

AP VoteCast 2024 South Carolina Primary Election Questionnaire (English Version)

RV1.

Are you registered to vote in South Carolina?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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PARTYVOT1A.

Did you vote in the February 3rd Democratic primary election in South Carolina, or not?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, I voted in the Democratic primary
 2. No, I did not vote in the Democratic primary
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ZIP.

What is the ZIP Code where you are registered to vote?

[CATI] [READ IF NECESSARY]: We assure you that we are only asking for your zip code in order to compare how people in different parts of the state feel about the political issues we've asked about on this survey.

[5 DIGIT TEXT BOX, RETURN ERROR IF NOT IN THIS FORMAT]

COUNTY.

[SHOW IF NOT MISSING ZIP]

[SHOW ONLY WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE COUNTY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZIP CODE]

In what county are you registered to vote?

[DROP DOWN WITH RADIO BUTTONS]

LVB.

There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. We're interested in hearing from voters and non-voters. How likely are you to vote in the Republican primary election?

[CATI] If you have already voted, please just say so.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Definitely will vote
 2. Probably will vote
 3. Probably will not vote
 4. Definitely will not vote
 5. Already voted
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WVA.

[SHOW IF LVB=ALREADY VOTED]

Which best describes how you voted?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. I voted in person at a polling place BEFORE Election Day
 2. I voted by mail BEFORE Election Day
 3. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I voted in person at a polling place TODAY
 4. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I voted by mail TODAY
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WVB.

[SHOW IF LVB=DEFINITELY WILL VOTE, PROBABLY WILL VOTE, PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE]

If you do vote in this election, how will you cast your ballot?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote by mail
 2. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person before Election Day
 3. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person at a polling place on Election Day
 4. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I will vote by mail today
 5. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person at a polling place today
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RACE0.

[TEXT IF LVB=DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE]

Who do you plan to vote for in the Republican primary election for president?

[TEXT IF LVB=PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE, DON'T KNOW, SKIPPED ON WEB, REFUSED]

If you do vote in the Republican primary election for president, who would you vote for?

[TEXT IF LVB=ALREADY VOTED]

In the Republican primary election for president, who did you vote for?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 001-002:

- 001. Donald Trump
 - 002. Nikki Haley [INSERT IF CATI] Nikki HAY-lee
 - 444. Another candidate [ANCHOR]
 - 555. [SHOW IF LVB<>ALREADY VOTED] Undecided [ANCHOR]
 - 666. Will/Did not vote in this race [ANCHOR]
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RACE0_LEAN.

[SHOW IF RACE0_0=UNDECIDED, DON'T KNOW, SKIPPED ON WEB, REFUSED AND LVB<>ALREADY VOTED]

As of today, do you lean more toward...?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 001-002 – SAME ORDER AS RACE0:

- 001. Donald Trump
 - 002. Nikki Haley [INSERT IF CATI] Nikki HAY-lee
 - 444. Another candidate [ANCHOR]
-

FORCAND.

Would you describe your vote for president mainly as for your candidate or against their opponent?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. For your candidate
 - 2. Against their opponent
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ISSUES.

Which one of the following would you say is the most important issue facing the country?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. The economy and jobs
 - 2. Health care
 - 3. Immigration
 - 4. Abortion
 - 5. Crime
 - 6. Gun policy
 - 7. Foreign policy
 - 8. School policy
 - 9. Energy policy
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FAVORABLE.

For each of the following, please say if you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too.

[CATI] How about [INSERT ITEM]? Do you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion?

[CATI] IF R SAYS FAVORABLE: Is that very or somewhat favorable?

[CATI] IF R SAYS UNFAVORABLE: Is that very or somewhat unfavorable?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Nikki Haley
- C. Lindsey Graham
- D. Tim Scott

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN TOP FOUR RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Very favorable
- 2. Somewhat favorable
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable
- 4. Very unfavorable
- 77. Don't know enough to say

GETAHEAD.

Which best describes your family's financial situation? Are you...

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Getting ahead
- 2. Holding steady
- 3. Falling behind

ABORTION.

Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Should abortion be...?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Legal in all cases
- 2. Legal in most cases
- 3. Illegal in most cases
- 4. Illegal in all cases

FAVOP.

Do you [favor or oppose] each of the following?

[CATI] IF R SAYS FAVOR: Is that strongly or somewhat favor?

[CATI] IF R SAYS OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat oppose?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Banning most abortions after 6 weeks of pregnancy
- B. Banning most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy
- C. Building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border
- D. Raising the age when people become eligible for full Social Security benefits from 67 to 70
- E. Continuing aid to Ukraine in the war against Russia
- F. Continuing aid to Israel to fight Hamas
- G. Expanding U.S. production of fossil fuels, such as oil and gas
- H. Increasing funding for police

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Strongly favor
- 2. Somewhat favor
- 3. Somewhat oppose
- 4. Strongly oppose

NATO.

As you may know, NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a military alliance between the United States, Canada, and many European countries. In general, would you say being a member of NATO is [good for the U.S. or bad for the U.S.]?

[CATI] IF R SAYS GOOD: Is that very good or somewhat good?

[CATI] IF R SAYS BAD: Is that very bad or somewhat bad?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1. Very good
- 2. Somewhat good
- 3. Somewhat bad
- 4. Very bad

SATISVOTE.

For each of the following, please tell me how you would feel if that candidate were the Republican Party's presidential nominee?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Nikki Haley

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Satisfied and would vote for them in November
 2. Dissatisfied but would still vote for them in November
 3. Dissatisfied enough that I would not vote for them in November
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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPTRAITS AND HALEYTRAITS.

TRUMPTRAITS.

Would you say Donald Trump:

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Has the mental capability to serve effectively as president
- B. Can win the general election in November
- C. Would keep the country safe
- D. Would stand up and fight for people like you

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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HALEYTRAITS.

Would you say Nikki Haley:

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Has the mental capability to serve effectively as president
- B. Can win the general election in November
- C. Would keep the country safe
- D. Would stand up and fight for people like you

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
-

USROLE.

In general, do you think the United States should take a [more active or less active] role solving the world's problems, or is its current role about right?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. A more active role
 2. A less active role
 3. Its current role is about right
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IMMBETTER.

Do you think immigrants in the U.S. today do more to...

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Help the country
 2. Hurt the country
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APNRACE.

Below are some different groups of people. Is discrimination or prejudice against that group in our country a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem at all?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Black or African American people
- B. Hispanic or Latino people
- C. White people
- D. Asian American people

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Major problem
 2. Minor problem
 3. Not a problem
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REGOTHR1.

Including yourself, how many adults are registered to vote in your household?

RESPONSE OPTIONS

1. 1 adult
 2. 2 adults
 3. 3 adults
 4. 4 adults
 5. 5 adults or more
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EXTRM24PRIM.

Regardless of who you support, how concerned are you that each candidate is too extreme to win the general election?

[CATI] How about [INSERT ITEM]?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Nikki Haley

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Very concerned
 - 2. Somewhat concerned
 - 3. Not too concerned
 - 4. Not at all concerned
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DISPLAY1.

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be combined with those of other participants to this survey.

PID1.

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself [a Democrat, a Republican], or don't you consider yourself either?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Democrat
 - 2. Republican
 - 3. Neither
-

PIDI.

[SHOW IF PID1=NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, SKIPPED ON WEB, REFUSED]

Would you say you're closer [to the Democrats, to the Republicans], or don't you lean toward either?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER – SAME ORDER AS PID1]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Lean Democrat
 - 2. Lean Republican
 - 3. Don't lean either way
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PIDIMPORT_1.

How important is politics to your personal identity?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Not at all important
 2. A little important
 3. Moderately important
 4. Very important
 5. Extremely important
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MAGA.

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement, or not?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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PHIL3.

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself...

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Very liberal
 2. Somewhat liberal
 3. Moderate
 4. Somewhat conservative
 5. Very conservative
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QPVVOTE22.

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Which one of the following statements best describes you?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. I did not vote in the 2022 midterm election.
 2. I thought about voting in the 2022 midterm election, but didn't.
 3. I usually vote, but I didn't in the 2022 midterm election.
 4. I'm sure I voted.
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QVOTE2022.

[SHOW IF QPVVOTE22='M SURE I VOTED]

In the 2022 election for United States House of Representatives, did you vote for [the Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate], or someone else?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. The Republican candidate
 2. The Democratic candidate
 3. Someone else
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QVOTE2022S.

[SHOW IF QVOTE2022=SOMEONE ELSE OR QPVVOTE22=DID NOT VOTE]

Which candidate would you have voted for if you had no other choice in the 2022 election for United States House of Representatives?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER – SAME ORDER AS QVOTE2022]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. The Republican candidate
 2. The Democratic candidate
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QPVVOTE22P.

What about voting in the 2022 primary election? Which one of the following statements best describes you?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. I did not vote in the 2022 primary election.
 2. I thought about voting in the 2022 primary election but didn't.
 3. I usually vote, but I didn't in the 2022 primary election.
 4. I'm sure I voted.
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QVOTE2022P.

[SHOW IF QPVVOTE22P=I'M SURE I VOTED]

In the 2022 primary election, did you vote in [the Republican primary or the Democratic primary]?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Republican primary
2. Democratic primary

QPVVOTE20.

What about voting in the 2020 election for president? Which one of the following statements best describes you?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election.
 2. I thought about voting in the 2020 presidential election but didn't.
 3. I usually vote, but I didn't in the 2020 presidential election.
 4. I'm sure I voted.
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QVOTE2020.

[SHOW IF QPVVOTE20=I'M SURE I VOTED]

In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for [Donald Trump, Joe Biden], or someone else?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Donald Trump
 2. Joe Biden
 3. Someone else
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QVOTE2020S.

[SHOW IF QVOTE2020=SOMEONE ELSE OR QPVVOTE20=DID NOT VOTE]

Which candidate would you have voted for if you had no other choice in the 2020 presidential election?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER – SAME ORDER AS QVOTE2020]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Donald Trump
 2. Joe Biden
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LEGIT.

Do you think Joe Biden was legitimately elected president, or not?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, legitimately elected
 2. No, not legitimately elected
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DJT5.

When it comes to each of the following, do you think Donald Trump has done something illegal, or he has done something unethical, but not illegal, or do you think he has not done anything wrong?

RANDOMIZE GRID ITEMS:

- A. The classified documents found at his Florida home
- B. His role in what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021
- C. His alleged attempt to interfere in the vote count in the 2020 presidential election

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Illegal
 - 2. Unethical, but not illegal
 - 3. Nothing wrong
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TRUMPINV.

In general, which better describes your view of the charges against Donald Trump?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. They're legitimate attempts to investigate important issues
 - 2. They're political attempts to undermine Trump
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DISPLAY2.

Now a few questions about yourself.

AGE.

What is your age?

[ALLOW AGES 18-105]

VET.

Have you, or has any member of your household, ever served in the U.S. military?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Yes, myself
 - 2. Yes, someone in my household
 - 3. Yes, both me and someone in my household
 - 4. No
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EDUC1.

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

[CATI] INTERVIEWER: TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE CODED AS OPTION 04-College or some college
PHD, MD, JD, OR MASTER'S DEGREE SHOULD BE CODED AS OPTION 05-Post bachelor's coursework or degree

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. No school
 2. Nursery or preschool through grade 12
 3. High school graduate
 4. College or some college
 5. Post bachelor's coursework or degree
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EDUC2.

[SHOW IF EDUC1=NURSERY OR PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12]

Within that level, what is the highest level or degree you have completed?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Nursery or preschool
 2. Kindergarten
 3. Grade 1
 4. Grade 2
 5. Grade 3
 6. Grade 4
 7. Grade 5
 8. Grade 6
 9. Grade 7
 10. Grade 8
 11. Grade 9
 12. Grade 10
 13. Grade 11
 14. Grade 12- NO DIPLOMA
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EDUC3.

[SHOW IF EDUC1=HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE]

Within that level, what is the highest level or degree you have completed?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Regular high school diploma
 2. GED or alternative credential
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EDUC4.

[SHOW IF EDUC1=COLLEGE OR SOME COLLEGE]

Within that level, what is the highest level or degree you have completed?

[CATI] INTERVIEWER: TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE CODED AS OPTION 01-SOME COLLEGE CREDIT, BUT NO DEGREE

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Some college credit, but no degree
 2. Associate's degree, for example, an AA or AS degree
 3. Bachelor's degree, for example, a BA or BS degree
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EDUC5.

[SHOW IF EDUC1=POST BACHELOR'S COURSEWORK OR DEGREE]

Within that level, what is the highest level or degree you have completed?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Some graduate coursework, but no degree
 2. Master's degree, for example, a MA, MS, MSW, or MBA degree
 3. Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree, for example, a MD, DDS, DVM, or JD
 4. Doctorate degree, for example, a PhD or EdD degree
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BORNAGAIN.

Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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LATINO.

Are you of Latino or Hispanic descent, or not?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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RACE.

What is your racial or ethnic heritage?

Please select all that apply.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. White
 2. African-American or Black
 3. Asian
 4. Latino or Hispanic
 5. American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native
 6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 7. Other
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GUNOWNER.

Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or any other kind of firearm?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, myself
 2. Yes, someone in my household
 3. Yes, both me and someone in my household
 4. No
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SIZEPLACE.

Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Urban
 2. Suburban
 3. Small town
 4. Rural
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INCOME1.

In which of these categories is your total yearly household income, that is, of everyone living in your family household? Was your total household income in 2023...

[CATI] IF R REFUSES, PROBE FOR A RESPONSE. SAY IT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IMPORTANT TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Under \$25,000
 2. \$25,000 to under \$50,000
 3. \$50,000 to under \$75,000
 4. \$75,000 to under \$100,000
 5. \$100,000 or more
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GENDER.

Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, nonbinary, or in some other way?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Man
 2. Woman
 3. Nonbinary
 4. Some other way [SMALL TEXT BOX SHOWN ONLY IF THIS ITEM IS SELECTED]
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RECONTACT QUESTIONS BEGIN

LVB_W2.

There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. We're interested in hearing from voters and non-voters. How likely are you to vote in the Republican primary election?

[CATI] If you have already voted, please just say so.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Definitely will vote
 2. Probably will vote
 3. Probably will not vote
 4. Definitely will not vote
 5. Already voted
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WVA_W2.

[SHOW IF LVB_W2=ALREADY VOTED]

Which best describes how you voted?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. I voted in person at a polling place BEFORE Election Day
 2. I voted by mail BEFORE Election Day
 3. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I voted in person at a polling place TODAY
 4. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I voted by mail TODAY
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WVB_W2.

[SHOW IF LVB_W2= DEFINITELY WILL VOTE, PROBABLY WILL VOTE, PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE]

If you do vote in this election, how will you cast your ballot?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote by mail
2. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person before Election Day
3. [SHOW IF BEFORE ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person at a polling place on Election Day
4. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I will vote by mail today
5. [SHOW IF ELECTION DAY] I will vote in person at a polling place today

RACE0_W2.

[TEXT IF LVB_W2=DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE]

Who do you plan to vote for in the Republican primary election for president?

[TEXT IF LVB_W2=PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE, DON'T KNOW, SKIPPED ON WEB, REFUSED]

If you do vote in the Republican primary election for president, who would you vote for?

[TEXT IF LVB_W2=ALREADY VOTED]

In the Republican primary election for president, who did you vote for?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 001-002:

001. Donald Trump
002. Nikki Haley [INSERT IF CATI] Nikki HAY-lee
444. Another candidate [ANCHOR]
555. [SHOW IF LVB<>ALREADY VOTED] Undecided [ANCHOR]
666. Will/Did not vote in this race [ANCHOR]

RACE0_L_W2.

[SHOW IF RACE0_0_W2=UNDECIDED, DON'T KNOW, SKIPPED ON WEB, REFUSED AND LVB_W2<> ALREADY VOTED]

As of today, do you lean more toward...?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 001-002 – SAME ORDER AS RACE0_W2:

001. Donald Trump
002. Nikki Haley [INSERT IF CATI] Nikki HAY-lee
444. Another candidate [ANCHOR]