1724 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 234-5570 Interviews: 1200 voters, spread evenly across

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#### **FINAL**

Study #14304 Tech Oversight 4 State Survey May 2022 48 Male 52 Female - Nonbinary/ Other

## Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1a. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic	27
Leaning Democratic	11
Completely independent	21
Leaning Republican	9
Mostly Republican	31
Not sure	1
Total Democratic	38
Total Republican	40

1b. How likely are you to vote in the November general election in **(INSERT STATE)** for U.S. senator and other offices? Will you definitely vote in these elections, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote--or do you need to wait and see what's going on at that time?

Definitely vote	90	
Probably vote	7	CONTINUE
Probably not vote	-	TERMINATE
Definitely not vote	-	
Need to wait and see	2	CONTINUE
Not sure	-	

2a. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

Under 18	-	TERMINATE
18-24	6	CONTINUE
25-29	6	
30-34	6	
35-39	9	
40-44	8	
45-49	7	
50-54	8	
55-59	10	
60-64	10	
65 -69	10	
70-74	8	
75 or older	12	
Not sure/refused	-	

2b.	For statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	(IF "NO, NOT HISPANIC" OF
	"NOT SURE," ASK:) And what is your racewhite, Black or African American	n, Asian, or something else?

White	72
Black/African American	11
Asian	2
Other	2
Hispanic	11
Not sure/refused	1
Another race not listed here	1
Native American/ American Indian	2

3ab. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Joe Biden is doing as president?

**(IF "APPROVE/DISAPPROVE," ASK:)** Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or just somewhat (approve/disapprove) of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

Strongly approve	22
Somewhat approve	16
Somewhat disapprove	9
Strongly disapprove	50
Not sure	3
Total Approve	38
Total Disapprove	59

# Changing subjects....

4a. Would you say that big technology companies like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon have too much power and influence today, too little power and influence, or the right amount of power and influence?

Too much power and influence	79
Too little power and influence	1
The right amount of power and influence	11
Not sure	10

4b. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your opinion about big technology companies like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon?

Statement A: They abuse their power and influence for their own benefit and to reduce competition

Statement B: They use their power and influence responsibly for the benefit of consumers

Statement A: They abuse their power and influence	75
Statement B: They use their power and influence responsibly	12
Not sure	13

The U.S. Senate is considering two bi-partisan bills that are supported by leading Democrats and Republicans to stop big technology companies from taking unfair advantage of their market dominance in order to further reduce competition and harm smaller businesses that use their platforms or offer similar products or services.

5. One bipartisan bill is called the American Innovation and Choice Online Act. This legislation would give federal anti-trust agencies the authority to issue penalties on large technology companies that abuse their market dominance by squeezing out competitors and limiting consumers' choices, and federal anti-trust agencies would have the power to order companies to stop the abusive practices.

Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposed American Innovation and Choice Online Act?

Strongly favor	40
Somewhat favor	37
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	9
Not sure	5
Total Favor	76
Total Oppose	18

6. The second bi-partisan bill being considered by the Senate is the Open App Markets Act. This bill would increase competition and consumer choice within the app market for mobile devices that is now controlled by Apple and Google. It would prevent Apple and Google from giving unfair advantage to their own apps over competing apps in their app stores and would give consumers the ability to download apps from alternative app sites that are not controlled by Apple or Google.

Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposed Open App Markets Act?

Total Oppose	16	
Total Favor	80	
Not sure	5	
Strongly oppose	6	
Somewhat oppose	10	
Somewhat favor	34	
Strongly favor	46	

7. How would it make you feel about **(NAME OF SENATOR)** if you knew that **(he/she)** supports these two bipartisan bills because **(he/she)** believes it is important to promote competition and ensure a level playing field for smaller businesses by stopping big tech companies from taking unfair advantage of their market dominance? Would your reaction be very favorable, somewhat favorable, neutral, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Very favorable	31
Somewhat favorable	19
Neutral	29
Somewhat unfavorable	4
Very unfavorable	15
Not sure	2
Total Positive	49
Total Negative	19

Now I am going to read you two pairs of statements by supporters and opponents of these bills. For each pair, please tell me which statement you agree with more.

## (ON FORMS A/B ASK Q.8a BEFORE Q8.b. ON FORMS C/D ASK Q.8b BEFORE Q.8a.)

8a. Here is the (first/next) pair of statements. After you hear them, please tell me whether you agree more with the supporters or opponents.

**Supporters** of these bills say that America has a growing monopoly problem, and we need to hold Amazon, Facebook, Google, and Apple accountable when they abuse their dominance in the marketplace to hurt smaller businesses and further reduce competition.

**Opponents** of these bills say that companies like Amazon, Facebook, Google, Apple are as big as they are because they give consumers what they want, and that is how the free enterprise system should work.

Agree more with supporters	70
Agree more with opponents	26
Not sure	4

8b. Here is the (first/next) pair of statements. After you hear them, please tell me whether you agree more with the supporters or the opponents.

**Supporters** of these bills say that the future of America's economy depends on the next generation of small businesses and entrepreneurs, and we should not let monopolies unfairly abuse their market dominance to crush competition from small businesses and entrepreneurs.

**Opponents** of these bills say that companies like Amazon, Facebook, Google, Apple have been great for America's economy, and the government should not punish these big tech ("tek") companies for being successful.

Agree more with supporters	75
Agree more with opponents	21
Not sure	4

Now I am going to read you three criticisms that the big technology companies make about these bills, and what the supporters of the bills say in response to each criticism.

### (ON FORMS A/B ASK Q.9a BEFORE Q.9b. ON FORMS C/D ASK Q.9b BEFORE Q.9a.)

9a. The big technology companies say that if the anti-trust enforcement bill passes, it would have unintended consequences including, quote, breaking Amazon Prime, unquote.

Supporters of the bills say this is just another false scare tactic by the big technology companies, because nothing in the bill would force Amazon to stop offering Prime or free shipping to consumers (ADD ON FORMS A/C ONLY:) it just prevents Amazon from forcing independent sellers to use its costly fulfillment system.

Which do you think is more convincing--the criticism by the big tech companies or the response by the bill's supporters?

	All	FORMS A/C*	FORMS B/D**
Criticism by big tech companies	23	22	24
Response by supporters	72	71	72
Not sure	5	6	4

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

9b. The big technology companies say that giving consumers the right to download mobile apps from sources other than Apple and Google stores would increase the risk of people getting harmful malware on their mobile devices.

Supporters of the bills say this is just another false scare tactic by the big technology companies, because people already can download programs from various sources onto their desktop and laptop computers, and anti-virus programs built into the operating system can detect malware.

Which do you think is more convincing--the criticism by the big tech companies or the response by the bill's supporters?

Criticism by big tech companies	24
Response by supporters	70
Not sure	6

9c. The big technology companies say that these bills would threaten our national security by hampering the ability of technology companies to counter disinformation and cybersecurity risks online from foreign adversaries like Russia and China.

Supporters of these bills say that big technology companies prioritize their profits over U.S. national security interests by catering to autocratic regimes like Russia and China in order to market their products there, and that these bills pose no cybersecurity risk to users.

Which do you think is more convincing--the criticism by the big tech companies or the response by the bill's supporters?

Criticism by big tech companies	16
Response by supporters	60
Not sure	24

10. Having heard more about the issues, do you want **(NAME OF SENATOR)** to vote for or vote against the bipartisan bills to promote competition and ensure a level playing field for smaller businesses by stopping the big tech companies from taking unfair advantage of their market dominance?

Want senator to vote for these bills	71
Want senator to vote against these bills	23
Not sure	5

#### FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

(IF INITIAL RESPONSE IS "NOT SURE" OR REFUSED, SAY:) As a reminder, your answer is completely confidential and is being used for statistical purposes only. With that in mind, could you tell me the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Grade school	2
High school graduate	14
Some college, no degree	24
Vocational training/2-year college	16
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree	4
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	11
Doctoral/law degree	5
Not sure/refused	1

F2. In terms of your views on political issues, would you describe yourself as very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

(IF INITIAL RESPONSE IS "NOT SURE" OR REFUSED, SAY:) As a reminder, your answer is completely confidential and is being used for statistical purposes only. With that in mind, would you tell me how you would describe yourself in terms of your views on political issues?

Very conservative	22
Somewhat conservative	21
Middle of the road	28
Somewhat liberal	14
Very liberal	13
Not sure	11
Total Conservative	43
Total Liberal	27

F3. And just to make sure that we have an accurate sample that is representative of the state, in the last election for president, did you vote for Donald Trump, the Republican, Joe Biden, the Democrat, or (ALWAYS ASK LAST) Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian? (IF RESPONDENT HESITATES OR REFUSES ASSURE THEM THAT THEIR ANSWER WILL BE COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL AND WE ARE JUST ASKING TO ENSURE WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE.)

Donald Trump, the Republican	47
Joe Biden, the Democrat	49
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian	3
Not sure/refused	_

F4. Finally, do you or does someone in your household subscribe to Amazon Prime?

Yes, subscribe to Amazon Prime	74
No, do not subscribe to Amazon Prime	25
Not sure/refused	1