

All in all, do you think things in **the nation** are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Right Direction 1
Wrong Track 2
[DO NOT READ] Don't know 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

All in all, do you think things in the **state of South Carolina** are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Right Direction 1
Wrong Track 2
[DO NOT READ] Don't know 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

[INTERVIEWER: If "not sure" or "don't know," probe with "It doesn't have to be specific. Just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
[DO NOT READ] Not sure 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Henry McMaster is handling his job as Governor of South Carolina?

[INTERVIEWER: If "not sure" or "don't know," probe with "It doesn't have to be specific. Just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
[DO NOT READ] Not sure 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lindsey Graham is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

[INTERVIEWER: If "not sure" or "don't know," probe with "It doesn't have to be specific. Just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
[DO NOT READ] Not sure 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tim Scott is handling his job as a United States Senator for South Carolina?

[INTERVIEWER: If "not sure" or "don't know," probe with "It doesn't have to be specific. Just in general, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?"]

Approve 1
Disapprove 2
[DO NOT READ] Not sure 3
[DO NOT READ] Refused 4

Here are some current laws and policies that are either in place or being considered in the U.S. related to transgender issues. Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do each of the following?

Continue 1
[Next 6 Qs in random order]

Protect transgender individuals from discrimination in jobs, housing, and public spaces such as restaurants and stores.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Require transgender individuals to use public bathrooms that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Make it illegal for public school districts to teach about gender identity in elementary schools.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Require health insurance companies to cover medical care for gender transitions.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Make it illegal for health care professionals to provide someone younger than 18 with medical care for a gender transition.

Would you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose laws or policies that do this?

Strongly Favor 1
Favor 2
Neither favor nor oppose 3
Oppose 4
Strongly Oppose 5
[DO NOT READ] Not sure/Refused 6

Now, I'm going to read you names of several terms, public figures, and groups. Please rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

Continue 1

[Next 6 Qs in random order]

Read options 1-5

Donald Trump. Are your feelings...

Very Positive 1
Somewhat Positive 2
Neutral 3
Somewhat Negative 4
Very Negative 5
[DO NOT READ] Don't know well enough/Don't know/Refused 6

Read options 1-5

Elon Musk. Are your feelings...

Very Positive 1

Somewhat Positive 2

Neutral 3

Somewhat Negative 4

Very Negative 5

[DO NOT READ] Don't know well enough/Don't know/Refused 6

Read options 1-5

The Department of Government Efficiency, often referred to as DOGE. Are your feelings...

[pronunciation: DOHJ]

Very Positive 1

Somewhat Positive 2

Neutral 3

Somewhat Negative 4

Very Negative 5

[DO NOT READ] Don't know well enough/Don't know/Refused 6

Read options 1-5

DEI, that is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs. Are your feelings...

Very Positive 1

Somewhat Positive 2

Neutral 3

Somewhat Negative 4

Very Negative 5

[DO NOT READ] Don't know well enough/Don't know/Refused 6

Read options 1-5

Federal Government Employees. Are your feelings...

Very Positive 1

Somewhat Positive 2

Neutral 3

Somewhat Negative 4

Very Negative 5

[DO NOT READ] Don't know well enough/Don't know/Refused 6

Tell us whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

Continue 1

Read options 1-4 if necessary

The federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation.

Strongly agree 1

Somewhat agree 2

Somewhat disagree 3

Strongly disagree 4

[DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe each of the following to be in America.

Continue 1

[Next 15 Qs in random order]

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Elections are not secure enough

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

2 2

3 3

4 4

5 5

6 6

7 7

8 8

9 9

10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Illegal immigration

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

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It is too hard to vote

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Opioid addiction

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

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The country turning its back on God

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

2 2

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Not enough young people in elected office

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

2 2

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5 5

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Not enough working-class people in elected office

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

2 2

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

The country not doing enough to take care of the poor

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

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Addressing climate change

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Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Too many Americans are not Christians

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Wealthy people donating a lot of money to help candidates

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Corporations donating a lot of money to help candidates

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0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

Not doing enough to protect the environment

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0-Not a Problem 0

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

People talking about bad things that happened in America's past

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

Respondent must give you a specific NUMBER

People not respecting the American Flag

[If necessary: "On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is Not a Problem and 10 is Extremely Serious Problem, please tell us how serious a problem you believe this to be in America."]

0-Not a Problem 0

1 1

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10-Extremely Serious Problem 10

Don't know/Refused 11

We want to ask you how well you feel certain phrases describe both the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Continue 1

[Next 16 Qs in random order]

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``too extreme in its positions`` describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

Very well 1

Somewhat well 2

Not very well 3

Not at all well 4

[DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``governs in an honest and ethical way`` describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

Very well 1

Somewhat well 2

Not very well 3

Not at all well 4

[DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``respectful and tolerant of different types of people`` describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

Very well 1

Somewhat well 2

Not very well 3

Not at all well 4

[DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions'' describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``supports policies that interfere too much in people's lives'' describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``too extreme in its positions'' describe the REPUBLICAN PARTY?

- Very well 1
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- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

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- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``is good at getting their way'' describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

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- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``is willing to do what it takes to win elections'' describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

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- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``will not compromise to achieve their goals`` describe the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4

How well does the phrase ``will not compromise to achieve their goals`` describe the REPUBLICAN PARTY?

- Very well 1
- Somewhat well 2
- Not very well 3
- Not at all well 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused 5

Read options 1-4 in the order they appear

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about what to do with monuments or memorials to Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War?

[options 1-4 in random order]

- Leave them just as they are 1
- Leave them, but add a plaque or marker for context and historical interpretation 2
- Move them to a museum 3
- Remove them completely 4
- [DO NOT READ] Don't know 5 F
- [DO NOT READ] Refused 6 F

Some people say the confederate battle flag reminds them of white supremacy and racial conflict. Other people say the confederate battle flag is a symbol of southern heritage and pride. Do you think the flag is more a symbol of racial conflict or of southern pride?

[INTERVIEWER: If "both," probe with "Which do you feel it is MORE a symbol of?"]

- Racial Conflict 1
- Southern Pride 2
- Equally Both 3
- [DO NOT READ] Not sure 4
- [DO NOT READ] Refused 5

In your opinion, was the Civil War mainly about slavery, mainly about states' rights, or about both equally?

Slavery 1

States' rights 2

Equally both 3

[DO NOT READ] Don't know 4

[DO NOT READ] Refused 5