

**POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY 30:154/30:353 SURVEY EXPERIMENT
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Survey Format

(Notes: [ALL] means that all respondents get the question, [VERSION xx] represents a randomly assigned question as part of a group of such questions.)

[ALL]

Hello, my name is _____. I am a student at the University of Iowa carrying out a survey on political attitudes as part of a class project.

Q: Are you 18 or over?

YES - Continue to INTRO

NO - ASK: Is there a person 18 or over available to talk to me? Could you ask him or her to come to the phone?

YES – WAIT for Respondent

NO – SAY: Thanks anyway, we'll call back at another time. {END}

INTRO

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening. I am calling to ask you to participate in a survey on political attitudes and beliefs being carried out at the University of Iowa. The purpose of this research is to understand how people think about various issues involved in politics today. Your phone number was randomly selected for inclusion and we would like to ask you to agree to participate. If you agree I will ask you a series of questions about your opinions on various topics, as well as ask for some information about you for classification purposes. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may skip any of the questions you do not wish to answer. You may stop your participation at any time. Your responses are anonymous. We will not ask for your name or any identifying information and will not record any such information. Your willingness to continue to answer questions that I ask you will indicate your consent to use your responses in our research project.

Q: Are you willing to participate in this survey?

YES – Continue

NO – Thank and hang up/go to next call.

CONTINUE

[ALL]

First I am going to ask you some questions about important issues facing the United States today.

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT Between the following THREE Versions]

[VERSION A]

In recent years the issue of immigration has received increasing attention throughout the United States. Some people believe that people who are here illegally are taking jobs from United States citizens. How do you feel about people who are living and working in the country illegally?

1. Strongly Support
2. Support
3. Neither Support nor Oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly Oppose
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[VERSION B]

In recent years the issue of immigration has received increasing attention throughout the United States. Some people believe that people who are here illegally are filling jobs unwanted by United States citizens. How do you feel about people who are living and working in the country illegally?

1. Strongly Support
2. Support
3. Neither Support nor Oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly Oppose
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[VERSION C]

In recent years the issue of immigration has received increasing attention throughout the United States. How do you feel about people who are living and working in the country illegally?

1. Strongly Support
2. Support
3. Neither Support nor Oppose
4. Oppose
5. Strongly Oppose
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[END RANDOM]

[ALL]

Some people think that the United States should withdraw itself from foreign affairs, adopting an isolationist foreign policy while other people think that we should become more involved in foreign affairs, adopting an internationalist foreign policy. How about you? Do you:

(Read all options.)

1. Strongly support isolationist policy
2. Somewhat support isolationist policy
3. No preference between isolationist or interventionist policy
4. Somewhat support internationalist policy
5. Strongly support internationalist policy
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

How much do you agree with the following statement: Countries, like individuals, are responsible for their own welfare and shouldn't expect help from others? Do you:

(Read all options.)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

I am now going to read a couple of short scenarios to you about world events. After reading each scenario I will ask you what the United States should do in such an event.

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT Between the following TWO versions]

[VERSION A]

Scenario 1: Recently, troops from Denmark have been attacked by soldiers from another country without any prior provocation. The United States government is considering offering support to Denmark in the form of U.S. troops. Ignoring any other current and actual troop deployments, how much would you agree with a decision by the United States to provide assistance to Denmark? Would you:

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[VERSION B]

Scenario 1: Recently, troops from Denmark have been attacked by soldiers from another country without any prior provocation. The United States has a formal, written alliance, under which America is required to provide assistance to Denmark whenever Danish troops are attacked and embroiled in a

conflict. Ignoring any other current and actual troop deployments, how much would you agree with a decision by the United States to provide assistance to Denmark? Would you:

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[END RANDOM]

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT Between the following two]

[VERSION A]

Scenario 2: Germany has been embroiled in a conflict in Africa for several months. Without prior provocation, German soldiers have been forced to engage enemy soldiers in order to protect German territory, assets, and citizens. The United States government is considering offering support to the Germans in the form of U.S. troops. Ignoring any other current and actual troop deployments, how much would you agree with a decision by the United States to provide assistance to Germany? Would you:

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[VERSION B]

Scenario 2: Germany has been embroiled in a conflict in Africa for several months. Without prior provocation, German soldiers have been forced to engage enemy soldiers in order to protect German territory, assets, and citizens. The United States has a formal, written alliance, under which America is required to provide assistance to Germany whenever German troops are attacked and embroiled in a conflict. Ignoring any other current and actual troop deployments, how much would you agree with a decision by the United States to provide assistance to Germany? Would you:

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[END RANDOM]

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT Between the following Two question sets (4 Q's each)]
[WITHIN QUESTION SETS, ROTATE QUESTIONS]

[VERSION A]

Some people believe that wiretapping undermines the freedom and fundamental rights guaranteed to U.S. citizen by the constitution. How much do you agree or disagree with this position?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

President Bush has given the National Security Agency the power to wiretap American citizens? How much do you agree or disagree with this decision?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

Some people believe that the president should have all the powers he wants to ensure our country's safety. How about you, how much do you agree or disagree with this position?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

Some people believe that the administration is right to concentrate power in the executive branch while ignoring the balance of power system designed by the framers of the constitution. How much do you agree or disagree?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[END ROTATION]

[VERSION B]

[ROTATE QUESTIONS IN SET]

Even with the ongoing war on terrorism some people believe that wiretapping undermines the freedom and fundamental rights guaranteed to U.S. citizen by the constitution. How much do you agree or disagree with this position?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

President Bush says that wiretapping can help prevent further terrorist attacks on American soil, which is why he has given the National Security Agency the power to wiretap American citizens. How much do you agree or disagree with this decision by President Bush?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

Recognizing that Al Qaeda is still planning to attack America and its interests some people believe that the president should have all the powers he wants to ensure our country's safety. How about you, how much do you agree or disagree with this position?

(Read all options)

1. Agree strongly

2. Agree somewhat
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree somewhat
5. Disagree strongly
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

Knowing that a war on terrorism is being fought by the United States, some people believe that the administration is right to concentrate power in the executive branch while ignoring the balance of power system designed by the framers of the constitution. How much do you agree or disagree?

(Read all options)

7. Agree strongly
8. Agree somewhat
9. Neither agree nor disagree
10. Disagree somewhat
11. Disagree strongly
12. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

[END ROTATION]

[END RANDOM]

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT Between the following THREE statements]

[VERSION A]

As you may know, the United States Supreme Court in its Roe versus Wade decision determined that states cannot ban abortion because that would be an unconstitutional government intrusion into what should be a private decision.

[VERSION B]

As you may know, the United States Supreme Court in its Roe versus Wade decision determined that states cannot ban abortion because that would be an unconstitutional government intrusion into what should be a private decision. With the recent confirmation of two new Supreme Court justices, the Court now has a conservative majority, making it more likely than ever that Roe v. Wade will be overturned.

[VERSION C]

As you may know, the United States Supreme Court in its Roe versus Wade decision determined that states cannot ban abortion because that would be an unconstitutional government intrusion into what should be a private decision. Many state legislatures, including Iowa's, are currently considering legislation to impose restrictions on or ban certain types of abortion. Even if Roe v. Wade is not overturned, state governments in Iowa and elsewhere may still find ways to limit a woman's right to choose.

[ALL]

Would you like to see abortion laws in this country made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are?

1. More strict
2. Less strict
3. Remain the same
9. Don't know/NA

Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn the Roe v. Wade decision concerning abortion or not?

1. Yes
2. No
9. Don't know/NA

Now I am going to ask you about some proposals people have been talking about. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals. How about—

[Rotate proposals]

A. A law requiring women under 18 to get parental consent for any abortion

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

B. A law requiring women seeking abortions to wait 24 hours before having the procedure done.

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

C. A law requiring doctors to inform patients about alternatives to abortion before performing the procedure

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

D. A law requiring that the husband of a married woman be notified if she decides to have an abortion

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

E. A law making it illegal to perform or obtain an abortion in the last six months of pregnancy except in cases necessary to save the life of the mother.

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

F. A constitutional amendment banning all abortions except when necessary to save the life of the mother.

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't know/NA

[END ROTATION]

With respect to abortion, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

1. Pro-choice
2. Pro-life
3. Don't know/no answer

Would you be willing to sign a petition or take some other action in support of the [ANSWER FROM PREVIOUS QUESTION] movement?

1. Yes
0. No
9. Don't know/NA

By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think most abortions in the United States will be legal or will most abortions be against the law?

1. Legal
0. Against the law
9. Don't know/ NA

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about how you currently feel about the state of things in the United States and for yourself as well.

In general, are you satisfied with the status of America today?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know

In general, do you feel worse off or better off this year than last year?

1. Worse Off
2. Better Off
3. About the same

In general, are you optimistic for the future?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know

In general, do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's administration?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
3. Don't Know

How many times in the past week would you say you have you paid attention to international news or news pertaining to international politics?

(Read all options.)

1. Not at all
2. One time
3. Two or three times
4. Four or five times
5. Six or more times
6. (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

Which of the following aspects of the American way of life do you think is most threatened today?

(Read List)

1. Family
2. Individual freedom
3. National security
4. Economic prosperity
4. Racial harmony

Which of the following do you think is the most important national issue that you are concerned about?

(Read List)

1. Economy and jobs
2. War on terrorism
3. Increasing governmental power
4. Political corruption in Washington

5. Social Security and Health Care

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF THE FOLLOWING TWO VERSIONS]

[VERSION A]

If the 2006 elections for the United States Congress were to take place today, which candidate would you vote for?

1. Democratic candidate
2. Republican candidate
3. Third Party candidate
4. Not vote for any of them
5. Do not know

[VERSION B]

If the 2006 elections for the United States Congress were to take place today, which candidate would you vote for?

INTERVIEWER: READ RESPONSES

1. David Loeb sack
2. Jim Leach
3. Someone Else
4. Would not vote for any of them

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ #9

9. Do not know

[END RANDOM

[ALL]

Generally speaking, do you think recent immigrants who have come to the U.S. (United States) legally have helped or hurt the U.S. economy, or have they had no impact on the economy?

- 1 Helped
- 2 Hurt
- 3 Had no impact on the economy
- 4 Don't Know (don't read)

Can you tell me what the weather is like where you are right now? Is it clear outside, cloudy, raining or snowing, or something else??

1. Clear
2. Cloudy

3. Raining
4. Snowing
5. Other _____ (enter)

[RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF THE FOLLOWING TWO VERSIONS]

[VERSION A]

In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent (Volunteered)
4. Any Other (Volunteered)

[VERSION B]

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent (Volunteered)
4. Any Other (Volunteered)

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[END RANDOM]

[ALL]

[IF INDEPENDENT (3) or OTHER (4) in previous Q, SKIP TO X1:]

Do you consider yourself a STRONG [**Republican/Democrat**] or NOT a strong [**Republican/Democrat**]?

- 1 Strong
- 2 Not strong

[SKIP TO X2]

[X1]

Do you consider yourself more likely to lead towards the Republicans or the Democrats?

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 3 Neither

[X2]

[ALL]

In general, would you describe your political views as...

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal
- 5 Very liberal

Now I have just a few more questions for classification purposes. Thanks so much for agreeing to answer this survey. We're almost done.

First, would you tell me your age?

_____ years

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

What is your race? Do you consider yourself to be:

(Read responses stop when R indicates)

- 1 Black or African American
- 2 White
- 3 Asian
- 4 Mixed race
5. Any other

What is you Zip Code? (enter 5 digit code)

Which category best describes your total household income. I'm going to read income categories, please stop me when I reach yours.

(Read options UNTIL subject stops you)

1. \$0-\$14,999
2. \$15,000-\$34,999
3. \$35,000-\$49,999
4. \$50,000-\$64,999
5. \$65,000-\$84,999
6. More than \$84,999

7. Don't know
8. Refused
9. NA

What is your marital status?

(read all)

1. Married, or with a committed partner
2. Single
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Widow/er
8. Refused
9. No answer given

What is your employment status?

1. Employed outside the home, full-time
2. Employed outside the home, part-time
3. Self-employed, full-time
4. Self-employed, part-time
5. Unemployed
6. Retired
7. Student
8. Refused
9. No answer given

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT ASK - Indicate gender of respondent based on voice

1. Male
0. Female

We're all done now. Thanks for your time and willingness to answer my questions. I really appreciate it.