

# Battleground 72 Civility

**FINAL**

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STUDY #17570

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 800 Registered voters

Margin of error  $\pm$  3.5%

Field Dates: November 12-17, 2022

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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)

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**IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:**

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

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(RECORD STATE NAME)

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**IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

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

Yes (SCHEDULE CALL BACK)

No

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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)

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\*=Less than .5%

B. 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)

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C1-1. 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)

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**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)

C1-2. What is your age, please? (JUST RECORD)

18-24.....	4%
25-29.....	7%
30-34.....	6%
35-39.....	9%
40-44.....	14%
45-54.....	16%
55-64.....	23%
65-69.....	6%
70-74.....	6%
75-79.....	6%
80-84.....	4%
85-89.....	1%
90 or over.....	*
HARD REFUSE .....	

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Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?

Right direction/strongly.....	14%
Right direction/somewhat .....	20%
UNSURE (DNR).....	3%
Wrong track/somewhat .....	12%
Wrong track/strongly.....	52%

Now, thinking about some issues facing the country...

I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people have about the country. For each one, please tell me if this issue is extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all concerning to you. Here is the first one...

**(RANDOMIZE)**

**(PROMPT: IS THIS EXTREMELY, VERY, SOMEWHAT OR NOT AT ALL CONCERNING TO YOU?)**

		<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at All</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
2.	Threats to our system of government like leaders who abuse their powers	49%	27%	19%	5%	1%
3.	Election integrity and not being able to trust that elections are fair	38%	17%	19%	25%	1%
4.	Violence against political leaders and their families	37%	25%	23%	15%	*
5.	Political speech that inspires people to take violent actions	45%	23%	17%	14%	*

**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

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.

**(RANDOMIZE)**

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

		<u>AGREE</u>		<u>UNSURE (DNR)</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	
		<u>strng</u>	<u>smwht</u>		<u>smwht</u>	<u>strng</u>
6.	Compromise and common ground should be the goal for political leaders. <b>(PROMPT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?)</b>	65%	21%	1%	7%	6%
7.	I'm tired of leaders compromising my values and ideals. I want leaders who will stand up to the other side.	57%	27%	2%	10%	5%
8.	The political division in our country today is worse than it has ever been.	67%	16%	*	10%	6%
9.	Respect for each other is the first step in having a government that works.	77%	18%		3%	2%
10.	Civility is the language of respect.	63%	29%	2%	4%	2%

**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

And, still thinking about these issues...

11. No matter what you think about political civility, which of these would you prefer:

- A politician who consistently fights for my values, even if this means not finding a solution very often,  
OR
- A politician who is willing to work together to get things done, even if it means compromising on my values sometimes?

Politician consistent/few solutions ..... 30%  
Politician work together/compromising..... 68%  
COMBINATION/BOTH/OTHER (DNR)..... \*  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 2%

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Now, thinking about another issue for just a few questions...

12. Do you think democracy in our country is currently under attack?

**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:**

And do you feel strongly  
about that?

Yes/strongly ..... 65%  
Yes ..... 10%  
UNSURE (DNR)..... 1%  
No..... 8%  
No/strongly ..... 16%

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Recently, some people have been saying that democracy is under attack. I am going to read you a list of items. For each one, please tell me if you think it is an extremely serious, very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious threat to democracy. Here is the first one...

**(RANDOMIZE)**

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/REF</u>
13. Political candidates who refuse to accept valid election results. <b>(DO YOU THINK THIS IS AN EXTREMELY, VERY, SOMEWHAT, OR NOT AT ALL SERIOUS THREAT TO DEMOCRACY?)</b>	45%	18%	22%	15%	1%
14. News coverage that favors one political party.	46%	21%	26%	7%	*
15. The decreasing amount of respect and civility in our political system.	40%	23%	29%	8%	*
16. Social media that only reinforces what the user already believes.	39%	23%	28%	8%	2%
17. The increasing amount of violent behavior in our society.	52%	22%	22%	4%	*
18. Voter fraud causing stolen elections.	37%	12%	16%	34%	1%
19. Voter suppression and intimidation efforts that stop people from voting.	44%	19%	18%	19%	*
20. Woke culture imposing out of touch liberal values on all of us.	31%	13%	24%	29%	2%

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**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

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

21. 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)

71.005%  
**(RECORD RESPONSE)**

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

22. 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)

68.382%  
**(RECORD RESPONSE)**

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And, thinking about one last item...

23. Do you think it is ever justified to use violence to advance a political or public policy goal?

**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:**  
And do you feel strongly  
about that?

Yes/strongly ..... 6%  
Yes ..... 4%  
UNSURE (DNR)..... 1%  
No..... 6%  
No/strongly ..... 84%

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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) ..... 15%  
Technical/vocational (12)..... 4%  
Some college (13-15) ..... 30%  
Graduated college (16) ..... 32%  
Graduate/professional school (16 or more) ..... 16%  
Unsure/Refused ..... 1%

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- D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...  
**(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

Very conservative ..... 22%  
Somewhat conservative..... 30%  
MODERATE (DNR) ..... 4%  
Somewhat liberal ..... 27%  
Very liberal ..... 14%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 2%

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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)?

Republican/strong..... 27%  
Republican/not strong ..... 8%  
Lean Republican..... 9%  
  
Independent ..... 8%

**IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING**

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

Lean Democrat ..... 11%  
Democrat/not strong..... 8%  
Democrat/strong ..... 28%  
  
NO PREFERENCE (DNR) ..... 1%  
OTHER (DNR) ..... \*  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... \*

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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 ..... 20%  
Mostly Republican..... 19%  
A few more Republicans than Democrats ..... 7%  
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR) ..... 2%  
A few more Democrats than Republicans..... 6%  
Mostly Democratic ..... 24%  
Straight Democratic ..... 21%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 1%

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D6. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single ..... 24%  
Married ..... 59%  
Separated ..... 2%  
Divorced ..... 9%  
Widowed ..... 5%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 1%

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D7. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes ..... 28%  
No..... 71%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 1%

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D8. How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services?

More than once a week .....8%  
Once a week .....23%  
Several times a month.....8%  
Once a month.....4%  
Several times a year.....12%  
Only on holidays.....21%  
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND .....24%  
UNSURE/REFUSED .....2%

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D9. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical .....36%  
Not born-again.....61%  
REFUSED (DNR) .....3%

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D10. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White..... 73%  
Black/African-American ..... 13%  
Hispanic/Latino (TO D12)..... 8%  
Asian/Pacific American..... 1%  
Native American..... 1%  
Other ..... 3%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 1%

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**FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT "HISPANIC/LATINO," ASK:**

D11. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes .....5%  
No..... 94%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 1%

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Now, thinking about how you get your news and information about politics and current events...

I am going to read you a list of cable news channels. For each one, please tell me if you watch this channel daily, a few times per week, every so often, or never. Here is the first one...

**(RANDOMIZE)**

**(PROMPT: DO YOU WATCH THIS CHANNEL DAILY, A FEW TIMES PER WEEK, EVERY SO OFTEN, OR NEVER?)**

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Few per week</u>	<u>Every so often</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/REF</u>
D12-1. CNN	10%	10%	29%	51%	1%
D12-2. FOX NEWS	13%	10%	25%	52%	1%
D12-3. MSNBC	10%	9%	24%	57%	1%

**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

And, still thinking about this...

D14. Which of the following sources would you say you rely on most often, on a regular basis, for your information about government, politics, and important issues – **(RANDOMIZE)** –

Cable TV News channels .....	20%
TV news .....	17%
Local newspapers.....	9%
Radio news.....	5%
Talk Radio.....	5%
Internet web sites .....	23%
Magazines or periodicals .....	3%
Social Media Websites like Facebook or Twitter .....	9%
OTHER <b>(DNR)</b> .....	2%
COMBINATION/ALL <b>(DNR)</b> .....	6%
NONE <b>(DNR)</b> .....	2%
UNSURE/DK <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%

And, thinking about your economic class...

D15. 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.....	8%
Middle class .....	60%
Working class.....	20%
Low income.....	11%
Unemployed <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%
Refused <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%

D16. 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 .....	27%
Male/self-employed .....	7%
Male/not in labor force .....	1%
Male/retired .....	10%
Male/unemployed .....	2%
Female/employed .....	25%
Female/self-employed .....	6%
Female/not in labor force .....	2%
Female/retired .....	16%
Female/unemployed .....	5%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR) .....	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR) .....	*

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D17. 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 .....	44%
Urban .....	14%
Large Urban .....	7%
Suburb .....	35%
UNSURE (DNR) .....	1%
REFUSED(DNR) .....	*

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