

**[Textbox]**

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