Today we have a few questions about life in the United States. As always, there are no right or wrong answers; responses are always completely confidential and only examined as part of a larger group.

We understand that some of the issues we investigate may be polarizing or seen as political in nature. Please note the following:

- Our organization, the Angus Reid Forum, has no stance on any of these issues. Our sole priority is to understand the views of Americans like yourself;
- Our organization does not work with any political or partisan organizations.

Q1. [PEW]
Base=All
Single Choice

Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? Democracy in the United States...

Is a good example for other countries to follow
Used to be a good example, but has not been in recent years
Has never been a good example for other countries to follow
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q2.
Base=All
Single Choice

Would you say that the United States is more or less politically polarized than it was a year ago?

Much more polarized
A little more polarized
A little less polarized
Much less polarized
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q3.
Base=All
Single Choice

As you may know, Donald Trump contested the results of the 2020 election through legal challenges in various states and the Supreme Court. Those challenges were not successful.
Who do you think won the 2020 election – that is, who received the most votes cast by eligible voters in enough states to win the election?

Joe Biden definitely won
Joe Biden probably won
Donald Trump probably won
Donald Trump definitely won
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q4.
Base=All
Single Choice

As you may know, a committee in the House of Representatives is investigating the January 6 Capitol riot. How closely, if at all, have you been following this committee and the investigation? Would you say you...

Follow it closely in the news and discuss with friends and family
See some media coverage and have the odd conversation
Just scan the headlines
Don’t follow at all

Q5.
Base=All
Single Choice

How confident are you that the committee’s investigation will be fair and reasonable?

Very confident
Moderately confident
Not too confident
Not at all confident
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q6.
Base=All
Single Choice

How important, if at all, do you think it is that the individuals who broke into and rioted at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, be prosecuted?
Very important
Moderately important
Not too important
Not at all important
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q7.
Base=All
Single Choice

Now thinking of the criminal penalties, the individuals who broke into the Capitol and rioted have been receiving. Would you say they are:

Too severe
About right
Not severe enough
Don’t know/prefer not to say

Q8.
Base=All
Single Choice Grid

Finally, when thinking about the January 6 riot at Capitol Hill, would you say it was...

[Randomize]
An act of domestic terrorism
A fiction created by the media
A genuine attempt to defend American democracy
An attack on American democracy orchestrated by foreign powers

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Don’t know/prefer not to say