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N=135 Capitol Hill chiefs of staff, legislative directors, communications directors, press secretaries, and staff directors

COLUMN KEY:

TOTAL: n=135 senior Capitol Hill staffers

DEM: n=67 Democratic staffers

GOP: n=68 Republican staffers

HOUSE: n=96 House staffers

SENATE: n=39 Senate staffers

QUESTION S1: What is your gender?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Male	70%	75%	65%	76%	55%
Female	30%	25%	35%	24%	45%
Nonbinary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION S2: And what is your age?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
18-24	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
25-40	63%	60%	66%	66%	57%
41-56	30%	32%	28%	27%	38%
57-75	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%
76+	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION S3: Approximately how many years have you worked in Congress total?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Less than 1 year	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%
1 to 2 years	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%
2 to 3 years	7%	11%	3%	7%	6%
3 to 5 years	11%	12%	10%	11%	9%
5 to 10 years	35%	33%	37%	41%	21%
10+ years	45%	45%	45%	40%	58%

QUESTION S4: Do you work in a Republican or Democratic office? If independent, please choose the party your member caucuses with.

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democratic	50%	100%	0%	49%	51%
Republican	50%	0%	100%	51%	49%

QUESTION S5: Do you work in the House or Senate?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
House	71%	70%	72%	100%	0%
Senate	29%	30%	28%	0%	100%



QUESTION S6: Which of the following titles best describes your role?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Chief of Staff	33%	39%	28%	32%	35%
Legislative Director	19%	20%	18%	19%	19%
Communications Director	16%	16%	16%	18%	11%
Deputy Chief of Staff	13%	14%	13%	17%	6%
Press Secretary	5%	7%	3%	2%	13%
Staff Director	3%	1%	5%	2%	6%
Deputy Staff Director	3%	0%	6%	4%	0%
Deputy Legislative Director	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%
Deputy Communications Director	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Deputy Press Secretary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	5%	1%	9%	4%	8%

QUESTION S7: If you had to pick one of the following, which best describes your ethnic or racial background?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
African-American, non-Hispanic/Latino	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
White/Caucasian, non-Hispanic/Latino	80%	74%	85%	82%	74%
Hispanic/Latino of any race	11%	13%	8%	7%	18%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Native American	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2 or more races	2%	4%	0%	3%	0%
Decline to answer	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%



QUESTION 1: How likely or unlikely do you believe it is that there will be a government shutdown before the end of the year?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	8%	9%	8%	7%	11%

Very likely	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%
Somewhat likely	7%	9%	6%	6%	9%
Neither likely nor unlikely	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%
Unlikely	88%	88%	88%	90%	83%

Somewhat unlikely	39%	34%	44%	44%	27%
Very unlikely	49%	53%	44%	46%	56%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 2A: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

China competition

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	40%	38%	42%	45%	28%

Very likely	9%	6%	13%	12%	2%
Somewhat likely	30%	32%	29%	32%	26%
Neither likely nor unlikely	11%	16%	7%	11%	11%
Unlikely	46%	43%	49%	41%	59%

Somewhat unlikely	22%	17%	27%	23%	19%
Very unlikely	24%	26%	23%	18%	40%
I don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%

QUESTION 2B: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Additional funding for border security

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	25%	28%	22%	26%	22%

Very likely	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%
Somewhat likely	22%	26%	18%	24%	18%
Neither likely nor unlikely	9%	7%	11%	9%	8%
Unlikely	64%	64%	64%	63%	68%

Somewhat unlikely	23%	22%	25%	23%	24%
Very unlikely	41%	42%	40%	40%	44%
I don't know	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%



QUESTION 2C: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Changes to immigration laws

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	4%	3%	4%	5%	0%

Very likely	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Somewhat likely	3%	1%	4%	4%	0%
Neither likely nor unlikely	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%
Unlikely	93%	94%	93%	91%	100%

Somewhat unlikely	13%	10%	15%	15%	8%
Very unlikely	81%	84%	77%	76%	92%
I don't know	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

QUESTION 2D: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Credit Card Competition Act

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	2%	3%	1%	3%	0%

Very likely	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Somewhat likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Neither likely nor unlikely	7%	11%	4%	5%	13%
Unlikely	85%	79%	92%	84%	87%

Somewhat unlikely	23%	27%	19%	27%	13%
Very unlikely	62%	51%	73%	57%	74%
I don't know	5%	7%	3%	7%	0%

QUESTION 2F: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	5%	6%	4%	7%	0%

Very likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat likely	4%	4%	3%	5%	0%
Neither likely nor unlikely	5%	4%	7%	5%	6%
Unlikely	83%	83%	83%	79%	92%

Somewhat unlikely	21%	24%	17%	24%	13%
Very unlikely	62%	59%	66%	55%	80%
I don't know	6%	7%	6%	8%	2%



QUESTION 2G: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Election infrastructure funding

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%

Very likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat likely	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%
Neither likely nor unlikely	7%	9%	6%	5%	13%
Unlikely	80%	77%	83%	81%	76%

Somewhat unlikely	35%	27%	43%	42%	19%
Very unlikely	44%	50%	39%	40%	57%
I don't know	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%

QUESTION 2H: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

Securing America's Federal Elections (SAFE) Act

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	6%	3%	8%	7%	2%

Very likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat likely	4%	1%	7%	5%	2%
Neither likely nor unlikely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Unlikely	91%	91%	90%	87%	98%

Somewhat unlikely	20%	12%	27%	23%	11%
Very unlikely	71%	79%	63%	65%	87%
I don't know	2%	4%	0%	3%	0%

QUESTION 2I: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

American Privacy Rights Act

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%

Very likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat likely	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%
Neither likely nor unlikely	8%	10%	6%	8%	7%
Unlikely	72%	67%	78%	72%	74%

Somewhat unlikely	20%	15%	25%	26%	6%
Very unlikely	52%	52%	53%	46%	68%
I don't know	11%	14%	9%	11%	11%



QUESTION 2J: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation to address each of the following issues in 2024?

The Kids' Online Safety Act

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	41%	38%	43%	35%	53%

Very likely	5%	4%	6%	3%	10%
Somewhat likely	36%	35%	37%	32%	44%
Neither likely nor unlikely	10%	10%	10%	11%	7%
Unlikely	44%	46%	43%	47%	38%

Somewhat unlikely	26%	27%	25%	29%	19%
Very unlikely	18%	18%	18%	18%	19%
I don't know	5%	6%	4%	6%	2%

QUESTION 3-5: What do you believe will be the TOP priorities for the next Congress to address? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP THREE)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Taxes	69%	61%	78%	67%	76%
Inflation and rising cost of living	47%	49%	44%	52%	34%
Immigration	37%	32%	42%	40%	31%
The economy	31%	28%	34%	35%	21%
National security/foreign policy	26%	16%	35%	20%	40%
Affordable housing	18%	34%	3%	16%	25%
Abortion	14%	29%	0%	13%	18%
Trade and tariff policies	11%	5%	17%	12%	8%
Online safety/social media regulation	10%	7%	14%	8%	15%
Energy	9%	4%	15%	9%	10%
Crime and public safety	7%	5%	8%	7%	6%
Voting rights/protecting democracy	6%	11%	0%	6%	4%
Health care	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Judges and the judiciary	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Gun policy	3%	6%	0%	4%	0%
The environment	2%	4%	0%	1%	4%
Education	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Financial regulation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 6: Do you believe the Biden administration will be more or less effective in advancing its policy agenda now that President Biden is not running for re-election?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
More Effective	21%	38%	5%	20%	24%

Much more effective	5%	10%	0%	5%	4%
Somewhat more effective	16%	28%	5%	15%	20%
Neither more effective nor less effective	35%	42%	28%	33%	39%
Less Effective	43%	21%	65%	46%	37%

Somewhat less effective	21%	18%	25%	23%	17%
Much less effective	22%	3%	41%	23%	20%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%



QUESTION 7: Do you believe recent Supreme Court decisions will help or harm Republicans in the 2024 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	19%	0%	19%	20%	16%

Significantly help	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat help	19%	0%	19%	20%	16%
Neither help nor harm	46%	0%	46%	49%	40%
Harm	33%	0%	33%	29%	44%

Somewhat harm	32%	0%	32%	29%	40%
Significantly harm	1%	0%	1%	0%	4%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%

QUESTION 8: Do you believe recent Supreme Court decisions will help or harm Democrats in the 2024 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	66%	66%	0%	70%	57%

Significantly help	18%	18%	0%	19%	14%
Somewhat help	49%	49%	0%	51%	43%
Neither help nor harm	15%	15%	0%	15%	14%
Harm	19%	19%	0%	15%	29%

Somewhat harm	14%	14%	0%	9%	29%
Significantly harm	4%	4%	0%	6%	0%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 9: Who do you believe is the MOST effective congressional leader?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Mitch McConnell	30%	16%	44%	28%	35%
Chuck Schumer	26%	36%	17%	26%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	20%	38%	3%	22%	17%
Mike Johnson	9%	0%	18%	10%	6%
None of the above	14%	10%	18%	14%	15%

QUESTION 10: Who is MOST likely to succeed Sen. Mitch McConnell as Senate Republican leader?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
John Thune	71%	70%	72%	69%	75%
John Cornyn	21%	26%	16%	22%	19%
Rick Scott	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Steve Daines	6%	3%	8%	6%	4%
Someone else	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%



QUESTION 11: How concerned or unconcerned is the member of Congress you work for about foreign interference in the 2024 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Concerned	79%	97%	62%	77%	84%

Very concerned	32%	54%	11%	31%	35%
Somewhat concerned	47%	43%	51%	46%	49%
Neither concerned nor concerned	7%	1%	12%	6%	8%
Unconcerned	7%	0%	14%	8%	4%

Somewhat unconcerned	5%	0%	10%	5%	4%
Very unconcerned	2%	0%	4%	3%	0%
I don't know	7%	1%	13%	8%	4%

QUESTION 12: Does the member of Congress you work for believe the economy will improve or worsen between now and the end of 2024?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Improve	44%	82%	7%	43%	48%

Significantly improve	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%
Somewhat improve	43%	79%	7%	41%	48%
Neither improve nor worsen	21%	10%	32%	21%	21%
Worsen	26%	1%	51%	29%	20%

Somewhat worsen	25%	1%	48%	27%	20%
Significantly worsen	1%	0%	3%	2%	0%
I don't know	9%	7%	10%	7%	11%

QUESTION 13-15: What issues do you believe will be MOST important to voters as they consider who to vote for in this year's presidential and congressional elections? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP THREE)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Inflation and rising cost of living	71%	64%	78%	71%	72%
The economy	61%	60%	61%	59%	64%
Immigration	54%	35%	73%	55%	52%
Abortion	50%	69%	30%	50%	49%
Crime and public safety	29%	25%	34%	31%	24%
Voting rights	9%	18%	0%	8%	11%
protecting democracy					
Taxes	7%	3%	10%	5%	10%
Health care	6%	10%	3%	6%	6%
Income and wealth inequality	3%	4%	1%	4%	0%
National security/foreign policy	3%	1%	4%	4%	0%
Gun policy	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%
Energy	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%
The environment	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Infrastructure	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Trade and tariff policies	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Social justice	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Education	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Judges and the judiciary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Financial regulation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



QUESTION 16: Which party do you believe currently has MORE momentum headed into the November general elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
The Democratic Party	77%	100%	55%	75%	82%
The Republican Party	23%	0%	45%	25%	18%

QUESTION 17: Do you believe the Harris/Walz presidential ticket will help or harm Democrats down the ballot?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	96%	96%	0%	100%	86%

Significantly help	49%	49%	0%	55%	36%
Somewhat help	46%	46%	0%	45%	50%
Neither help nor harm	2%	2%	0%	0%	7%
Harm	2%	2%	0%	0%	7%

Somewhat harm	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Significantly harm	2%	2%	0%	0%	7%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 18: Do you believe the Trump/Vance presidential ticket will help or harm Republicans down the ballot?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	31%	0%	31%	33%	28%

Significantly help	14%	0%	14%	14%	12%
Somewhat help	18%	0%	18%	18%	16%
Neither help nor harm	20%	0%	20%	27%	4%
Harm	46%	0%	46%	41%	60%

Somewhat harm	38%	0%	38%	31%	56%
Significantly harm	8%	0%	8%	10%	4%
I don't know	2%	0%	2%	0%	8%

QUESTION 19: Who do you believe appeals MORE to swing voters in swing states?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	67%	95%	40%	64%	77%
Donald Trump	33%	5%	60%	36%	23%

QUESTION 20: Who do you believe will be in control of the House after the 2024 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrats	70%	97%	43%	63%	88%
Republicans	30%	3%	57%	37%	12%



QUESTION 21: Who do you believe will be in control of the Senate after the 2024 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republicans	83%	69%	97%	86%	75%
Democrats	17%	31%	3%	14%	25%

QUESTION 22A: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Montana - Jon Tester (D), Tim Sheehy (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republican	73%	55%	91%	78%	61%
Democrat	21%	32%	9%	18%	28%
I don't know	6%	12%	0%	4%	11%

QUESTION 22B: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Ohio - Sherrod Brown (D), Bernie Moreno (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	67%	87%	47%	64%	75%
Republican	26%	4%	48%	29%	20%
I don't know	7%	8%	6%	7%	6%

QUESTION 22C: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Arizona - Ruben Gallego (D), Kari Lake (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	89%	100%	79%	86%	96%
Republican	8%	0%	15%	9%	4%
I don't know	3%	0%	6%	4%	0%

QUESTION 22D: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Nevada - Jacky Rosen (D), Sam Brown (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	82%	93%	72%	82%	83%
Republican	13%	1%	24%	12%	14%
I don't know	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%

QUESTION 22E: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Wisconsin - Tammy Baldwin (D), Eric Hovde (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	94%	100%	89%	93%	98%
Republican	4%	0%	7%	4%	2%
I don't know	2%	0%	4%	3%	0%



QUESTION 22F: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Pennsylvania - Bob Casey (D), David McCormick (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	77%	96%	58%	73%	86%
Republican	18%	3%	33%	21%	12%
I don't know	5%	1%	8%	6%	2%

QUESTION 22G: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Maryland - Angela Alsobrooks (D), Larry Hogan (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	67%	94%	41%	67%	69%
Republican	25%	3%	47%	24%	27%
I don't know	8%	3%	13%	9%	4%

QUESTION 22H: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Michigan - Elissa Slotkin (D), Mike Rogers (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrat	78%	97%	59%	73%	90%
Republican	16%	3%	29%	20%	8%
I don't know	6%	0%	11%	7%	2%

QUESTION 22I: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Texas - Collin Allred (D), Ted Cruz (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republican	92%	85%	99%	96%	82%
Democrat	4%	7%	1%	3%	7%
I don't know	4%	8%	0%	1%	11%

QUESTION 22J: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following Senate races?

Florida - Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D), Rick Scott (R)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republican	94%	90%	99%	95%	93%
Democrat	2%	3%	1%	3%	0%
I don't know	4%	7%	0%	2%	7%



QUESTION 23: Who do you believe will win the 2024 presidential election?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	72%	99%	46%	66%	88%
Donald Trump	28%	1%	54%	34%	12%

QUESTION 24A: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Arizona

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	50%	65%	35%	51%	47%
Donald Trump	46%	29%	62%	45%	48%
I don't know	5%	7%	3%	4%	6%

QUESTION 24B: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Georgia

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Donald Trump	57%	41%	73%	57%	55%
Kamala Harris	40%	54%	26%	40%	41%
I don't know	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%

QUESTION 24C: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Michigan

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	81%	99%	65%	77%	92%
Donald Trump	18%	1%	34%	22%	8%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

QUESTION 24D: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Nevada

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	77%	90%	63%	77%	75%
Donald Trump	21%	8%	34%	21%	21%
I don't know	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%

QUESTION 24E: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Pennsylvania

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	61%	87%	35%	56%	73%
Donald Trump	33%	6%	59%	36%	24%
I don't know	6%	7%	6%	7%	4%



QUESTION 24F: Which candidate do you believe will win each of the following swing states?

Wisconsin

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Kamala Harris	85%	96%	75%	81%	94%
Donald Trump	14%	4%	24%	18%	6%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

QUESTION 25: Which of the following do you believe is MORE likely to help Democrats in the 2024 general election? The political strategy of the...

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Moderate Democrats	88%	88%	0%	89%	86%
Progressive Democrats	12%	12%	0%	11%	14%

QUESTION 26: Which of the following do you believe is MORE likely to help Republicans in the 2024 general election? The political strategy of the...

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Moderate Republicans	77%	0%	77%	82%	64%
Conservative Republicans	23%	0%	23%	18%	36%