

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 80 JANUARY 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 8-12, 2021
N=5,360**

ASK ALL:

YEARAHEAD Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 8-12, <u>2021</u>		Jan 6-19, <u>2020</u>
67	Better than 2020	55
32	Worse than 2020	43
1	No answer	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that [coming year] will be better or worse than [prior year]?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	55	34	11
Jan 9-14, 2019	47	43	10
Jan 10-15, 2018	61	29	11
Jan 4-9, 2017	49	42	9
Jan 7-14, 2016	56	30	14
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014	56	35	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	36	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	57	29	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	55	31	14
Jan 6-10, 2010	67	26	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	52	37	11
December, 2007	50	34	16
December, 2006	57	28	15
December, 1999	66	19	15
December, 1998	59	25	16
December, 1994	59	28	13
Gallup: December, 1993	64	20	16
Gallup: December, 1992	61	11	28
Gallup: December, 1991	61	31	8
Gallup: December, 1990	48	42	10
Gallup: December, 1986	53	25	22
Gallup: December, 1985	64	20	17
Gallup: December, 1984	61	20	19
Gallup: December, 1982	50	32	18
Gallup: December, 1981	41	44	15

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 8-12, 2021	29	68	3
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	38	59	3
June 16-22, 2020	39	59	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	53	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	52	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	58	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹	44	56	1

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=5229]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

BASED ON TOTAL:

	NET <u>Approve</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	NET <u>Disapprove</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	<i>No answer</i>
Jan 8-12, 2021	29	21	7	*	68	56	12	*	3
June 16-22, 2020	39	29	9	1	59	48	11	*	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	33	10	1	53	42	11	*	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	34	10	1	52	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	29	10	*	59	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	29	9	*	60	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	26	10	*	63	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	27	12	*	61	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	44	30	13	*	56	43	12	*	1

¹ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.² The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK ALL:

JAN6HEARD

How much, if anything, have you read or heard about rioting at the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC on January 6, when, following a protest earlier in the day, supporters of Donald Trump broke into the Capitol building while the Senate and House were in the process of certifying Electoral College votes?

Jan 8-12,

2021

69

A lot

28

A little

3

Nothing at all

*

No answer

ASK ALL:

JAN6REACT

Please describe, in a few words, your reaction to rioting at the Capitol. [OPEN-END]

BASED ON FORM 1 [N=2,684]:

Jan 8-12,

2021**37****NET: Negative emotion**

35

Anguished/Awful/Horrified/Shocked

3

Angry

3

Scared/Fearful/Terrified

14

Surprised/concerned about future of country

13**NET: Trump/GOP to blame**

12

Trump is to blame

2

*Republican leaders to blame***9****NET: Criticism of law enforcement response/preparation**

5

Police response too slow/underprepared/inadequate

4

*Perpetrators treated differently because they were mostly white***8****NET: Criminal acts/Punishment needed**

5

Coup/Domestic terrorism/sedition

3

Perpetrators need to be punished

8

Doubt/Don't think it was Trump supporters

6

Not surprised/inevitable

5**NET: Democrats at fault/Rationale was justified**

3

Reasons justified

2

Democrats fault

4

It started out peaceful

4**NET: Similar to/Not as bad as Black Lives Matter and other events**

3

Similar to other events like Black Lives Matter

1

Not as bad as Black Lives Matter/other events

2

Not Trump's fault

1

Criticism of media

1

Entertaining/funny

11

'Bad thing' unspecified/other description

6

Other description/emotion

10

Refused

ASK ALL:

JAN6_DTRESP

How much responsibility, if any, does Donald Trump bear for the violence and destruction committed by some of his supporters after they broke into the U.S. Capitol?

Jan 8-12,

2021

52	A lot
23	A little
24	Nothing at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TRMP_RMV

As you know, Donald Trump's term in office ends Jan. 20. Which do you think would be better for the country?

Jan 8-12,

2021

45	For Trump to remain in office until his term is completed
54	For Trump to be removed from office, with Mike Pence finishing out the last few days of his term
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

PRESINAUG

Do you plan to watch Joe Biden's inauguration later this month?

Jan 8-12,

2021

53	Yes
46	No
1	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Do you plan to watch ___'s inauguration later this month?

	Trump	Obama	Clinton
	Jan 4-9	January	<i>US News</i>
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2009</u>	January
Yes	46	67	<u>1993</u>
No	51	28	32
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	5	11

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,684]:

PRESPLANS Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect Biden has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

Jan 8-12,

2021

58	Approve
39	Disapprove
3	No answer

PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect ___ has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Trump	Jan 4-9, 2017	39	55	6
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	41	55	4
Obama	Jan 7-11, 2009	70	18	12
	December, 2008	72	18	10
Bush	January, 2001	50	36	14
Clinton	January, 1993	62	24	14
Bush	Gallup: March, 1989	65	28	7

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2676]:

PRESWHERE Would you say Joe Biden has clear goals for where he wants to lead the country?

Jan 8-12,

2021

58	Yes
40	No
2	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Would you say that you have a good idea where Donald Trump wants to lead the country, or would you say his goals are not very clear?

	Trump	Obama
	(RVs)	<i>LA Times/Bloomberg</i> ³
	Nov 10-14	Dec
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2008</u>
Good idea where Donald Trump wants to lead the country	49	57
His goals are not very clear	49	34
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	9

³ In LA Times/Bloomberg survey, question was asked of Barack Obama, based on registered voters.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2676]:

JBSUCCESS In the long run, do you think Joe Biden will be...

Jan 8-12,

2021

29 A successful president
 26 An unsuccessful president
 44 Too early to tell
 1 No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*In the long run, do you think Donald Trump will be...*

Jan 6-19,

2020

34 A successful president
 48 An unsuccessful president
 18 Too early to tell
 1 No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON*In the long run, do you think Donald Trump will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?*

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Trump				
Jan 8-13, 2020	36	37	26	1
Jan 9-14, 2019	29	47	23	1
Jan 10-15, 2018	23	41	34	1
Jan 4-9, 2017	21	20	58	1
Obama				
Jan 7-14, 2016	37	34	26	3
Jan 7-11, 2015	32	38	29	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	34	35	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
Bush				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
Clinton				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1

PHONE TREND CONTINUED...

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

ASK ALL:

JB_WASH All in all, what effect will Joe Biden have on the way the federal government works in Washington. Will he...

Jan 8-12,

2021

46	Make things better
28	Make things worse
24	Not have much of an effect
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,684]:

BIDECAB So far, would you say you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's cabinet choices and other high-level appointments?

Jan 8-12,

2021

57	Approve
37	Disapprove
5	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

So far, would you say you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's cabinet choices and other high-level appointments?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Trump	Jan 4-9, 2017	41	49	9
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	40	51	9
Obama	Jan 7-11, 2009	66	17	17
	December, 2008	71	17	12
Bush	January, 2001	58	16	26
Clinton	<i>U.S. News & World</i>			
	<i>Report: January, 1993</i>	64	15	21
Bush	<i>ABC: January, 1989</i>	59	15	26

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Now let me ask you about President-elect Reagan's Cabinet appointments. How would you rate his appointment of... the cabinet as a whole? Would you say it was an excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor appointment?"*

Reagan

Harris

January

1981

52	Excellent/Good
34	Only fair/Poor
14	Don't know

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,676]:

JBAPPT Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that many of Joe Biden's top advisors worked in the Obama administration?

Jan 8-12,
2021

58	Good thing
39	Bad thing
3	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that many of Barack Obama's top advisors worked in the Clinton administration?

	Obama <u>Jan 2009</u>	Obama <u>Dec 2008</u>	Bush <u>Jan 2001⁴</u>
Good thing	59	63	56
Bad thing	21	22	29
Neither/Doesn't matter (VOL.)	8	7	n/a
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	8	15

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2676]:

VP2PRES As you may know, Kamala Harris is Vice President elect. Do you think that Kamala Harris is...

Jan 8-12,
2021

50	Qualified to be president
47	Not qualified to be president
3	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Do you think that Mike Pence is qualified to be President if something were to happen to Donald Trump?

Nov 30-Dec 5
2016

54	Yes, is qualified
30	No, is not qualified
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Do you think that Dan Quayle is qualified to be President if something were to happen to George Bush?

	----- Time/CNN/Yankelovich -----					
	January <u>1989⁵</u>	July <u>1990</u>	November <u>1990⁶</u>	May <u>1991</u>	December <u>1991</u>	June <u>1992</u>
Yes, is qualified	30	25	24	36	36	28
No, is not qualified	52	65	65	50	55	66
Not sure	18	10	11	14	9	6

⁴ In 2001, the question was worded: "Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that many of George W. Bush's top advisors worked in his father's administration?"

⁵ In January 1989 survey, question was worded: "Do you think that Senator Quayle is qualified to be President if something were to happen to George Bush?"

⁶ In November 1990 survey, question was worded: "Do you think that (Vice President) Quayle is qualified to be President if something were to happen to George Bush?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,676]:

HARRI_INFL How much influence do you think Kamala Harris will have within the Biden administration?
[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Jan 8-12,
2021

36	Too much influence
7	Too little influence
55	About the right amount of influence
2	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

How much influence do you think ____ will have within the ____ administration?

	Pence/Trump <u>Nov 30-Dec 5 2016</u>	Cheney/Bush <u>January 2001⁷</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> Gore/Clinton <u>February 1993⁸</u>
Too much	21	12	6
Too little	21	12	25
About the right amount	50	58	52
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	18	17

⁷ In January 2001 survey, question was worded: "How much influence do you think Dick Cheney is having within the Bush Administration... too much, too little or about the right amount?"

⁸ In February 1993 survey, question was worded: "Do you think Al Gore will have too much influence, or about the right amount of influence on the decisions Bill Clinton makes as President?"

ASK ALL:

PRIPRES

How much of a priority should each of the following be for the president and Congress to address this year?

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREENS 1 and 2 FOR EACH FORM

		<u>Top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [SCREEN 1, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]						
[N=2,684]						
JOB	Improving the job situation Jan 8-12, 2021	67	29	2	1	1
BD	Reducing the budget deficit Jan 8-12, 2021	42	44	11	2	1
CRI	Reducing crime Jan 8-12, 2021	47	42	9	1	1
CVD	Dealing with the coronavirus outbreak Jan 8-12, 2021	78	14	6	2	*
HC	Reducing health care costs Jan 8-12, 2021	58	36	4	2	*
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]						
[N=2,684]						
TER	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks Jan 8-12, 2021	63	30	6	1	*
GT	Dealing with global trade issues Jan 8-12, 2021	32	56	10	2	1
EDU	Improving the educational system Jan 8-12, 2021	53	39	5	2	1
INF	Improving the country's roads, bridges and public transportation systems Jan 8-12, 2021	32	54	13	1	1
SC	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound Jan 8-12, 2021	54	39	5	2	1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [SCREEN 1, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]						
[N=2,676]						
IMM	Dealing with the issue of immigration Jan 8-12, 2021	39	44	13	4	1
EC	Strengthening the nation's economy Jan 8-12, 2021	80	16	2	1	*

PRIPRES CONTINUED...

		<u>Top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>No answer</u>
GCC	Dealing with global climate change Jan 8-12, 2021	38	33	18	10	1
JUS	Addressing issues within the criminal justice system Jan 8-12, 2021	46	42	9	2	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]
[N=2,676]**

POOR	Dealing with the problems of poor people Jan 8-12, 2021	53	39	6	2	*
MIL	Strengthening the U.S. military Jan 8-12, 2021	37	35	20	7	*
POL	Improving the way the political system works in the U.S. January 8-12, 2021	62	29	6	2	1
RA	Addressing issues around race in this county Jan 8-12, 2021	49	32	13	5	1
DA	Dealing with drug addiction Jan 8-12, 2021	28	54	15	2	*

For past phone trends on national priorities, [see the 2020 survey](#).

ASK ALL:

COVID_2ASSISTLD

As you may know, Congress and President Trump passed a second major economic assistance package in December in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

Do you think another economic assistance package will be...

Jan 8-12,
2021

79	Necessary
20	Not necessary
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As you may know, Congress and President Trump passed a \$2 trillion economic assistance package in March in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

Do you think another economic assistance package is...

	Nov 12-17, 2020	June 16-22, 2020 ⁹	Apr 7-12, 2020 ¹⁰
Necessary	80	71	77
Not necessary	19	28	22
No answer	1	2	1

ASK ALL:

ETHICSJB

With Biden as president, do you think the overall level of ethics and honesty in the federal government will... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Jan 8-12,
2021

46	Rise
30	Fall
24	Stay the same
1	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Do you think the overall level of ethics and honesty in the federal government will rise, fall or stay the same with ____ as president?

	Trump Jan 4-9 2017	Clinton January 1997	Clinton January 1993
Rise	29	16	35
Fall	34	26	13
Stay the same	33	55	50
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	2	3

-----ABC News/WaPo-----

⁹ In the June 16-22, 2020 survey, the question was asked as: "Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass an additional economic package?"

¹⁰ In the survey asked Apr 7-12, 2020, the question was asked as: "Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass another bill to provide more economic assistance?"

ASK ALL:

ELCTCOLLB

Thinking for a moment about the way in which the president is elected in this country, which would you prefer? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 8-12, <u>2021</u>		Jan 6-19, <u>2020</u>
55	Change the current system, so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election	60
43	Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election	37
2	No answer	3

TREND FOR COMPARISONThinking for a moment about the way in which the president is elected in this country, which would you prefer? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election	Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election	No answer
Jan 6-19, 2020	58	40	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

			(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	56	42	-	2
Mar 7-14, 2018	55	41	-	4
<i>Gallup</i> : Nov 28-29, 2016	49	47	1	3
<i>CNN/ORC</i> : Nov 17-20, 2016	51	44	2	3
<i>Gallup</i> : Oct 6-9, 2011	62	35	1	3
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 2004	61	35	1	3
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 2000	59	37	1	3
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 2000	61	35	2	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,684]:PRESWITHOP This year, do you think Joe Biden should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 8-12,

2021

74

Try as best he can to work with Republican congressional leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some people who voted for him

23

Stand up to Republican congressional leaders on issues that are important to his supporters, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country

3

No answer

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,676]:OPWITHPRES This year, do you think Republican congressional leaders should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 8-12,

2021

66

Try as best they can to work with Joe Biden to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some Republican voters

31

Stand up to Joe Biden on issues that are important to Republican voters, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country

3

No answer

[RANDOMIZE POSTELEC_BIDE AND POSTELEC_TRMP AND SHOW ON SAME PAGE]**ASK ALL:**

POSTELEC_BIDE

How would you rate Joe Biden's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

Jan 8-12,

2021

34

Excellent

30

Good

20

Only fair

15

Poor

1

No answer

Nov 12-17,

2020

33

27

21

18

1

ASK ALL:

POSTELEC_TRMP

How would you rate Donald Trump's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

Jan 8-12,

2021

8

Excellent

15

Good

16

Only fair

61

Poor

1

No answer

Nov 12-17,

2020

11

17

18

53

1

ASK ALL:

BDIDEO

Which best describes your impression of Joe Biden's views **[REVERSE SCALE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]**Jan 8-12, 2021

4	He has conservative views on ALMOST ALL issues
4	He has conservative views on MOST issues
39	His views on issues are a mix of conservative and liberal
25	He has liberal views on MOST issues
23	He has liberal views on ALMOST ALL issues
4	No answer
9	NET conservative views
49	NET liberal views

ASK ALL:

PRESGRPS_INFL

Usually, when there is a new president, certain groups gain influence in Washington, while other groups lose influence.

How do you think each of the following groups will be affected by Joe Biden taking office?

[RANDOMIZE SCREEN 1 AND 2]

		<u>Gain influence</u>	<u>Lose influence</u>	<u>Not be affected</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [SCREEN 1, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]					
[N=2,684]					
BP	Black people Jan 8-12, 2021	65	14	20	1
HP	Hispanic people Jan 8-12, 2021	53	16	30	1
WP	White people Jan 8-12, 2021	15	38	46	1
AAP	Asian American people Jan 8-12, 2021	35	18	46	1
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]					
[N=2,684]					
BC	Business corporations Jan 8-12, 2021	30	44	24	2
MIL	The military Jan 8-12, 2021	26	40	32	2
OLD	Older people Jan 8-12, 2021	32	35	32	1
YNG	Younger people Jan 8-12, 2021	54	16	29	2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [SCREEN 1, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]					
[N=2,676]					
EC	Evangelical Christians Jan 8-12, 2021	9	50	39	2

PRESGRPS_INFL CONTINUED...

		<u>Gain influence</u>	<u>Lose influence</u>	<u>Not be affected</u>	<u>No answer</u>
MEN	Men Jan 8-12, 2021	17	26	55	2
WMN	Women Jan 8-12, 2021	63	11	24	2
UN	Unions Jan 8-12, 2021	48	15	34	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON SCREEN]
[N=2,676]**

PR	Poor people Jan 8-12, 2021	50	23	26	2
CHI	Children Jan 8-12, 2021	32	19	47	2
WLTH	Wealthy people Jan 8-12, 2021	29	36	33	1
LGB	Gay and lesbian people Jan 8-12, 2021	60	9	30	1

ASK ALL:

PRSGRPS_YOU And do you think people like yourself will...

Jan 8-12,
2021

24	Gain influence
36	Lose influence
39	Not be affected
1	No answer

For telephone trends for past presidents, [see the 2017 report and topline](#)**ASK DEM OR LEAN DEM (XPARTYSUM=2) [N=2919]:**BIDEFOCUS Thinking about what Joe Biden will do as president, do you think he will listen...
[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]Jan 8-12,
2021

9	More to liberal Democrats
28	More to moderate Democrats
62	About equally to moderate and liberal Democrats
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

WON20

As you may know, Donald Trump contested the results of the 2020 election through legal challenges in various states and the Supreme Court. Those challenges were not successful.

Who do you think won the 2020 election – that is, who received the most votes cast by eligible voters in enough states to win the election? **[REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS]**

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2021

53	Joe Biden definitely won
13	Joe Biden probably won
17	Donald Trump probably won
16	Donald Trump definitely won
1	No answer
66	NET Joe Biden won
33	NET Donald Trump won

ASK ALL:

JBWON

How much of a reason, if at all, are each of the following for the result of the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREENS 1 AND 2, RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON EACH SCREEN]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
CHT	There was widespread illegal voting and fraud Jan 8-12, 2021	31	14	54	1
CMPN	Biden ran a better campaign than Trump Jan 8-12, 2021	28	24	47	1
NWS	There was too little attention given to Trump's successes Jan 8-12, 2021	31	20	49	1
BSE	Trump did not do enough to reach beyond his base of supporters Jan 8-12, 2021	36	25	38	1
ESY	More citizens were able to vote early or vote by mail Jan 8-12, 2021	57	23	20	1
DV	Many voters were excited to vote against Trump Jan 8-12, 2021	63	22	14	1
CVD	The Trump administration did not do a good enough job handling the coronavirus outbreak Jan 8-12, 2021	53	22	24	1

JBWON CONTINUED...

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
FW	There was too little attention given to Biden's flaws Jan 8-12, 2021	30	25	44	1

ASK ALL:

ELCT_ILG

Thinking about U.S. elections in general, how often, if at all, do you think political candidates or campaigns do things that are illegal in order to make sure they have the best possible chance to win?

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36	Often
43	Sometimes
17	Hardly ever
3	Never
1	No answer

ASK IF CANDIDATES OFTEN, SOMETIMES OR HARDLY EVER DO THIS (ELCT_ILG=1-3) [N=5185]:

ELCT_PTYILG

And thinking about those political candidates or campaigns that do things that are illegal in order to make sure they have the best possible chance to win, would you say this is... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

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2021

27	More often done by Democrats than Republicans
26	More often done by Republicans than Democrats
46	About equally by Democrats and Republicans
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

TRUMPFUT

Thinking about after Biden's inauguration, would you, personally, like to see Donald Trump continue to be a major national political figure for many years to come?

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2021

29	Yes
68	No
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=1,963]:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...¹¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	32	26	14	1	17	17

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

¹¹ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.

