

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO1	<i>To the best of your knowledge, which of the following best describes what America's 250th anniversary commemorates?</i>		
	The pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock	69	3%
	The adoption of the Declaration of Independence	1195	53%
	The ratification of the U.S. Constitution	177	8%
	The victory in the Revolutionary War	144	6%
	The first U.S. presidential election	114	5%
	The founding of Jamestown	29	1%
	Not sure	526	23%
CATO2_1	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — America is a uniquely good country</i>		
	Selected	334	15%
	Not Selected	1919	85%
CATO2_2	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — America is a flawed country that can improve</i>		
	Selected	228	10%
	Not Selected	2025	90%
CATO2_3	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — Freedom is rare and must be protected</i>		
	Selected	639	28%
	Not Selected	1614	72%
CATO2_4	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — The Constitution limits government power for a reason</i>		
	Selected	371	16%
	Not Selected	1882	84%
CATO2_5	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — Citizens have duties as well as rights</i>		
	Selected	357	16%
	Not Selected	1896	84%

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CATO2_6	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — America's history includes both great achievements and serious injustices</i>		
	Selected	581	26%
	Not Selected	1672	74%
CATO2_7	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — Patriotism means loyalty to the country's principles, not to any politician or party</i>		
	Selected	605	27%
	Not Selected	1648	73%
CATO2_8	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — America needs major political change</i>		
	Selected	193	9%
	Not Selected	2060	91%
CATO2_9	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — Racism and exploitation have been core to America since the founding</i>		
	Selected	189	8%
	Not Selected	2064	92%
CATO2_10	<i>Which of the following would you most want children to learn from America's 250th anniversary? Please select up to two. — Not sure</i>		
	Selected	318	14%
	Not Selected	1935	86%
CATO3	<i>How patriotic, if at all, are you?</i>		
	Extremely patriotic	436	19%
	Very patriotic	588	26%
	Moderately patriotic	571	25%
	Only a little patriotic	208	9%
	Not at all patriotic	148	7%
	No opinion	303	13%
CATO4	<i>Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?</i>		
	Stands above all other countries in the world	763	34%
	One of the greatest countries in the world, along with some others	891	40%
	There are other countries better than the United States	309	14%
	Don't know	290	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO5a	<i>How proud, if at all, are you to be an American? (N=1,159)</i>		
	Very proud	672	58%
	Somewhat proud	247	21%
	Not very proud	89	8%
	Not at all proud	62	5%
	I am not an American	17	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	73	6%
CATO5b	<i>How grateful, if at all, are you to be an American? (N=1,094)</i>		
	Very grateful	689	63%
	Somewhat grateful	249	23%
	Not very grateful	37	3%
	Not at all grateful	19	2%
	I am not grateful	16	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	83	8%
CATO6	<i>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The ideals and institutions of the American founding are part of my inheritance as an American.</i>		
	Strongly agree	1024	45%
	Somewhat agree	576	26%
	Neither agree nor disagree	324	14%
	Somewhat disagree	59	3%
	Strongly disagree	60	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	210	9%
CATO7	<i>Do you have a favorable, or unfavorable, opinion of the founding of the United States of America?</i>		
	Strongly favorable	1153	51%
	Somewhat favorable	567	25%
	Somewhat unfavorable	163	7%
	Strongly unfavorable	75	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	294	13%
CATO8	<i>Are the principles of the founding of the United States still relevant today?</i>		
	Yes, definitely	997	44%
	Yes, probably	592	26%
	No, probably not	228	10%
	No, definitely not	124	5%
	Don't know / No opinion	312	14%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO9	<i>In your view, which of the following is the most important idea behind the American founding?</i>		
	Natural rights	175	8%
	Individual liberty	234	10%
	Equality under the law	217	10%
	Government by consent of the governed	231	10%
	Religious freedom	150	7%
	Freedom of speech and conscience	384	17%
	Checks and balances to prevent abuse of power	267	12%
	Free enterprise and private property	61	3%
	National unity	106	5%
	Protecting traditional values	108	5%
	Something else, please specify:	17	1%
	Not sure	304	14%
CATO10	<i>Thinking of the principles and ideals on which our country was founded, do you think that 250 years later this country...</i>		
	Still represents those principles and ideals	628	28%
	Has moved somewhat away from those principles and ideals	793	35%
	Has moved far away from those principles and ideals	485	22%
	Don't know	347	15%
CATO11	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	The Founding Fathers were courageous leaders who risked their lives and possessions to secure independence and liberty	1506	67%
	The Founding Fathers were self-interested elites who mainly sought to increase their own power or wealth	352	16%
	Not sure	395	18%
CATO12	<i>Was preserving slavery one of the primary reasons the American colonists declared their independence from Britain and fought the American Revolutionary War?</i>		
	Yes, definitely	353	16%
	Yes, probably	450	20%
	No, probably not	364	16%
	No, definitely not	507	23%
	Not sure	578	26%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO13	<i>Do you have a favorable, or unfavorable, opinion of the U.S. Constitution?</i>		
	Strongly favorable	1086	48%
	Somewhat favorable	688	31%
	Somewhat unfavorable	102	5%
	Strongly unfavorable	40	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	338	15%
CATO14	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	The Constitution should place firm limits on what government can do, even when those limits make it harder to solve problems	1245	55%
	The Constitution should be interpreted flexibly so government can act more decisively and quickly to solve problems	568	25%
	Not sure	440	20%
CATO15	<i>In your view, how important is the U.S. Constitution to protecting your liberty and freedoms?</i>		
	Extremely important	1042	46%
	Very important	636	28%
	Somewhat important	279	12%
	Not too important	45	2%
	Not at all important	20	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	230	10%
CATO16	<i>Do you believe that after nearly 250 years the Constitution is still basically sound and meets the needs of our country, or do you think the Constitution is in need of some basic changes or amendments?</i>		
	Basically sound	1187	53%
	In need of changes or amendments	681	30%
	Don't know	385	17%
CATO17	<i>Would you favor, or oppose, starting from scratch and writing a new American Constitution?</i>		
	Strongly favor	293	13%
	Somewhat favor	407	18%
	Somewhat oppose	325	14%
	Strongly oppose	862	38%
	Don't know / No opinion	366	16%
CATO18_1	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Freedom of speech</i>		
	Selected	1099	49%
	Not Selected	1154	51%

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CATO18_2	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Freedom of religion</i>		
	Selected	730	32%
	Not Selected	1523	68%
CATO18_3	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to keep and bear arms</i>		
	Selected	536	24%
	Not Selected	1717	76%
CATO18_4	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to privacy</i>		
	Selected	589	26%
	Not Selected	1664	74%
CATO18_5	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to due process and fair treatment by the courts</i>		
	Selected	689	31%
	Not Selected	1564	69%
CATO18_6	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to marry</i>		
	Selected	247	11%
	Not Selected	2006	89%
CATO18_7	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to a fair trial</i>		
	Selected	514	23%
	Not Selected	1739	77%
CATO18_8	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to peacefully protest</i>		
	Selected	358	16%
	Not Selected	1895	84%
CATO18_9	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures</i>		
	Selected	420	19%
	Not Selected	1833	81%

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CATO18_10	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Property rights</i>		
	Selected	326	14%
	Not Selected	1927	86%
CATO18_11	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Abortion rights</i>		
	Selected	299	13%
	Not Selected	1954	87%
CATO18_12	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Rights of LGBTQ individuals</i>		
	Selected	185	8%
	Not Selected	2068	92%
CATO18_13	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Freedom of the press</i>		
	Selected	433	19%
	Not Selected	1820	81%
CATO18_14	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — The right to vote and choose our leaders</i>		
	Selected	808	36%
	Not Selected	1445	64%
CATO18_15	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Equal protection under the law</i>		
	Selected	712	32%
	Not Selected	1541	68%
CATO18_16	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Freedom to run a business or earn a living</i>		
	Selected	277	12%
	Not Selected	1976	88%
CATO18_17	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — Other, please specify:</i>		
	Selected	24	1%
	Not Selected	2229	99%
CATO18_18	<i>If you had to choose, which of these rights and freedoms are MOST IMPORTANT to you personally? Please select up to five. — None of these</i>		
	Selected	193	9%
	Not Selected	2060	91%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO19_1	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Freedom of speech</i>		
	Selected	584	26%
	Not Selected	1669	74%
CATO19_2	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Freedom of religion</i>		
	Selected	254	11%
	Not Selected	1999	89%
CATO19_3	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to keep and bear arms</i>		
	Selected	397	18%
	Not Selected	1856	82%
CATO19_4	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to privacy</i>		
	Selected	417	19%
	Not Selected	1836	81%
CATO19_5	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to due process and fair treatment by the courts</i>		
	Selected	316	14%
	Not Selected	1937	86%
CATO19_6	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to marry</i>		
	Selected	102	5%
	Not Selected	2151	95%
CATO19_7	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to a fair trial</i>		
	Selected	219	10%
	Not Selected	2034	90%
CATO19_8	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to peacefully protest</i>		
	Selected	328	15%
	Not Selected	1925	85%
CATO19_9	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures</i>		
	Selected	310	14%
	Not Selected	1943	86%

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CATO19_10	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Property rights</i>		
	Selected	178	8%
	Not Selected	2075	92%
CATO19_11	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Abortion rights</i>		
	Selected	428	19%
	Not Selected	1825	81%
CATO19_12	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Rights of LGBTQ individuals</i>		
	Selected	233	10%
	Not Selected	2020	90%
CATO19_13	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Freedom of the press</i>		
	Selected	308	14%
	Not Selected	1945	86%
CATO19_14	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — The right to vote and choose our leaders</i>		
	Selected	406	18%
	Not Selected	1847	82%
CATO19_15	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Equal protection under the law</i>		
	Selected	362	16%
	Not Selected	1891	84%
CATO19_16	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Freedom to run a business or earn a living</i>		
	Selected	126	6%
	Not Selected	2127	94%
CATO19_17	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — Other, please specify:</i>		
	Selected	16	1%
	Not Selected	2237	99%
CATO19_18	<i>Which of these rights and freedoms are we MOST AT RISK of losing? Please select up to three. — None of the above</i>		
	Selected	280	12%
	Not Selected	1973	88%

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CATO20_1	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Require a balanced federal budget (N=1,229)</i>		
	Strongly support	509	41%
	Somewhat support	343	28%
	Somewhat oppose	110	9%
	Strongly oppose	45	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	222	18%
CATO20_2	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Make English the official national language (N=1,187)</i>		
	Strongly support	495	42%
	Somewhat support	269	23%
	Somewhat oppose	122	10%
	Strongly oppose	135	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	166	14%
CATO20_3	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Ban burning the American flag (N=1,245)</i>		
	Strongly support	546	44%
	Somewhat support	197	16%
	Somewhat oppose	118	9%
	Strongly oppose	197	16%
	Don't know / No opinion	187	15%
CATO20_4	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Allow teachers to lead prayer in public schools (N=1,263)</i>		
	Strongly support	374	30%
	Somewhat support	239	19%
	Somewhat oppose	163	13%
	Strongly oppose	269	21%
	Don't know / No opinion	218	17%
CATO20_5	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Require photo ID to vote (N=1,208)</i>		
	Strongly support	544	45%
	Somewhat support	256	21%
	Somewhat oppose	122	10%
	Strongly oppose	131	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	155	13%

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CATO20_6	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Ban courses that cover diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in public schools (N=1,194)</i>		
	Strongly support	217	18%
	Somewhat support	210	18%
	Somewhat oppose	143	12%
	Strongly oppose	392	33%
	Don't know / No opinion	231	19%
CATO20_7	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Limit money spent on political campaigns (N=1,212)</i>		
	Strongly support	553	46%
	Somewhat support	284	23%
	Somewhat oppose	111	9%
	Strongly oppose	60	5%
	Don't know / No opinion	205	17%
CATO20_8	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Protect a right to abortion (N=1,160)</i>		
	Strongly support	420	36%
	Somewhat support	254	22%
	Somewhat oppose	117	10%
	Strongly oppose	197	17%
	Don't know / No opinion	172	15%
CATO20_9	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Abolish the Electoral College (N=1,202)</i>		
	Strongly support	255	21%
	Somewhat support	237	20%
	Somewhat oppose	154	13%
	Strongly oppose	212	18%
	Don't know / No opinion	344	29%
CATO20_10	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Allow a federal tax on wealth, not just income (N=1,226)</i>		
	Strongly support	444	36%
	Somewhat support	271	22%
	Somewhat oppose	141	12%
	Strongly oppose	123	10%
	Don't know / No opinion	247	20%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO20_11	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Guarantee a right to health care (N=1,172)</i>		
	Strongly support	613	52%
	Somewhat support	248	21%
	Somewhat oppose	100	9%
	Strongly oppose	84	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	128	11%
CATO20_12	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Guarantee a right to free college (N=1,175)</i>		
	Strongly support	413	35%
	Somewhat support	289	25%
	Somewhat oppose	132	11%
	Strongly oppose	156	13%
	Don't know / No opinion	186	16%
CATO20_13	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Ban hate speech (N=1,186)</i>		
	Strongly support	428	36%
	Somewhat support	264	22%
	Somewhat oppose	142	12%
	Strongly oppose	137	12%
	Don't know / No opinion	215	18%
CATO20_14	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — Base girls' and women's sports on sex at birth (N=1,210)</i>		
	Strongly support	492	41%
	Somewhat support	221	18%
	Somewhat oppose	123	10%
	Strongly oppose	131	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	244	20%
CATO20_15	<i>Throughout its history, America has passed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Would you support, or oppose, the following constitutional amendments? — End birthright citizenship for children born to unauthorized immigrants or foreign visitors (N=1,156)</i>		
	Strongly support	258	22%
	Somewhat support	186	16%
	Somewhat oppose	159	14%
	Strongly oppose	322	28%
	Don't know / No opinion	231	20%

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CATO21	<i>Do you believe America's best days are behind it, or ahead of it?</i>		
	Behind it	796	35%
	Ahead of it	920	41%
	Don't know / No opinion	537	24%
CATO22	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Our freedoms in this country are at risk and could be lost if we are not careful.	1362	60%
	Our freedoms in this country are secure and will remain protected in the future.	548	24%
	Not sure	344	15%
CATO23	<i>How worried are you, if at all, that the United States will stop being a free country within the next 50 years?</i>		
	Very worried	564	25%
	Somewhat worried	698	31%
	Not too worried	322	14%
	Not at all worried	247	11%
	The U.S. is already not a free country	142	6%
	Don't know / No opinion	280	12%
CATO24_1	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Too much power in Washington DC</i>		
	Selected	338	15%
	Not Selected	1915	85%
CATO24_2	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Too much power in the presidency</i>		
	Selected	484	21%
	Not Selected	1769	79%
CATO24_3	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Politicians ignoring the Constitution</i>		
	Selected	575	26%
	Not Selected	1678	74%
CATO24_4	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — The government spending and borrowing too much</i>		
	Selected	367	16%
	Not Selected	1886	84%

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CATO24_5	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — The rich having too much power</i>		
	Selected	532	24%
	Not Selected	1721	76%
CATO24_6	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — People refusing to accept election results</i>		
	Selected	236	10%
	Not Selected	2017	90%
CATO24_7	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Government censorship or surveillance</i>		
	Selected	276	12%
	Not Selected	1977	88%
CATO24_8	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Political violence</i>		
	Selected	334	15%
	Not Selected	1919	85%
CATO24_9	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Falling birth rates</i>		
	Selected	131	6%
	Not Selected	2122	94%
CATO24_10	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — High levels of immigration</i>		
	Selected	338	15%
	Not Selected	1915	85%
CATO24_11	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Economic inequality</i>		
	Selected	320	14%
	Not Selected	1933	86%
CATO24_12	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Loss of shared values</i>		
	Selected	242	11%
	Not Selected	2011	89%

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CATO24_13	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Corruption</i>		
	Selected	685	30%
	Not Selected	1568	70%
CATO24_14	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Moral decline</i>		
	Selected	366	16%
	Not Selected	1887	84%
CATO24_15	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — Other, please specify:</i>		
	Selected	25	1%
	Not Selected	2228	99%
CATO24_16	<i>Which of the following, if any, do you think is the greatest threat to the United States remaining a free republic? Please select up to three. — None of the above</i>		
	Selected	276	12%
	Not Selected	1977	88%
CATO25	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	It is better when political power is divided among different branches of government, even if that sometimes makes it harder for government to act quickly	1366	61%
	It is better when government can act quickly and decisively, even if that sometimes means giving leaders more power	421	19%
	Not sure	466	21%
CATO26	<i>Which of the following do you think is the best way to make major changes to public policy in the United States?</i>		
	Congress passes a bill and the president signs it into law	1003	45%
	The president issues an executive order	247	11%
	It depends	639	28%
	Not sure	363	16%
CATO27a	<i>Some elected officials have proposed expanding the U.S. Supreme Court from 9 justices to 13 justices. Do you support, or oppose, this proposal? (N=1,104)</i>		
	Strongly support	172	16%
	Somewhat support	231	21%
	Somewhat oppose	160	14%
	Strongly oppose	179	16%
	Don't know / No opinion	363	33%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO27b	<i>Some elected officials have proposed packing the U.S. Supreme Court by adding 4 new Supreme Court justices. Do you support, or oppose, this proposal? (N=1,149)</i>		
	Strongly support	142	12%
	Somewhat support	281	24%
	Somewhat oppose	187	16%
	Strongly oppose	212	18%
	Don't know / No opinion	326	28%
CATO28	<i>If a president you supported stretched the Constitution to accomplish something you agreed with, would that be acceptable, or unacceptable?</i>		
	Always acceptable	260	12%
	Sometimes acceptable	578	26%
	Usually unacceptable	484	22%
	Always unacceptable	384	17%
	Don't know / No opinion	547	24%
CATO29_1	<i>Do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? — The president should have to obey Supreme Court rulings, even when the president believes the court is wrong</i>		
	Strongly agree	1030	46%
	Somewhat agree	589	26%
	Somewhat disagree	198	9%
	Strongly disagree	92	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	343	15%
CATO29_2	<i>Do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? — Congress gives too much of its lawmaking power to presidents and federal agencies</i>		
	Strongly agree	704	31%
	Somewhat agree	665	30%
	Somewhat disagree	334	15%
	Strongly disagree	164	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	387	17%
CATO29_3	<i>Do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? — We cannot fix the problems in our government; we need to tear it down and start over</i>		
	Strongly agree	387	17%
	Somewhat agree	463	21%
	Somewhat disagree	432	19%
	Strongly disagree	581	26%
	Don't know / No opinion	390	17%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO29_4	<i>Do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? — For a country to remain free, most people need to try to be good, honest, and responsible</i>		
	Strongly agree	1076	48%
	Somewhat agree	664	29%
	Somewhat disagree	137	6%
	Strongly disagree	76	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	301	13%
CATO30	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	The main purpose of government is to protect people's rights and freedoms	808	36%
	The main purpose of government is to solve major social and economic problems	217	10%
	Both equally	961	43%
	Not sure	266	12%
CATO31	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	People should generally be free to make their own choices, even if others think those choices are wrong	1404	62%
	Government should do more to guide people toward better choices	453	20%
	Not sure	395	18%
CATO32	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	No political party should be trusted with too much power	1303	58%
	My preferred political party can be trusted with more power than the other side	514	23%
	Not sure	436	19%
CATO33	<i>How much corruption do you believe there is in the United States government today?</i>		
	A great deal	997	44%
	A moderate amount	526	23%
	Some	372	17%
	Not very much	85	4%
	None at all	24	1%
	Don't know / No opinion	248	11%
CATO34_1	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Freedom and individual rights</i>		
	Selected	736	33%
	Not Selected	1517	67%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO34_2	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Equality under the law</i>		
	Selected	466	21%
	Not Selected	1787	79%
CATO34_3	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — The Constitution</i>		
	Selected	608	27%
	Not Selected	1645	73%
CATO34_4	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Democracy and elections</i>		
	Selected	478	21%
	Not Selected	1775	79%
CATO34_5	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — The American dream</i>		
	Selected	365	16%
	Not Selected	1888	84%
CATO34_6	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Free speech</i>		
	Selected	563	25%
	Not Selected	1690	75%
CATO34_7	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Religious freedom</i>		
	Selected	339	15%
	Not Selected	1914	85%
CATO34_8	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Hard work and personal responsibility</i>		
	Selected	282	13%
	Not Selected	1971	87%
CATO34_9	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Opportunity to succeed</i>		
	Selected	244	11%
	Not Selected	2009	89%
CATO34_10	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — A shared American culture</i>		
	Selected	153	7%
	Not Selected	2100	93%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO34_11	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Diversity and immigration</i>		
	Selected	234	10%
	Not Selected	2019	90%
CATO34_12	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Capitalism and free enterprise</i>		
	Selected	242	11%
	Not Selected	2011	89%
CATO34_13	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Helping those in need</i>		
	Selected	267	12%
	Not Selected	1986	88%
CATO34_14	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Patriotism</i>		
	Selected	272	12%
	Not Selected	1981	88%
CATO34_15	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Faith and religion</i>		
	Selected	252	11%
	Not Selected	2001	89%
CATO34_16	<i>What are the core ideas and values that you feel define America as a country? Please select up to three. — Not sure</i>		
	Selected	266	12%
	Not Selected	1987	88%
CATO35_1	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your family</i>		
	Extremely important	1068	47%
	Very important	580	26%
	Somewhat important	283	13%
	Not very important	100	4%
	Not at all important	55	2%
	Not part of my personal identity	166	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO35_2	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Being an American</i>		
	Extremely important	902	40%
	Very important	557	25%
	Somewhat important	396	18%
	Not very important	146	6%
	Not at all important	81	4%
	Not part of my personal identity	171	8%
CATO35_3	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your race or ethnicity</i>		
	Extremely important	671	30%
	Very important	520	23%
	Somewhat important	443	20%
	Not very important	267	12%
	Not at all important	145	6%
	Not part of my personal identity	207	9%
CATO35_4	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your gender</i>		
	Extremely important	798	35%
	Very important	591	26%
	Somewhat important	378	17%
	Not very important	194	9%
	Not at all important	111	5%
	Not part of my personal identity	181	8%
CATO35_5	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your religion</i>		
	Extremely important	647	29%
	Very important	482	21%
	Somewhat important	378	17%
	Not very important	219	10%
	Not at all important	210	9%
	Not part of my personal identity	316	14%
CATO35_6	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your political affiliation</i>		
	Extremely important	415	18%
	Very important	453	20%
	Somewhat important	546	24%
	Not very important	326	14%
	Not at all important	204	9%
	Not part of my personal identity	309	14%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO35_7	<i>How important, if at all, are each of the following to your personal identity? If something is not part of your identity, you can say that too. — Your job or career</i>		
	Extremely important	532	24%
	Very important	501	22%
	Somewhat important	444	20%
	Not very important	209	9%
	Not at all important	176	8%
	Not part of my personal identity	391	17%
CATO36	<i>What proportion of your friends have similar political views as you?</i>		
	Almost all	441	20%
	More than half	518	23%
	About half	534	24%
	Less than half	136	6%
	Almost none	105	5%
	Don't know / No opinion	518	23%
CATO37	<i>Is America the land of opportunity?</i>		
	Yes	1368	61%
	No, but it used to be	723	32%
	No, and it never was	162	7%
CATO38	<i>How achievable, if at all, do you think the American Dream is for you personally?</i>		
	Extremely achievable	331	15%
	Very achievable	626	28%
	Somewhat achievable	699	31%
	Not too achievable	342	15%
	Not at all achievable	256	11%
CATO39	<i>How important do you think the U.S. Constitution was to America becoming a prosperous country?</i>		
	Very important	1162	52%
	Somewhat important	671	30%
	Not too important	120	5%
	Not important at all	48	2%
	Not sure	252	11%
CATO40_1	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Free markets and capitalism (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	235	22%
	Not Selected	855	78%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO40_2	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — The Constitution and limited government (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	270	25%
	Not Selected	820	75%
CATO40_3	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Democracy / self-government (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	241	22%
	Not Selected	849	78%
CATO40_4	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Government investment in education, science, and infrastructure (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	145	13%
	Not Selected	945	87%
CATO40_5	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Rule of law and property rights (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	170	16%
	Not Selected	920	84%
CATO40_6	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Innovation and entrepreneurship (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	227	21%
	Not Selected	863	79%
CATO40_7	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — A culture of hard work (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	241	22%
	Not Selected	849	78%
CATO40_8	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — An ethical and responsible citizenry (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	126	12%
	Not Selected	964	88%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO40_9	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Religious faith and values (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	152	14%
	Not Selected	938	86%
CATO40_10	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Immigration (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	161	15%
	Not Selected	929	85%
CATO40_11	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Geography and natural resources (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	112	10%
	Not Selected	978	90%
CATO40_12	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — America's large size and free trade among the states (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	139	13%
	Not Selected	951	87%
CATO40_13	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Slavery, land-taking, and exploitation (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	101	9%
	Not Selected	989	91%
CATO40_14	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Workers' rights and labor unions (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	151	14%
	Not Selected	939	86%
CATO40_15	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Something else, please specify: (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	10	1%
	Not Selected	1080	99%
CATO40_16	<i>Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons America became a prosperous country? Please select up to three. — Not sure (N=1,090)</i>		
	Selected	162	15%
	Not Selected	928	85%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO41_1	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Better moral character (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	227	20%
	Not Selected	936	80%
CATO41_2	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Better civic education (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	116	10%
	Not Selected	1047	90%
CATO41_3	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — More respect for the Constitution (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	250	21%
	Not Selected	913	79%
CATO41_4	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — More individual freedom (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	105	9%
	Not Selected	1058	91%
CATO41_5	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — More national unity (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	193	17%
	Not Selected	970	83%
CATO41_6	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Stronger families and communities (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	224	19%
	Not Selected	939	81%
CATO41_7	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — A stronger economy (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	317	27%
	Not Selected	846	73%
CATO41_8	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Less government debt (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	195	17%
	Not Selected	968	83%
CATO41_9	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Better schools and job skills (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	198	17%
	Not Selected	965	83%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO41_10	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Less corruption and special-interest influence (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	358	31%
	Not Selected	805	69%
CATO41_11	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Better political leaders (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	320	28%
	Not Selected	843	72%
CATO41_12	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Lower cost of living (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	361	31%
	Not Selected	802	69%
CATO41_13	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Something else, please specify: (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	10	1%
	Not Selected	1153	99%
CATO41_14	<i>Thinking about the next 250 years, what would most help America succeed? Please select up to three. — Not sure (N=1,163)</i>		
	Selected	116	10%
	Not Selected	1047	90%
CATO42	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your perspective, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	America can remain free if it has good laws and institutions, even if many citizens lack good character	1104	49%
	America cannot remain free unless citizens generally try to be good and do what is right	720	32%
	Not sure	429	19%
CATO43	<i>To the best of your knowledge, which country did the original 13 American colonies declare their independence from?</i>		
	Europe	99	4%
	Great Britain	1365	61%
	Canada	59	3%
	France	89	4%
	Spain	44	2%
	Germany	35	2%
	Not sure	562	25%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO44	<i>To the best of your knowledge, what is the main purpose of the U.S. Constitution?</i>		
	To establish and limit the powers of government	929	41%
	To declare independence from Great Britain	393	17%
	To create the presidency, Congress, and Supreme Court	274	12%
	To list all federal laws	157	7%
	To create the two major political parties	95	4%
	Not sure	404	18%
CATO45	<i>To the best of your knowledge, how many branches of government does the U.S. Constitution create?</i>		
	Two	143	6%
	Three	1225	54%
	Four	220	10%
	Five	98	4%
	Not sure	566	25%
CATO46	<i>To the best of your knowledge, who was the first president of the United States?</i>		
	Thomas Jefferson	50	2%
	John Adams	29	1%
	George Washington	1736	77%
	Abraham Lincoln	117	5%
	King George III	29	1%
	Not sure	293	13%
CATO47	<i>To the best of your knowledge, what was the main reason the American colonies declared independence from Britain in 1776?</i>		
	To protest high taxes and a lack of representation in government	971	43%
	To stop Britain from restricting westward expansion	173	8%
	To prevent Britain from ending slavery in the colonies	135	6%
	To escape religious persecution under British rule	293	13%
	To form a military alliance with France against Britain	108	5%
	Not sure	572	25%
CATO48	<i>To the best of your knowledge, if the president and the Supreme Court disagree about whether a president's action is constitutional, who has the final say?</i>		
	The president	247	11%
	Congress	502	22%
	The Supreme Court	1000	44%
	Not sure	504	22%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATO49_1	<i>For each of the following, please indicate whether you have a favorable, or unfavorable, impression. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too. — Capitalism</i>		
	Very favorable	569	25%
	Somewhat favorable	597	26%
	Somewhat unfavorable	273	12%
	Very unfavorable	251	11%
	Don't know enough to say	563	25%
CATO49_2	<i>For each of the following, please indicate whether you have a favorable, or unfavorable, impression. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too. — Socialism</i>		
	Very favorable	341	15%
	Somewhat favorable	498	22%
	Somewhat unfavorable	297	13%
	Very unfavorable	535	24%
	Don't know enough to say	582	26%
CATO49_3	<i>For each of the following, please indicate whether you have a favorable, or unfavorable, impression. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too. — Communism</i>		
	Very favorable	198	9%
	Somewhat favorable	274	12%
	Somewhat unfavorable	292	13%
	Very unfavorable	953	42%
	Don't know enough to say	537	24%
CATO50	<i>Are you more likely, or less likely, to support a candidate for president who is described as a Democratic Socialist?</i>		
	Much more likely	352	16%
	Somewhat more likely	508	23%
	Somewhat less likely	300	13%
	Much less likely	602	27%
	Makes no difference	490	22%
CATOdem1	<i>Which of the following best describes you?</i>		
	I was born in the United States, and both of my parents were born in the United States.	1807	80%
	I was born in the United States, and at least one of my parents was born outside the United States.	262	12%
	I was born outside the United States.	184	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
CATOdem2	<i>If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or the Republican candidate in your district? (N=1,797)</i>		
	Democratic candidate	800	45%
	Republican candidate	703	39%
	Neither	198	11%
	Would not vote	96	5%
CATOdem3	<i>Overall, do you approve, or disapprove, of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?</i>		
	Strongly approve	438	19%
	Somewhat approve	494	22%
	Somewhat disapprove	246	11%
	Strongly disapprove	818	36%
	Don't know / No opinion	257	11%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for respondents with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	2253	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	1093	49%
	Gender: Female	1153	51%
	N	2246	
age	Age: 18-34	649	29%
	Age: 35-44	388	17%
	Age: 45-64	692	31%
	Age: 65+	525	23%
	N	2253	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	399	18%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	691	31%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	548	24%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	573	25%
	N	2211	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	740	33%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	800	36%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	713	32%
	N	2253	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	320	14%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	420	19%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	384	17%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	409	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	388	17%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	324	14%
	N	2246	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	573	25%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	785	35%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	657	29%
	N	2015	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1435	64%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	511	23%
	Educ: Post-grad	307	14%
	N	2253	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3_us	Income: Under 50k	1285	57%
	Income: 50k-100k	633	28%
	Income: 100k+	335	15%
	N	2253	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1720	76%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	415	18%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	288	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	245	11%
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	762	34%
	Community: Suburban	988	44%
	Community: Rural	503	22%
	N	2253	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	656	29%
	Employ: Government	151	7%
	Employ: Self-Employed	197	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	113	5%
	Employ: Student	53	2%
	Employ: Retired	565	25%
	Employ: Unemployed	375	17%
	Employ: Other	143	6%
	N	2253	
xsubVote24O	2024 Vote: Kamala Harris	729	32%
	2024 Vote: Donald Trump	760	34%
	2024 Vote: Other	98	4%
	2024 Vote: Didn't Vote	665	30%
	N	2253	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	388	17%
	4-Region: Midwest	459	20%
	4-Region: South	870	39%
	4-Region: West	535	24%
	N	2253	
CATOdem1	I was born in the United States, and both of my parents were born in the United States.	1807	80%
	I was born in the United States, and at least one of my parents was born outside the United States.	262	12%
	I was born outside the United States.	184	8%
	N	2253	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
CATOdem2	Democratic candidate	800	36%
	Republican candidate	703	31%
	Neither	198	9%
	Would not vote	96	4%
	N	1797	
xdem1	Trump Approve	932	41%
xdem2	Trump Disapprove	1064	47%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

