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Abstract

As part of the new instrumentation on trust, the authors developed new items on faith in elections.

In developing the new items, the authors were inspired by a number of different sources. Several colleagues provided feedback and four items were selected to appear on the Pilot:

- Respect me: How often would you say political candidates running for Congress and the Presidency say things that are NOT respectful to people like you? Would you say constantly, usually, sometimes, rarely or never?
- Respect opponents: How much respect do you think political candidates running for the Congress and the Presidency usually show toward the people they are running against? Would you say a great deal, quite a bit, some, a little, or none at all?
- Promises: How often would you say political candidates running for Congress and the Presidency make campaign promises they have NO intention of keeping? Would you say constantly, usually, sometimes, rarely, or never?
- More elections: If we had elections more often, would members of Congress and the President pay more attention to people like you, less attention to people like you, or would it have no effect on how much attention the President and Congress pay to you?