



Battleground Civility Survey

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STUDY #16947

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 800 Registered voters

Margin of error \pm 3.5%

Field Dates: January 4-7, 2021

Hello, I'm _____ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all.

IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK: May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-1. Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

Yes (CONTINUE TO CP-3)
No (CONTINUE TO CP-2)

IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:

CP-2. In what state do you currently reside?

(RECORD STATE NAME)

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-3. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (SCHEDULE CALL BACK)
No

A. Are you registered to vote in your state?

IF "NO," ASK: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?
(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)

Yes (CONTINUE)
No (THANK AND TERMINATE)

*=less than .5%



C. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

Yes (THANK AND TERMINATE)
No (CONTINUE)

D1-1. In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?
(i.e. Record 48 years old as 0 4 8)
(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

(RECORD AGE)

IF REFUSED, PROMPT: We need at least an age range for statistical purposes only. If I read a list of age ranges, will you tell me which one you fall in? (READ CHOICES)

D1-2. What is your age, please? (JUST RECORD)	18-24.....	4%
	25-29.....	6%
	30-34.....	10%
	35-39.....	14%
	40-44.....	14%
	45-54.....	12%
	55-64.....	19%
	65-69.....	6%
	70-74.....	6%
	75-79.....	5%
	80-84.....	3%
	85-89.....	1%
	90 or over	*
	HARD REFUSE	*

For this survey I am going to ask you to think about civility in politics...

As you may already know, during his campaign for President, Joe Biden often talked about restoring unity and civility to our national politics.

1. How successful do you think Joe Biden will be in this effort to restore unity and civility to our national politics? Do you think he will be extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all successful?

Extremely successful	10%
Very successful	16%
Somewhat successful	30%
Not at all successful	41%
COMBINATION/OTHER (DNR).....	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	3%

(BIDCIV)



Now, still thinking about issues facing our leaders in Washington...

- 2. Would you like to see the President and Congress work together more closely to solve important problems facing this country?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel strongly about that?

Yes/strongly	85%
Yes.....	8%
UNSURE (DNR).....	2%
No	2%
No/strongly.....	4%

(TOGYN)

And,

- 3. How successful do you think the President and Congress will be in their efforts to work together to solve important problems facing this country? Do you think they will be extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all successful?

Extremely successful	5%
Very successful	14%
Somewhat successful	44%
Not at all successful	28%
COMBINATION/OTHER (DNR).....	2%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	7%

(PRECON)

- 4. In general, since Donald Trump has become President, do you think politics has been:

****RANDOMIZE CHOICES****

- More civil,
- Less civil, OR
- About the same

Since before he became President?

More civil	9%
Less civil	72%
About the same.....	18%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	2%

(DJTCIV)



Now, thinking about this issue in a different way...

5. In general, since the beginning of the COVID-19 health crisis, do you think politics has been:

****RANDOMIZE CHOICES****

- More civil,
- Less civil, OR
- About the same

Since the advent of the COVID-19 health crisis?

More civil 4%
 Less civil 72%
 About the same..... 23%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 1%

(COVCIV)

And, thinking about civility and politics in a different way...

6. Now I will read you two different statements. After hearing both, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own point of view, even if neither is exactly right.

[ROTATE CHOICES]

Donald Trump’s recent conduct around the election is moving us forward.

OR

Donald Trump’s recent conduct around the election is harming us.

Moving us forward..... 33%
 Harming us 60%
 COMBINATION/OTHER (DNR)..... 2%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 5%

(DTELEC)

Now I am going to read a list of things that some people say were a problem in the election. Please tell me how big of a problem you think each of the following were on a scale of zero to ten, where ten means an extremely serious problem, zero means not a problem at all, and you can be anywhere in between. Here is the first one...

(PLEASE RECORD “UNSURE” AS VALUE 11)

(ROTATE CHOICES)

7. Violence from left wing groups because of election results

21% 7% 7% 5% 4% 9% 3% 4% 9% 3% 28%

8. Violence from white nationalist militias because of election results

15% 4% 6% 4% 4% 8% 5% 5% 13% 5% 33%

(VIOSCL)



Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people have said about American politics today. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Is that strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	AGREE		UNSURE (DNR)	DISAGREE	
	<u>strng</u>	<u>smwht</u>		<u>smwht</u>	<u>strng</u>
9. The political, racial, and class divisions in this country are getting worse and our national dialogue is breaking down. (PROMPT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?)	60%	22%	2%	9%	7%

RANDOMIZE Q10-14

10. I am frustrated by the uncivil and rude behavior of many politicians.	76%	17%	1%	4%	3%
11. Behavior that used to be seen as unacceptable is now accepted as normal behavior.	67%	22%	2%	5%	5%
12. Compromise and common ground should be the goal for political leaders.	66%	21%	2%	5%	6%
13. I'm tired of leaders compromising my values and ideals. I want leaders who will stand up to the other side.	66%	21%	2%	7%	4%
14. I'm tired of politicians in Washington who work with the powerful special interests instead of standing up to them.	79%	14%	2%	4%	1%

(CIVIL1-6)

(END RANDOMIZATION)



Still thinking about behavior and American politics...

Now, I am going to mention several items. For each one, please tell me if you think this item is very, somewhat, a little, or not at all responsible for the increase in bad behavior in American politics. Here is the first one...

(RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS)

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
15. Republican political leaders (PROMPT: IS THIS ITEM VERY, SOMEWHAT, A LITTLE, OR NOT AT ALL RESPONSIBLE?)	40%	37%	12%	9%	2%
16. Democratic political leaders	38%	33%	14%	14%	2%
17. Social media like Facebook and Twitter	66%	23%	4%	4%	2%
18. Large newspapers like the Washington Post and the New York Times.	35%	29%	13%	19%	5%
19. Fox News	44%	34%	9%	9%	4%
20. Wealthy special interests	59%	28%	6%	4%	3%
21. CNN	41%	26%	10%	18%	5%
22. MSNBC	34%	27%	13%	17%	9%
23. President Donald Trump	55%	23%	8%	14%	*
24. President-elect Joe Biden	21%	26%	13%	37%	3%

(CRES1-10)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

And, thinking about the issue of political divisions as a whole...

25. On a scale of 0 to 100, where “0” is there is no political division in the country and where “100” is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would you rank the level of political division in the country?

(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

(RECORD RESPONSE)

(DIVSCL)

Now, please think ahead to one year from now...

26. On a scale of 0 to 100, where “0” is there is no political division in the country and where “100” is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would did you think the level of political division will be one year from now?

(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

(RECORD RESPONSE)

(DIVFUT)



Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8).....	*
Some high school (9-11).....	2%
Graduated high school (12)	14%
Technical/vocational (12)	3%
Some college (13-15).....	26%
Graduated college (16).....	34%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more).....	21%
Unsure/Refused.....	*

(EDUC)

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative	18%
Somewhat conservative	34%
MODERATE (DNR).....	6%
Somewhat liberal	25%
Very liberal.....	14%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	3%

(IDEOLOG)

And,

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,

ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?18%

Republican/strong	20%
Republican/not strong	7%
Lean Republican	11%

Independent

Lean Democrat	10%
Democrat/not strong.....	8%
Democrat/strong.....	24%

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING

ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

NO PREFERENCE (DNR).....	1%
OTHER (DNR).....	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	1%

(PARTYID)



D5. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Straight Republican.....	13%
Mostly Republican.....	21%
A few more Republicans than Democrats	10%
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR)	3%
A few more Democrats than Republicans	8%
Mostly Democratic	22%
Straight Democratic	19%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	3%

(PARTY)

Now, thinking about the election for President that was held in 2020 --

D6. Which candidate for President of the United States did you vote for? Was it -- **(ROTATE)** -- •Donald Trump, or •Joe Biden?

Donald Trump.....	42%
Joe Biden.....	51%
OTHER (DNR)	3%
TOO YOUNG TO VOTE (DNR)	
DID NOT VOTE (DNR)	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	4%

(PVOTE16)

D7. Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee unions, and teachers unions?

IF NO, THEN ASK: Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions?

Labor Union Member	12%
Labor Union Household	5%
Non-Union Household.....	81%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(UNION)

D8. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single	26%
Married	55%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(MARITAL)

D9. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes.....	34%
No	65%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(CHILD)



D10. How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services?

More than once a week	8%
Once a week.....	24%
Several times a month.....	9%
Once a month.....	5%
Several times a year	9%
Only on holidays.....	8%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND	36%
UNSURE/REFUSED	2%

(DENOMFRQ)

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical	36%
Not born-again	62%
REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(BORN)

D12. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White	77%
Black/African-American.....	12%
Hispanic/Latino (TO D14)	6%
Asian/Pacific American	1%
Native American	1%
Other.....	3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	1%

(RACE)

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT “HISPANIC/LATINO,” ASK:

D13-1. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes.....	4%
No	95%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	1%

(HISP)



****ASK OF EVERYONE****

And, thinking about your economic class...

D14. Do you consider yourself to be:
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Working class, or
- Low income?

Upper class	6%
Middle class.....	51%
Working class.....	31%
Low income.....	11%
Unemployed (DNR)	*
Refused (DNR)	1%

(ECONCLA2)

D15. Sex/Emp **(BY OBSERVATION)**

ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed	24%
Male/self-employed	7%
Male/not in labor force.....	1%
Male/retired	11%
Male/unemployed	4%
Female/employed.....	27%
Female/self-employed.....	5%
Female/not in labor force.....	3%
Female/retired	12%
Female/unemployed.....	6%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*

(SEXEMP)

D16. How would you describe the community in which you live? Is it rural or small town, urban, large urban or a suburb?

Rural/small town	46%
Urban	16%
Large Urban	8%
Suburb	29%
UNSURE (DNR)	1%
REFUSED (DNR)	*

(USR)



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