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Q5-GP1: Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: The will of the people should be the basis of the authority of government?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	DK / NS
US	44	43	10	3	0

Q6-GP2: As a general rule, do you think government leaders should be selected through elections in which all citizens can vote, or do you think they should be selected some other way?

	Selected through elections in which citizens can vote	Selected some other way	DK / NS
US	96	4	0

Q7-GP3: Do you think that: elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence, or that also between elections leaders should consider the views of the people as they make decisions.

	Elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence	Leaders should pay attention to the views of the people as they make decisions	DK / NS
US	5	94	1

Q8-GP4: When government leaders are thinking about an important decision, do you think:

	A: They should pay attention to public opinion polls because this will help them get a sense of the public's views.	B: They should not pay attention to public opinion polls because this will distract them from deciding what they think is right	DK / NS
US	81	18	2

Q12-GA1: How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in [capital of survey country] to do what is right?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	Never (vol.)	DK / NS
US	3	37	60	0	0

Q13-GA2: Generally speaking, would you say that this country is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

	Run by a few big interests	Run for the benefit of the people	DK / NS
US	80	19	1

Q14-GA3a: How much is this country governed according to the will of the people? Please answer on a scale of 0-10 with 0 meaning “not at all” and 10 meaning “completely.”

	Mean
US	4.0

Q15-GA3b: Using the same scale, how much do you think this country should be governed according to the will of the people?

	Mean
US	7.9