U.S. Political News Survey Template

All questions are optional. Follow each question's directions.
Write your answers to the open questions in the space provided.

Think about U.S. political news you encountered during the past seven days. This voluntary survey is for adults, and every question is optional. There are no right or wrong answers. Do not include your political affiliation, voting choices, account names or details that identify other people.

1. On how many of the past seven days did you encounter U.S. political news?

- ○ 0 days
- ○ 1 or 2 days
- ○ 3 or 4 days
- ○ 5 or 6 days
- ○ All 7 days
- ○ Not sure
- ○ Prefer not to answer

2. Which route brought you the most U.S. political news during that period?

- ○ News websites or apps
- ○ Television or radio
- ○ Social media feeds
- ○ Podcasts or online video
- ○ Email newsletters or alerts
- ○ Friends, family or colleagues
- ○ Another route
- ○ I did not encounter political news
- ○ Not sure

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3. How did you usually encounter that political news?

- ○ Mostly by deliberately looking for it
- ○ Mostly while doing something else
- ○ About equally both ways
- ○ I did not encounter political news
- ○ Not sure

4. When a political news claim caught your attention, how often did you compare it with another source during that period?

- ○ Never
- ○ Rarely
- ○ Sometimes
- ○ Often
- ○ Always
- ○ No claim caught my attention
- ○ Prefer not to answer

5. How confident do you feel finding an original source behind a political news claim?

- ○ Not at all confident
- ○ Slightly confident
- ○ Somewhat confident
- ○ Very confident
- ○ Extremely confident
- ○ Not sure

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6. What most often made political news difficult to assess during that period?

- ○ Too little background explanation
- ○ Difficulty finding original sources
- ○ Conflicting accounts
- ○ Unfamiliar terms
- ○ Limited time or access
- ○ Another difficulty
- ○ No difficulty
- ○ I did not encounter political news
- ○ Not sure

7. What information or practical guidance would make political news easier for you to assess?