

Battleground 74 Civility

FINAL

STUDY #17722

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 800 Registered voters

Margin of error $\pm 3.5\%$

Field Dates: March 9-14, 2024

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.....74%
No26%

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)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

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%

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.....	7%
25-29.....	5%
30-34.....	5%
35-39.....	10%
40-44.....	13%
45-54.....	19%
55-64.....	20%
65-69.....	5%
70-74.....	5%
75-79.....	4%
80-84.....	5%
85-89.....	2%
90 or over.....	1%
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.....	10%
Right direction/somewhat	12%
UNSURE (DNR).....	6%
Wrong track/somewhat	11%
Wrong track/strongly.....	61%

Now here is a list of issues that some people have said are important for the President and Congress to focus on at the national level.

For each one, please tell me if it is more important to you personally that your elected officials fight for your values even if it means not getting a solution OR getting the best solution possible even if means not getting everything you want. Here is the first one...

(READ AND RANDOMIZE ISSUES)

PROMPT: On this issue, would you prefer your elected official fight for your values even if it means not getting a solution OR getting the best solution possible even if means not getting everything?

		<u>FIGHT FOR VALUES</u>	<u>BEST SOLUTUION</u>	<u>BOTH/ NEITHER (DNR)</u>	<u>DK/ REF (DNR)</u>
2.	Balancing the federal budget and dealing with the national debt	31%	63%	3%	3%
3.	Reforming health care	33%	56%	6%	5%
4.	Dealing with inflation	32%	59%	7%	3%
5.	Dealing with border security and Immigration	36%	58%	3%	2%
6.	Protecting Social Security and Medicare	46%	48%	2%	3%
7.	Providing tax credits for families and small businesses	33%	60%	4%	3%
8.	Abortion	54%	32%	7%	7%
9.	Dealing with climate change	31%	55%	7%	7%
10.	Dealing with crime and public safety	42%	53%	3%	2%
12.	Dealing with artificial intelligence	28%	56%	5%	11%
13.	Providing paid family leave	40%	50%	5%	5%
14.	Voting rights	51%	39%	5%	5%

(END ROTATION)

Now here are the names of several individuals who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please indicate whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so. Here is the first one ...

WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK: *Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable) impression or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) impression?*

(ROTATE NAMES)	FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		NO	NEVER
	<u>Strng</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strng</u>	<u>OPIN.</u>	<u>HEARD</u>
15. Donald Trump	29%	12%	8%	49%	3%	
16. Joe Biden	27%	17%	8%	45%	3%	*
17. Kamala (“COM-ah-LAA”) Harris	22%	20%	9%	39%	6%	5%
18. Cornel West	5%	10%	5%	5%	20%	55%
19. Robert F. Kennedy, Junior	15%	26%	14%	19%	22%	3%

(END ROTATION)

Now, thinking about something a little different...

20. Do you think democracy in our country is currently being threatened?

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

Yes/strongly 72%
 Yes 10%
 UNSURE (DNR)..... 7%
 No..... 5%
 No/strongly 7%

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

21. Would you say you are happy with the way democracy is working in our country?

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

Yes/strongly 15%
 Yes 13%
 UNSURE (DNR)..... 4%
 No..... 20%
 No/strongly 48%

And, no matter what think about whether democracy is under attack...

Here is a list of people, organizations, and groups. 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 in our country. Here is the first one...

(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

PROMPT: Do you think this an extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all serious threat to democracy in our country?

		<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
22.	Joe Biden	25%	10%	18%	44%	3%
23.	Donald Trump	38%	13%	13%	35%	2%
24.	Major news media organizations	24%	23%	37%	13%	3%
25.	Social media	23%	20%	39%	14%	4%
26.	People with views opposed to your own	10%	6%	25%	51%	8%
27.	Republicans in Congress	23%	19%	30%	25%	3%
28.	Democrats in Congress	18%	17%	29%	33%	3%
29.	The radical left	26%	16%	31%	20%	7%
30.	Courts and our justice system	17%	18%	43%	19%	4%
31.	Our election system	19%	18%	33%	27%	4%
32.	MAGA Republicans	34%	15%	16%	31%	5%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, thinking about some things that might strengthen democracy...

Here is 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 important way to strengthen democracy in our country. Here is the first one...

(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

PROMPT: Do you think this an extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all serious way to strengthen democracy in our country?

		<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
33.	Better local news coverage	29%	22%	31%	16%	3%
34.	Elected leaders willing to make deals	33%	23%	27%	12%	5%
35.	Protecting voting rights	60%	28%	8%	4%	1%
36.	Elected leaders willing to take a stand against the other party	28%	24%	31%	13%	4%
37.	More informative news coverage about important issues	33%	32%	25%	8%	2%
38.	Having more well-informed voters	53%	31%	10%	5%	1%
39.	Having open primaries that allow all voters to participate	40%	24%	18%	14%	4%
40.	Limiting racism and sexism on social media	38%	22%	18%	19%	5%
41.	Elected leaders willing to work with the other party	48%	29%	17%	6%	*

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, thinking ahead to the 2024 election...

42. How certain are you that the 2024 election will be conducted fairly? Would you say that you are extremely certain, very certain, somewhat certain, or not at all certain?

Extremely certain..... 19%
 Very certain 19%
 Somewhat certain 28%
 Not at all certain 32%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

And,

43. How worried are you that the 2024 election will result in violent activity? Would you say that you are extremely worried, very worried, somewhat worried, or not at all worried?

Extremely worried..... 17%
Very worried 20%
Somewhat worried..... 41%
Not at all worried..... 23%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) *

And, one last question on this topic...

44. How concerned are you about your freedoms being taken away? Would you say that you are extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?

Extremely concerned..... 40%
Very concerned 21%
Somewhat concerned..... 26%
Not at all concerned..... 12%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

Thinking now about candidates and political civility...

45. 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..... 28%
Politician work together/compromising..... 66%
COMBINATION/BOTH/OTHER (DNR)..... 4%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

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

46. 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)..... 59%
High (51-74)..... 20%
Medium (35-50) 11%
Low (0-34)..... 10%

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

47. 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).....	53%
High (51-74).....	16%
Medium (35-50).....	20%
Low (0-34).....	11%

And, one last question on these issues...

48. Do you believe leaders of different parties finding compromises together can help lower political division in the country?

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

Yes/strongly.....	72%
Yes.....	16%
UNSURE (DNR).....	1%
No.....	3%
No/strongly.....	8%

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).....	3%
Graduated high school (12).....	16%
Technical/vocational (12).....	4%
Some college (13-15).....	32%
Graduated college (16).....	27%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more).....	18%
Unsure/Refused.....	*

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.....	27%
MODERATE (DNR).....	11%
Somewhat liberal.....	23%
Very liberal.....	15%
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.....	24%
Republican/not strong	9%
Lean Republican.....	11%
Independent	8%
Lean Democrat	10%
Democrat/not strong	9%
Democrat/strong	29%
NO PREFERENCE (DNR)	*
OTHER (DNR)	*
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

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	12%
Mostly Republican.....	22%
A few more Republicans than Democrats.....	10%
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR)	4%
A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	9%
Mostly Democratic	20%
Straight Democratic	22%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	2%

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

Single	22%
Married	53%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	10%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

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

Yes 28%
No..... 72%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) *

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

More than once a week6%
Once a week21%
Several times a month.....10%
Once a month.....6%
Several times a year12%
Only on holidays.....10%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND33%
UNSURE/REFUSED2%

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

Born-again/evangelical.....33%
Not born-again.....59%
REFUSED (DNR)8%

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..... 2%
Other 2%
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 5%
No..... 94%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

And, thinking about your economic class...

D12. 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	56%
Working class.....	21%
Low income.....	14%
Unemployed (DNR)	1%
Refused (DNR)	2%

D13. 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.....	25%
Male/self-employed.....	6%
Male/not in labor force.....	1%
Male/retired	11%
Male/unemployed.....	4%
Female/employed	25%
Female/self-employed.....	6%
Female/not in labor force	2%
Female/retired.....	16%
Female/unemployed	4%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*

D14. 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	40%
Urban	18%
Large Urban.....	10%
Suburb.....	32%
UNSURE (DNR)	1%
REFUSED (DNR)	*
