

Battleground 73 Civility

FINAL

STUDY #17650

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 800 Registered voters

Margin of error \pm 3.5%

Field Dates: September 10-14, 2023

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.

CP: IS THIS PHONE NUMBER CONNECTED TO A CELL PHONE?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2

IF CP = "2", ASK: May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote in <STATE FROM LIST>?

IF CP = "1", ASK:

CP-1. Do you currently live in <STATE FROM LIST>?

Yes (CONTINUE)
No (CONTINUE)

IF CP = "1", ASK:

CP-2. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (SCHEDULE CALL BACK)
No

IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:

CP-3. In what state do you currently reside?

(RECORD STATE FIPS CODE)

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)

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)

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)

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.....	13%
55-64.....	25%
65-69.....	6%
70-74.....	6%
75-79.....	5%
80-84.....	4%
85-89.....	1%
90 or over.....	*
HARD REFUSE	*

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.....	13%
Right direction/somewhat	14%
UNSURE (DNR).....	5%
Wrong track/somewhat	13%
Wrong track/strongly.....	55%

Now, I want you to think about your close friends and family. Here is a list of items. For each item, please indicate if all, most, some or none of your close friends and family share this item. Here is the first one...
(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

	<u>All</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
2. Share the same religious beliefs as you (PROMPT: DO ALL, MOST, SOME OR NONE OF YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY SHARE THIS ITEM?)	16%	31%	40%	12%	2%
3. Share the same political beliefs as you	16%	38%	39%	6%	1%
4. Are in the same ethnic group as you	29%	35%	32%	4%	1%
5. Are in the same economic class as you	14%	36%	43%	6%	1%
6. Gets their news from the same sources as you	8%	18%	55%	12%	8%
7. Has same views on racial issues as you	26%	41%	26%	5%	2%
8. Have the same type of job as you	4%	8%	36%	51%	1%
9. Has the same views on social issues as you	16%	41%	37%	4%	2%
10. Has the same views on economic issues as you	22%	36%	38%	3%	1%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Thinking about another issue for a moment...

53. Do you think your personal values are under attack in our current culture?

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

Yes/strongly	59%
Yes	13%
UNSURE (DNR).....	2%
No.....	11%
No/strongly	14%

Now, here are several people or organizations. For each one, please indicate if you have a lot, some, a little, or no respect for that particular person or organization. Here is the first one...

(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

	<u>A lot of respect</u>	<u>Some respect</u>	<u>A little respect</u>	<u>No respect</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
11. Members of the Republican party (PROMPT: DO YOU HAVE A LOT, SOME, A LITTLE, OR NO RESPECT FOR THIS PERSON OR ORGANIZATION?)	13%	38%	21%	28%	1%
12. Members of the Democratic party	22%	36%	16%	25%	1%
13. President Joe Biden	28%	22%	14%	36%	1%
14. The U.S. military	67%	25%	5%	3%	1%
15. Large religious institutions	17%	43%	19%	18%	3%
16. Large social media platforms	3%	25%	34%	35%	3%
17. Donald Trump	25%	18%	8%	48%	1%
18. Large corporations	6%	42%	27%	24%	1%
19. The Supreme Court	27%	31%	25%	16%	1%
20. Congress	6%	42%	32%	18%	2%
21. Your local school board	24%	44%	13%	11%	9%
22. Law enforcement	49%	35%	10%	5%	*
23. The U.S. Justice system	18%	46%	21%	14%	1%
24. Your state legislature	20%	41%	19%	17%	3%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, here is a list of statements that some people have said about American politics today. Please indicate 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>
25.	Compromise and common ground should be the goal for political leaders. (PROMPT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?)	54%	29%	1%	8%	7%
26.	I'm tired of leaders compromising my values and ideals. I want leaders who will stand up to the other side.	54%	28%	5%	9%	4%
27.	The political division in our country today is worse than it has ever been.	66%	15%	2%	11%	7%
28.	Respect for each other is the first step in having a government that works.	72%	21%	*	3%	3%
29.	Civility is the language of respect.	59%	30%	4%	5%	2%
30.	On the issues most important to me, I think my side has already compromised enough. The other side now needs to give a little.	48%	29%	5%	13%	6%
31.	I think it is ok for my side to compromise a little more if it means getting something done. Getting something done is better than getting nothing done.	31%	40%	3%	12%	14%
32.	I think woke culture and its impact is a serious problem.	41%	15%	7%	12%	25%
33.	Politicians trying to control what is being taught in school is a serious problem.	76%	12%	2%	5%	6%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

And, still thinking about these issues...

34. 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..... 31%
Politician work together/compromising..... 67%
COMBINATION/BOTH/OTHER (DNR)..... 1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

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

35. 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)

Very high (75-100)..... 61%
High (51-74)..... 22%
Medium (35-50) 12%
Low (0-34)..... 5%

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

36. 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)

Very high (75-100)..... 61%
High (51-74)..... 18%
Medium (35-50) 15%
Low (0-34)..... 5%

Thinking for just a moment about issues and elections...

37. Thinking about these three categories:

- Economic issues like jobs and inflation,
- Cultural issues like critical race theory or gender issues, OR
- Abortion

Which of these issues would you say are most important to your vote?

Economic issues 52%
Cultural issues 18%
Abortion..... 26%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 4%

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)	1%
Some high school (9-11)	2%
Graduated high school (12)	14%
Technical/vocational (12)	5%
Some college (13-15)	30%
Graduated college (16)	30%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	18%
Unsure/Refused	1%

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

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

Very conservative	23%
Somewhat conservative	29%
MODERATE (DNR)	6%
Somewhat liberal	23%
Very liberal	16%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	3%

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)?

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

Republican/strong	29%
Republican/not strong	8%
Lean Republican	7%
Independent	8%
Lean Democrat	8%
Democrat/not strong	12%
Democrat/strong	27%
NO PREFERENCE (DNR)	*
OTHER (DNR)	*
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	*

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 15%
Mostly Republican..... 24%
A few more Republicans than Democrats 5%
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON **(DNR)** 2%
A few more Democrats than Republicans 6%
Mostly Democratic 23%
Straight Democratic 23%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 2%

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

Single 25%
Married 55%
Separated 2%
Divorced 12%
Widowed 6%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

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

Yes 26%
No..... 73%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

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

More than once a week 10%
Once a week 21%
Several times a month..... 7%
Once a month..... 5%
Several times a year 12%
Only on holidays..... 16%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND 27%
UNSURE/REFUSED 2%

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

Born-again/evangelical 36%
Not born-again 58%
REFUSED **(DNR)** 6%

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

White..... 75%
Black/African-American 12%
Hispanic/Latino **(TO D12)**..... 6%
Asian/Pacific American..... 1%
Native American..... 2%
Other 4%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

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

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

Yes 8%
No..... 91%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

And, still thinking about this...

D12. 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)** – **(NON-STANDARD CATEGORIES)**

Fox News channel..... 8%
Other cable TV News channels 14%
TV news 15%
Local newspapers..... 7%
Radio news 4%
Talk Radio 5%
Internet web sites 18%
Magazines or periodicals 2%
Social Media Websites like Facebook or Twitter 11%
OTHER (DNR)..... 3%
COMBINATION/ALL (DNR) 12%
NONE (DNR) 2%
UNSURE/DK (DNR) 1%

And, thinking about your economic class...

D13. 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	55%
Working class.....	23%
Low income.....	12%
Unemployed (DNR)	*
Refused (DNR)	2%

D14. 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	28%
Male/self-employed.....	7%
Male/not in labor force	2%
Male/retired	9%
Male/unemployed.....	2%
Female/employed	22%
Female/self-employed	6%
Female/not in labor force	2%
Female/retired.....	17%
Female/unemployed	5%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

D15. 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	39%
Urban	16%
Large Urban.....	10%
Suburb.....	32%
UNSURE (DNR)	1%
REFUSED (DNR)	1%

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