or
4. Never (OR NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q4. (CP8) What about meetings of a committee or community association. Do you attend them...

- 1 Once a week
2. Once or twice a month
3. Once or twice a year, or
4. Never
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q5. (CP9) What about meetings of an association of professionals, business people, or farmers. Do you attend them...

- 1 Once a week
2. Once or twice a month
3. Once or twice a year, or
4. Never
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q6. (CP13) And finally, what about meetings of a political party or political movement. Do you attend them...

- 1 Once a week
2. Once or twice a month
3. Once or twice a year, or
4. Never
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q7. (PROT1) In your lifetime, have you participated in protest demonstrations sometimes, almost never, or never?

1. SOMETIMES
2. ALMOST NEVER
3. NEVER
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q8. (NP1) Have you attended a city or town council meeting in the last year?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q9. (IT1) Now, speaking of the people from around where you live, would you say that the people from your community are generally...

1. Very trustworthy
2. Somewhat trustworthy
3. Not very trustworthy, or
4. Untrustworthy
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q10. (VIC1) Have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q11. (AOJ11) Again, speaking of the place or neighborhood where you live, and thinking of the possibility of becoming victimized by an assault or a robbery, do you feel...

1. Very safe
2. Somewhat safe
3. Somewhat unsafe, or
4. Very unsafe
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q12. (JC15) On another topic, do you think that sometimes there could be enough justification for the President to shut down Congress or do you think there can never be sufficient justification to do so?

1. SOMETIMES THERE COULD BE ENOUGH JUSTIFICATION
2. THERE CAN NEVER BE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q13. (JC16) Do you think that sometimes there could be enough justification to shut down the Supreme Court or do you think that there can never be sufficient justification to do so?

1. SOMETIMES THERE COULD BE ENOUGH JUSTIFICATION
2. THERE CAN NEVER BE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q14. (B1) Now I'll ask questions with a scale that goes from 1, meaning "not at all" to 7, meaning "a great deal". First of all, on a scale of 1 to 7, how much do you think the courts in the U.S. guarantee a fair trial? If you think the courts do not guarantee a fair trial at all, choose the number 1. If you think

the courts guarantee a fair trial a lot, choose the number 7. Or you can choose a number in between 1 and 7.

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q15. (B2) How much do you respect the political institutions of the U.S.? Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

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6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q16. (B3) How much do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of the U.S.? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

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6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q17. (B4) How proud do you feel of living under the political system of the U.S.? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

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4.

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6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q18. (B6) How much do you think that people should support the political system of the U.S.? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. A GREAT DEAL
- 8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q19. (B10A) How much do you trust the justice system? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

- 1. NOT AT ALL
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. A GREAT DEAL
- 8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q20. (B12) How much do you trust the Armed Forces? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

- 1. NOT AT ALL
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. A GREAT DEAL
- 8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q21. (B13) How much do you trust Congress? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

- 1. NOT AT ALL
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. A GREAT DEAL
- 8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q22. (B21) How much do you trust the political parties? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

- 1. NOT AT ALL
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q23. (B31) How much do you trust the Supreme Court? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q24. (B43) How proud are you of being an American? [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

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6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q25. (ING4) How much do you agree with the following statement? "Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government." [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q26. (PN2) And to what extent do you agree with this statement? "Despite our differences, we Americans have many things that unite us as a country." [Choose a number between 1 and 7, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a great deal".]

1. NOT AT ALL

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. A GREAT DEAL

8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q27. (DEM2) Okay, now we're no longer using the 1 to 7 scale.

With which one of the following three statements are you in most agreement?

1. Statement 1 is: "For people like me it doesn't matter whether a regime is democratic or non-democratic."
2. Statement 2 is: "Democracy is preferable to any other form of government."
3. And statement 3 is: "Under some circumstances an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one."
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q28. (PN4) In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the way democracy functions in the U.S.?

1. VERY SATISFIED
2. SATISFIED
3. DISSATISFIED
4. VERY DISSATISFIED
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q29READ. My next few questions use a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "strongly disapprove" and 10 meaning "strongly approve". Here's the first question.

Q29. (D1) There are people who always say bad things about the American system of government, not just our elected officials but the system of government. On the scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is "strongly disapprove" and 10 is "strongly approve", how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people's right to vote?

01. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 02.
- 03.
- 04.
- 05.
- 06.
- 07.
- 08.
- 09.
10. STRONGLY APPROVE
88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q30. (D2) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being allowed to conduct peaceful demonstrations in order to express their views? Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".

INTERVIEWER: "SUCH PEOPLE" = PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS SAY BAD THINGS ABOUT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

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- 06.
- 07.
- 08.
- 09.

10. STRONGLY APPROVE
88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q31. (D3) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

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10. STRONGLY APPROVE

88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q32. (D4) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people making speeches on TV? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

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10. STRONGLY APPROVE

88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q33. (D5) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of gays and lesbians being permitted to run for public office? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

01. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

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10. STRONGLY APPROVE
88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q34. (E16) How strongly do you approve or disapprove of people taking justice into their own hands when the government doesn't punish criminals? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

01. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

02.

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10. STRONGLY APPROVE

88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q35. (D32) How strongly would you approve or disapprove of a law that would prohibit public protests? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

01. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

02.

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07.

08.

09.

10. STRONGLY APPROVE

88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q36. (D32) How strongly would you approve or disapprove of the government censoring the media that criticize it? [Choose a number between 1 and 10, where 1 means "strongly disapprove" and 10 means "strongly approve".]

01. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

02.

03.

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07.

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09.

10. STRONGLY APPROVE

88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q37. (EXC6) Now finishing up... Over the past year has any public official asked you for a bribe?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q38. (EXC7) Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, would you say that corruption among public officials is...

1. Very common
2. Common
3. Uncommon, or
4. Very uncommon
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q39. (Q2) Now I have a few final questions that we ask for statistical purposes. Please remember that all of your answers are anonymous. First of all, how old are you?

AGE IN YEARS:

INTERVIEWER: ENTER 888 FOR DON'T KNOW AND 999 FOR REFUSED

Q40. (Q1) INTERVIEWER: RECORD PERSON'S SEX

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q41. (ED) What is the highest grade or year of regular school that you completed?

INTERVIEWER: DON'T READ LIST.

1. Less than 1st grade
2. 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade
3. 5th or 6th grade
4. 7th or 8th grade
5. 9th grade
6. 10th grade
7. 11th grade
8. 12th grade, no diploma
9. High school graduate - diploma or equivalent (GED)
10. Some college but no degree
11. Associate degree in college - Occupational/vocational program
12. Associate degree in college - Academic program
13. Bachelor's degree (For example: BS, BA, AB)
14. Master's degree (For example: MS, MA, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
15. Professional School degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
16. Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)
88. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q42. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q43. What is your race? Please select one or more of the categories that I read that best indicate your race.

INTERVIEWER: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1. American Indian or Alaska native
2. Asian
3. Black or African-American
4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
5. White
6. Some other race (SPECIFY)
7. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q44. (Q10) Approximately what is your total annual household income before taxes? Is it...

1. Under \$30,000
2. Between \$30,000 and \$50,000
3. Between \$50,000 and \$75,000
4. Between \$75,000 and \$150,000
5. More than \$150,000
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q45. (VB10) At this time, do you favor any political party?

1. YES
2. NO → skip to Q47
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED → skip to Q47

Q46. (VB11) Which political party do you favor?

1. Democratic
2. Republican
3. Independent
4. Other (specify)
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED

Q47. (VB2) Did you vote in the last presidential election?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED
9. TOO YOUNG

Q48. Could you please tell me again how many adults, age 18 and over, currently reside in your household? Please include yourself in this number.

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NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD:

Q49. Can you tell me how many phone numbers ring into your home that are used for talking with others? (Is the number that I called the only one?)

INTERVIEWER, DON'T INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- NUMBERS THAT ARE USED ONLY FOR FAX OR COMPUTER
- NUMBERS THAT ARE USED ONLY FOR HOME BUSINESSES
- NUMBERS THAT ARE USED ONLY BY A CHILD UNDER 18
- CELL PHONES

MOST HOUSEHOLDS WILL HAVE ONLY 1 RESIDENTIAL PHONE NUMBER USED FOR VOICE COMMUNICATION. PROBE IF GREATER THAN 1.

OF RESIDENTIAL PHONE NUMBERS USED FOR VOICE:

FINALQ. Do you have any additional comments before we end the survey?

THANKYOU. Those are all of my questions. Thank you for your time!

SORRY. I'm sorry. We need to speak to persons who identify themselves as U.S. citizens. Thank you for your time. (END OF INTERVIEW)