(MS577) TOPOS NATIONAL SURVEY

intro

The following questions ask about your views on the role of government in America. There are no right or wrong answers—we are just looking for your honest views. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and you will receive a $7 reward. Because you are being paid for your time, please answer the questions thoughtfully.

q1

[*Field width=1000 ◆ Not required*]

When you think of government, what word describes your feelings?

q2

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

When you think about government, do you tend to think of it more as

❍ THE government (1)
❍ OUR government (2)
❍ WE are government (3)

q3

[*Not required*]

Overall, what kind of impact do you think government has on most people's lives?

❍ Very positive (1)
❍ Somewhat positive (2)
❍ No impact either way (3)
❍ Somewhat negative (4)
❍ Very negative (5)

q4

[*Rotated answerlist ◆ Not required*]

Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

❍ Government should do more to solve problems. (1)
❍ Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals. (2)

q4a

[*Not required*]

And do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that?

❍ Strongly (3)
❍ Not strong (4)

q5

[*Not required*]

Thinking about problems facing the country, how much difference do you believe that people working together with their government can make in solving the problems you see?

❍ A great deal of difference (1)
❍ A lot of difference (2)

○ Some difference (3)
○ A little difference (4)
○ No difference at all (5)

q6to11

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
People like me don't have any say about what the government does. (6)	○	○	○	○	○
What our country really needs is a strong, determined leader who will crush evil and take us back to our true path. (7)	○	○	○	○	○
Our country would be great if we honor the ways of our forefathers, do what the authorities tell us to do, and get rid of the 'rotten apples' who are ruining everything. (8)	○	○	○	○	○
Our country needs free thinkers who will have the courage to defy traditional ways, even if this upsets many people. (9)	○	○	○	○	○
We should be more tolerant of people who choose to live according to their own moral standards, even if they are very different from our own. (10)	○	○	○	○	○
The newer lifestyles are contributing to the breakdown of our society. (11)	○	○	○	○	○

q12

[*Rotated answerlist ◆ Not required*]

Which comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right:

○ Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside of our control. (1)
○ Everyone has it in their own power to succeed. (2)

q13to15

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

How much trust do you have in each of the following to look out for the best interests of you and your family?

	A Great Deal of Trust (1)	A Fair Amount of Trust (2)	Not Very Much Trust (3)	None at All (4)
Federal government (1)	○	○	○	○
State government (2)	○	○	○	○
Local government (3)	○	○	○	○

q16to25

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

Rate how often government actions benefit each of the following groups:

	Usually (1)	Often (2)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (4)
The American public (16)	○	○	○	○

	Usually (1)	Often (2)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (4)
The wealthy (17)	○	○	○	○
The poor (18)	○	○	○	○
The middle class (19)	○	○	○	○
Black people (20)	○	○	○	○
White people (21)	○	○	○	○
Hispanic people (22)	○	○	○	○
Asian American people (23)	○	○	○	○
Immigrants (24)	○	○	○	○
Children (25)	○	○	○	○

q26

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

On balance, do you think having an increasing number of people of many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities in the United States makes this country:

○ A better place to live (1)
○ A worse place to live (2)
○ Doesn't make much difference either way (3)

q27

[*Randomized answerlist ◆ Not required*]

In general, when it comes to how much attention we give to race and racial issues in our country, do you think we give:

○ Too much attention to race (1)
○ Too little attention to race (2)
○ About the right amount of attention to race (3)

q28

[*Not required*]

Have events over the past year or so changed your view of racism in America?

○ Yes (1)
○ No (2)

CONDITION

true	false
Question q29()	

q29

[*Field width=1000 ◆ Not required*]

In what way?

END

Condition

q30

[*Randomized answerlist* ⬧ *Not required*]

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none of them describes your view perfectly:

○ Most racial discrimination that Black people experience comes from discriminatory policies, systems and institutions. (1)
○ Most racial discrimination that Black people experience comes from individuals who hold racist views. (2)
○ Black people do not experience very much racial discrimination in our society anymore. (3)

q31

[*Not required*]

How much more difficult, if at all, is it to be a Black person in this country than it is to be a White person?

○ A great deal (1)
○ A fair amount (2)
○ Not too much (3)
○ Not at all (4)

q32

[*Randomized answerlist* ⬧ *Not required*]

What group, if any, do you think is the most responsible for addressing racism in society?

○ Individuals (1)
○ Federal government (2)
○ Schools and universities (3)
○ State governments (4)
○ Local governments (5)
○ Businesses (6)
○ Places of worship and other religious organizations (7)
○ Civic, charitable and other non-profit organizations (8)
○ Another group (9)_____ [*Other*]
○ None of these (10) [*Keep position*]

CONDITION	true	false
	Question q33()	

q33

[*Randomized answerlist* ⬧ *Not required*]

And what group is second most responsible for addressing racism in society?

○ Individuals (1)
○ Federal government (2)
○ Schools and universities (3)
○ State governments (4)
○ Local governments (5)
○ Businesses (6)
○ Places of worship and other religious organizations (7)
○ Civic, charitable and other non profit-organizations (8)
○ Another group (9)_____ [*Other*]

○ None of these (10) [*Keep position*]

q34 - slider

[*Numeric ⬧ Not required ⬧ Lower limit=1 ⬧ Lower limit type=GreaterOrEqual ⬧ Upper limit=7 ⬧ Upper limit type=SmallerOrEqual ⬧ Total Digits=4 ⬧ Decimal places=1*]

Some people feel that the government should make every effort to improve the social and economic condition of Black people (1). Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help Black people because they should help themselves (7). Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Where:

1 - The government should make every effort to improve the social and economic condition of Black people
7 - The government should not make any special effort to help Black people because they should help themselves

q35

[*Not required*]

How likely is it that many White people are unable to find a job because employers are hiring minorities instead?

○ Extremely likely (1)
○ Very likely (2)
○ Moderately likely (3)
○ Slightly likely (4)
○ Not at all likely (5)

q36

[*Randomized answerlist ⬧ Not required*]

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
Irish, Italian, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Black people should do the same without any special favors. (36)	○	○	○	○	○
Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for Black people to work their way out of the lower class. (37)	○	○	○	○	○
Over the past few years, Black people have gotten less than they deserve. (38)	○	○	○	○	○
It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if Black people would only try harder they could be just as well off as White people. (39)	○	○	○	○	○
Racism is going away naturally over time. (40)	○	○	○	○	○
Government does not treat every community the same—some communities get new schools and	○	○	○	○	○

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
parks while other communities get little public investment. (41)					
I am optimistic that we can make things more equal between races. (42)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Reverse racism, or racism toward White people, is real. (43)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government should take steps to reduce inequalities in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes. (44)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government should take steps to reduce inequalities between races. (45)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government should have programs that help make up for the racial discrimination of the past. (46)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government should be completely color blind when it comes to how it treats people and groups. (47)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
The government should help those who are poor, no matter what race they are. (48)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

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Info intro2 ()	

intro2

Please take a moment to carefully read and reflect on the following excerpt from a news story. You'll be asked a few questions about it.

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CONDITION

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Info SplitB (SEGMENT CHALLENGES)	

SplitB - SEGMENT CHALLENGES

Experts point out that various groups of people face serious challenges others may not relate to. For instance, many senior citizens used to go without medicines because of the costs, rural people may lack transportation to get to work, and so on. As one community leader in Chicago put it: "We're focusing on concrete challenges that different segments of our state face, and effective steps to make them more manageable. For seniors, we've expanded prescription coverage, and for rural workers we're looking at new bus lines." Experts say that narrowing in on these so-called "segment challenges" is the best way to be effective and efficient with public investments. The community leader continued: "Challenges faced by our

Black residents include being generally viewed with more suspicion, doctors incorrectly assuming they have higher pain tolerance, and a lack of childcare in their communities. We can learn from solutions that have been effective in addressing racial disparities in other states like training for healthcare providers to make treatment and outcomes more equal, and expanding affordable childcare."

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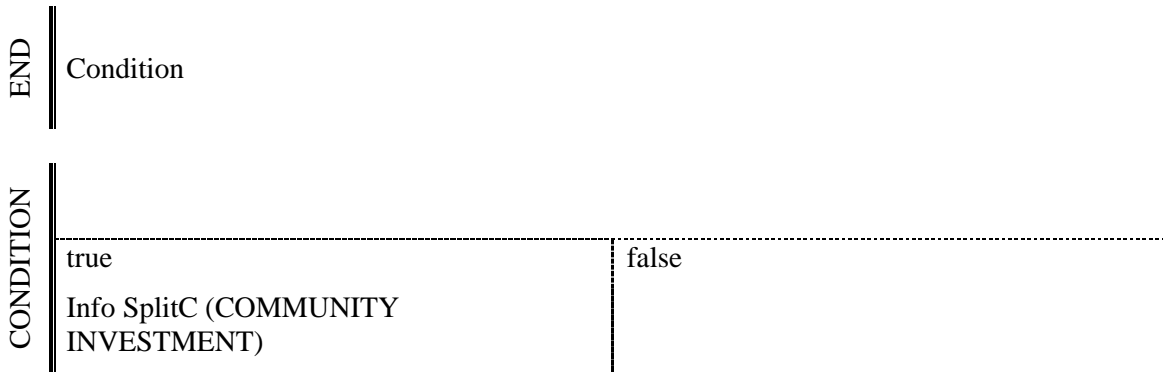
SplitC - COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

We all know that communities need certain things in order to thrive - good schools, roads, public safety, health facilities, parks, etc. But as a community leader in Chicago put it, "neighborhoods that are mostly Black have tended to get less investment in all these things, and that holds them back. On one side of town there's a new high school while just a few miles away the high school is more than 50 years old, with all the maintenance problems you'd expect. One side of town has a popular park, while the other has vacant lots." The community leader points out that by closing some tax breaks for powerful people who don't need them, the state would have plenty to invest in all communities, including Black communities. When under-invested communities become thriving communities, it leads to healthier families, better jobs, and more people with money to spend in local businesses.

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CONDITION |

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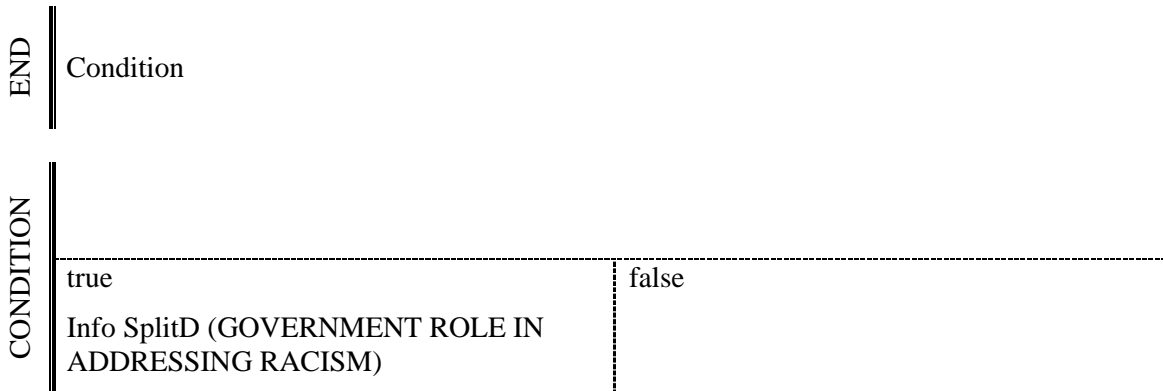
SplitD - GOVERNMENT ROLE IN ADDRESSING RACISM

At an event near Chicago, a community leader made the case that government has three roles when it comes to addressing racism: "1) protecting people from discrimination, 2) making sure government policies are fair to everyone, and 3) helping repair the harm that racism has done." Participants at the event agreed on several proposals for government action, including enforcement of existing laws against unequal treatment by employers, banks, schools, etc.; and more openness about how Black residents are being treated by the criminal justice system and school system. To help repair the lasting harm of racism, the group is proposing specific solutions to fix racial gaps in health and wealth. As the community leader pointed out, "the challenges aren't simple, but there are concrete ways to move forward toward the kind of equitable society we all want to live in."

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Question q49()	

q49

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Because you are being compensated for your time, we do ask that you give thorough, thoughtful and honest answers. Please answer each question with at least one or two full sentences.

Please try to repeat as much as you can remember of what the story had to say -- as though you were passing it along to a friend. If you can remember exact words or phrases, great, but please cover the main points as well as you can. Your answer should be at least a couple of complete sentences.

q50

[*Field width=1000 ◆ Not required*]

If you were explaining to a friend the key idea in the paragraph/statement you read earlier, what would you say?

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q51

[*Rotated answerlist ◆ Not required*]
Sometimes in the course of a survey people change their mind so let's revisit some questions you saw earlier.
Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

❍ Government should do more to solve problems. (1)
❍ Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals . (2)

q51a

[*Not required*]

And do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that?

❍ Strongly (3)
❍ Not strong (4)

q52

[*Not required*]

Thinking about problems facing the country, how much difference do you believe that people working together with their government can make in solving the problems you see?

○ A great deal of difference (1)
○ A lot of difference (2)
○ Some difference (3)
○ A little difference (4)
○ No difference at all (5)

q53 - slider

[*Numeric* ◆ *Not required* ◆ *Lower limit=1* ◆ *Lower limit type=GreaterOrEqual* ◆ *Upper limit=7* ◆ *Upper limit type=SmallerOrEqual* ◆ *Total Digits=4* ◆ *Decimal places=1*]

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Where:
1 - The government should make every effort to improve the social and economic condition of Black people
7 - The government should not make any special effort to help Blacks because they should help themselves

q54

[*Randomized answerlist* ◆ *Not required*]

What group, if any, do you think is the most responsible for addressing racism in society?

○ Individuals (1)
○ Federal government (2)
○ Schools and universities (3)
○ State governments (4)
○ Local governments (5)
○ Businesses (6)
○ Places of worship and other religious organizations (7)
○ Civic, charitable and other non-profit organizations (8)
○ Another group (please specify) (9)_____ [*Other*]
○ None of these (10) [*Keep position*]

CONDITION	true	false
	Question q55()	

q55

[*Randomized answerlist* ◆ *Not required*]

And what group is second most responsible for addressing racism in society?

○ Individuals (1)
○ Federal government (2)
○ Schools and universities (3)
○ State governments (4)
○ Local governments (5)

○ Businesses (6)
○ Places of worship and other religious organizations (7)
○ Civic, charitable and other non-profit organizations (8)
○ Another group (please specify) (9)_____ [*Other*]
○ None of these (10) [*Keep position*]

END | Condition

q56

[*Not required*]

How diverse is your own community in terms of the racial/ethnic backgrounds of people living there?

○ Very diverse (1)
○ Somewhat diverse (2)
○ Not so diverse (3)
○ Not diverse at all (4)

q57

[*Not required*]

What is your present religion, if any?

○ Protestant (1)
○ Catholic (2)
○ Mormon (3)
○ Greek or Russian Orthodox (4)
○ Jewish (5)
○ Muslim (6)
○ Buddhist (7)
○ Hindu (8)
○ Atheist (9)
○ Agnostic (10)
○ Other Christian faith (11)
○ Other non-Christian faith (12)
○ None/not religious/nothing in particular (13)

q58

[*Not required*]

How important is religion in your life?

○ Extremely Important (1)
○ Very Important (2)
○ Moderately Important (3)
○ A little Important (4)
○ Not at all Important (5)

q59

[*Not required*]

In My Household Survey, you indicate that you identify as ^f('white')^. Is that accurate or would you describe yourself differently?

❍ Yes, accurate (1)
❍ No, not accurate (please explain) (2)_____ [*Other*]

q60

[*Not required*]

How important is your race to your identity?

❍ Extremely Important (1)
❍ Very Important (2)
❍ Moderately Important (3)
❍ A little Important (4)
❍ Not at all Important (5)

q61

[*Not required*]

Thinking about your own experience, have you ever personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your race or ethnicity?

❍ Yes, regularly (1)
❍ Yes, from time to time (2)
❍ No (3)

q62

[*Not required*]
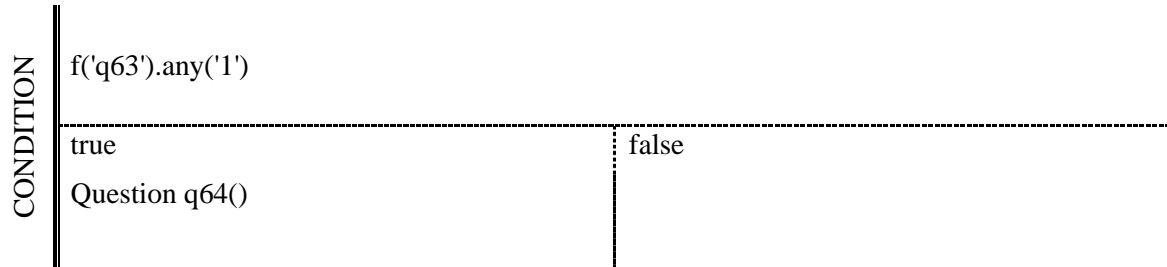
Are you registered to vote?

❍ Yes (1)
❍ No (2)

q63

[*Not required*]

Did you vote in last November's election for President, Congress and state and local ballot issues?

❍ Yes, voted (1)
❍ No, did not have a chance to vote (2)

CONDITION	f('q63').any('1')	
	true	false
	Question q64()	

q64

[*Not required*]

In the 2020 November election for President, who did you vote for?

❍ Donald Trump, the Republican (1)
❍ Joe Biden, the Democrat (2)
❍ Another candidate (3)

q65 - slider

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Last question: Some events are debated (for example 09/11 attacks, the death of Lady Diana, the assassination of John F. Kennedy). It is suggested that the "official version" of these events could be an attempt to hide the truth to the public and mask that these events have been secretly planned by a covert alliance of powerful individuals or organizations (for example secret services or government). What do you think?

"I think that the official version of the events given by the authorities very often hides the truth."

Where: 1 is "completely false" and 9 is "completely true")

end

[*Field width=1000 ◆ Not required*]

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME! Your views are very important to us. If there is anything additional you'd like to share with us, please do.

CS_001 - CS_001

[*Not required*]

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

○ Very interesting (1)
○ Interesting (2)
○ Neither interesting nor uninteresting (3)
○ Uninteresting (4)
○ Very uninteresting (5)