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Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 20th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this survey, we cover the U.S. presidential election.

Methodology

We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the United States. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. Of the 5,087 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 379 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 7.5 percent. The poll was open from July 18 to July 23 of 2024.

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Sample vs. Population Comparison

Table 1: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Gender

Gender	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Female	96	26.02	1577	31.55
Male	273	73.98	3422	68.45

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=4.64, p-value=0.031

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	12	3.17	222	4.37
Assistant Professor	26	6.86	585	11.52
Associate Professor	112	29.55	1313	25.86
Emeritus	22	5.80	384	7.56
Full Professor	180	47.49	2061	40.59
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	10	2.64	157	3.09
Other	13	3.43	276	5.44
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	4	1.06	80	1.58

Chi-squared test results: X-squared= 18.97, p-value=0.008

Table 3: Sample vs. Population Comparison: University Type

University Type	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
National Liberal Arts College	52	14.44	533	11.12
National Research University	224	62.22	3164	66.01
Regional Liberal Arts College	11	3.06	147	3.07
Regional Research University	73	20.28	949	19.80

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=5.04, p-value=0.83

Results

U.S. presidential election

Table 4: If the 2024 election is between Joseph Biden and Donald Trump, what is your estimate of the probability that Biden will win?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
0	3	0.80%
1-9	10	2.68%
10-19	33	8.85%
20-29	68	18.23%
30-39	84	22.52%
40-49	82	21.98%
50-59	67	17.96%
60-69	13	3.49%
70-79	5	1.34%
80-89	6	1.61%
90-99	0	0.00%
100	2	0.54%
Total	373	100.00%

Table 5: Each of the individuals below are either candidates or have been mentioned as possible candidates for president. Please indicate the extent to which you would trust each individual to handle a major international crisis as president.

Response option	0	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100	Total
California Governor Gavin Newsom	2 (0.54%)	5 (1.36%)	10 (2.72%)	16 (4.36%)	13 (3.54%)	38 (10.35%)	56 (15.26%)	62 (16.89%)	67 (18.26%)	60 (16.35%)	28 (7.63%)	10 (2.72%)	367 (100.00%)
Formar Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	3 (0.81%)	8 (2.16%)	6 (1.62%)	16 (4.31%)	13 (3.50%)	10 (2.70%)	28 (7.55%)	35 (9.43%)	58 (15.63%)	73 (19.68%)	78 (21.02%)	43 (11.59%)	371 (100.00%)
Former President Donald Trump	73 (20.86%)	82 (23.43%)	68 (19.43%)	56 (16.00%)	24 (6.86%)	11 (3.14%)	25 (7.14%)	3 (0.86%)	3 (0.86%)	3 (0.86%)	1 (0.29%)	1 (0.29%)	350 (100.00%)
Former Vice President Al Gore	5 (1.35%)	6 (1.62%)	7 (1.89%)	8 (2.16%)	11 (2.97%)	25 (6.76%)	41 (11.08%)	35 (9.46%)	52 (14.05%)	79 (21.35%)	70 (18.92%)	31 (8.38%)	370 (100.00%)
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	2 (0.55%)	5 (1.37%)	8 (2.19%)	10 (2.73%)	14 (3.83%)	21 (5.74%)	56 (15.30%)	56 (15.30%)	71 (19.40%)	73 (19.95%)	32 (8.74%)	18 (4.92%)	366 (100.00%)
Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro	6 (1.72%)	6 (1.72%)	13 (3.72%)	14 (4.01%)	20 (5.73%)	25 (7.16%)	68 (19.48%)	51 (14.61%)	56 (16.05%)	58 (16.62%)	21 (6.02%)	11 (3.15%)	349 (100.00%)
President Joe Biden	2 (0.53%)	7 (1.86%)	7 (1.86%)	13 (3.46%)	12 (3.19%)	22 (5.85%)	32 (8.51%)	39 (10.37%)	57 (15.16%)	83 (22.07%)	78 (20.74%)	24 (6.38%)	376 (100.00%)
Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg	1 (0.27%)	13 (3.52%)	7 (1.90%)	12 (3.25%)	19 (5.15%)	22 (5.96%)	47 (12.74%)	55 (14.91%)	61 (16.53%)	57 (15.45%)	58 (15.72%)	17 (4.61%)	369 (100.00%)
Senator Bernie Sanders	6 (1.63%)	14 (3.81%)	27 (7.36%)	29 (7.90%)	27 (7.36%)	26 (7.08%)	46 (12.53%)	54 (14.71%)	67 (18.26%)	34 (9.26%)	22 (5.99%)	15 (4.09%)	367 (100.00%)
Senator Elizabeth Warren	2 (0.54%)	11 (2.97%)	17 (4.59%)	10 (2.70%)	20 (5.41%)	25 (6.76%)	48 (12.97%)	54 (14.59%)	62 (16.76%)	62 (16.76%)	34 (9.19%)	25 (6.76%)	370 (100.00%)
Vice President Kamala Harris	1 (0.27%)	7 (1.87%)	13 (3.48%)	6 (1.60%)	17 (4.55%)	11 (2.94%)	35 (9.36%)	51 (13.64%)	82 (21.93%)	75 (20.05%)	52 (13.90%)	24 (6.42%)	374 (100.00%)

Table 6: For each of the following individuals, what is your estimate of the probability that they could win against Donald Trump in November if they replaced Joseph Biden as the Democratic nominee?

Response option	0	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100	Total
California Governor Gavin Newsom	4 (1.08%)	5 (1.35%)	18 (4.85%)	19 (5.12%)	29 (7.82%)	77 (20.75%)	87 (23.45%)	69 (18.60%)	36 (9.70%)	15 (4.04%)	9 (2.43%)	3 (0.81%)	371 (100.00%)
Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	14 (3.86%)	35 (9.64%)	52 (14.33%)	63 (17.36%)	52 (14.33%)	62 (17.08%)	53 (14.60%)	15 (4.13%)	9 (2.48%)	3 (0.83%)	4 (1.10%)	1 (0.28%)	363 (100.00%)
Former Vice President Al Gore	13 (3.57%)	30 (8.24%)	53 (14.56%)	42 (11.54%)	51 (14.01%)	65 (17.86%)	56 (15.38%)	28 (7.69%)	15 (4.12%)	7 (1.92%)	4 (1.10%)	0 (0.00%)	364 (100.00%)
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	5 (1.36%)	5 (1.36%)	11 (3.00%)	11 (3.00%)	22 (5.99%)	52 (14.17%)	99 (26.98%)	63 (17.17%)	45 (12.26%)	38 (10.35%)	10 (2.72%)	6 (1.63%)	367 (100.00%)
Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro	7 (1.98%)	12 (3.40%)	19 (5.38%)	16 (4.53%)	32 (9.07%)	68 (19.26%)	99 (28.05%)	47 (13.31%)	30 (8.50%)	15 (4.25%)	8 (2.27%)	0 (0.00%)	353 (100.00%)
Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg	9 (2.47%)	20 (5.48%)	17 (4.66%)	19 (5.21%)	46 (12.60%)	82 (22.47%)	88 (24.11%)	48 (13.15%)	21 (5.75%)	8 (2.19%)	7 (1.92%)	0 (0.00%)	365 (100.00%)
Senator Bernie Sanders	19 (5.16%)	35 (9.51%)	53 (14.40%)	40 (10.87%)	52 (14.13%)	64 (17.39%)	56 (15.22%)	24 (6.52%)	14 (3.80%)	5 (1.36%)	2 (0.54%)	4 (1.09%)	368 (100.00%)
Senator Elizabeth Warren	12 (3.29%)	35 (9.59%)	38 (10.41%)	59 (16.16%)	50 (13.70%)	66 (18.08%)	58 (15.89%)	29 (7.95%)	8 (2.19%)	6 (1.64%)	4 (1.10%)	0 (0.00%)	365 (100.00%)
Vice President Kamala Harris	2 (0.53%)	3 (0.80%)	13 (3.48%)	10 (2.67%)	40 (10.70%)	65 (17.38%)	109 (29.14%)	58 (15.51%)	41 (10.96%)	20 (5.35%)	11 (2.94%)	2 (0.53%)	374 (100.00%)

Table 7: Of the individuals below, who would you most like to see as the next President of the United States?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Former President Donald Trump	8	2.13%
President Joe Biden	32	8.51%
Vice President Kamala Harris	74	19.68%
Senator Bernie Sanders	13	3.46%
California Governor Gavin Newsom	20	5.32%
Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	18	4.79%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	24	6.38%
Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg	46	12.23%
Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro	21	5.59%
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	84	22.34%
Other	36	9.57%
Total	376	100.00%

Demographics

The demographic information provided comprises responses from both this survey and surveys conducted in the previous year.

Table 8: With which of the following gender identities do you most identify?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	96	25.33%
Male	273	72.03%
Prefer not to answer	10	2.64%
Total	379	100.00%

Table 9: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Full Professor	30	8.09%
Full Professor	149	40.16%
Associate Professor	112	30.19%
Assistant Professor	26	7.01%
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	7	1.89%
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	4	1.08%
Adjunct	12	3.23%
Emeritus	22	5.93%
Other	9	2.43%
Total	371	100.00%

Table 10: What is your main area of research within IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	14	3.75%
Development Studies	17	4.56%
European Studies/European Integration	15	4.02%
Gender in IR	3	0.80%
Global Civil Society	1	0.27%
Human Security	5	1.34%
Human Rights	22	5.90%
International/Global Security	107	28.69%
International/Global Political Economy	35	9.38%
International Law	10	2.68%
International/Global Ethics	2	0.54%
International/Global Health	2	0.54%
International/Global Environmental Politics	11	2.95%
International Organization(s)	13	3.49%
International/Global History	5	1.34%
International Relations of a particular region/country	18	4.83%
International Relations Theory	13	3.49%
Religion in IR	1	0.27%
U.S. Foreign Policy	39	10.46%
Other	29	7.77%
I am not an IR scholar	11	2.95%
Total	373	100.00%

Table 11: What are your secondary areas of research within IR? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	6	1.91
Development Studies	7	2.23
European Studies/European Integration	2	0.64
Gender in IR	1	0.32
Global Civil Society	4	1.27
Human Security	1	0.32
Human Rights	7	2.23
History of the international relations discipline	1	0.32
International/Global Security	8	2.55
International/Global Political Economy	6	1.91
International Law	2	0.64
International/Global Health	2	0.64
International/Global Environmental Politics	6	1.91
International Organization(s)	8	2.55
International/Global History	4	1.27
International Relations of a particular region/country	3	0.96
International Relations Theory	10	3.18
Religion in IR	2	0.64
U.S. Foreign Policy	17	5.41
Other	3	0.96
Total	100	-

Table 12: In your research, what is the main region of the world that you study, if any?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	1	0.27%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	15	4.02%
East Asia (including China)	24	6.43%
Global/Use cross-regional data	77	20.64%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	29	7.77%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	32	8.58%
North America (not including Mexico)	40	10.72%
Oceania	1	0.27%
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	22	5.90%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	7	1.88%
Southeast Asia	5	1.34%
Sub-Saharan Africa	19	5.09%
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	28	7.51%
Western Europe	35	9.38%
None	38	10.19%
Total	373	100.00%

Table 13: In your research, what other regions of the world do you study, if any? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	7	2.81
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	37	14.86
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	13	5.22
East Asia (including China)	44	17.67
Global/Use cross-regional data	44	17.67
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	27	10.84
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	36	14.46
North America (not including Mexico)	48	19.28
Oceania	4	1.61
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	37	14.86
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	23	9.24
Southeast Asia	17	6.83
Sub-Saharan Africa	21	8.43
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	63	25.3
Western Europe	63	25.3
None	25	10.04
Total	509	-

Table 14: Which of the following best describes your approach to the study of IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Constructivism	77	20.48%
English school	9	2.39%
Feminism	3	0.80%
Liberalism	53	14.10%
Marxism	8	2.13%
Realism	63	16.76%
Other	31	8.24%
Do not use	132	35.11%
Total	376	100.00%

Table 15: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Democrat	262	69.87%
Independent	90	24.00%
Other	12	3.20%
Republican	11	2.93%
Total	375	100.00%