

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
JULY 2020 POLITICAL SURVEY  
TOPLINE  
JULY 23-AUG 4, 2020  
N=1,750**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	16	79	5	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5
Jan 8-13, 2020	37	58	4	Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	34	60	6	Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7
July 10-15, 2019	37	58	5	Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	31	63	6	Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	70	4	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	33	61	6	Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	61	6	May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	33	62	6	Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

# **Q.1 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2008	21	74	5	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
July, 2008	19	74	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
June, 2008	19	76	5	June, 2001	43	52	5
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
March, 2008	22	72	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
October, 2007	28	66	6	September, 2000	51	41	8
February, 2007	30	61	9	June, 2000	47	45	8
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
December, 2006	28	65	7	January, 1999	53	41	6
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	November, 1998	46	44	10
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
July, 2006	30	65	5	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
May, 2006*	29	65	6	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
March, 2006	32	63	5	February, 1998	59	37	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	January, 1998	46	50	4
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
July, 2005	35	58	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	July, 1996	29	67	4
February, 2005	38	56	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
January, 2005	40	54	6	October, 1995	23	73	4
December, 2004	39	54	7	June, 1995	25	73	2
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
July, 2004	38	55	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
May, 2004	33	61	6	March, 1994	24	71	5
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
December, 2003	44	47	9	May, 1993	22	71	7
October, 2003	38	56	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
August, 2003	40	53	7	January, 1992	28	68	4
April, 2003	50	41	9	November, 1991	34	61	5
January, 2003	44	50	6	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
November, 2002	41	48	11	August, 1990	47	48	5
September, 2002	41	55	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
May, 2002	44	44	12	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
March, 2002	50	40	10				

## **ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	40	55	5
Jan 8-13, 2020	42	54	4
Mar 20-25, 2019	40	55	5
Jan 9-14, 2019	37	59	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	38	55	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	40	54	6
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	39	54	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	39	54	7
Jan 10-15, 2018	37	56	7
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	32	63	5

## Q.2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	59	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	55	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	54	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	56	6

**See past presidents' approval trends:** Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

## NO QUESTIONS 3-8

### ASK ALL:

Q.9 If you could live anywhere in the United States that you wanted to, would you prefer a city, a suburban area, a small town or a rural area?

July 23- Aug 4 <u>2020</u>		Jan 23-Feb 9 <u>2014</u>	<b>(SDT)</b> Oct 3-19 <u>2008</u>
20	City	24	23
21	Suburban area	21	25
29	Small town	30	30
28	Rural area	24	21
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL)</b>	2	1

## NO QUESTIONS 10-11

### ASK ALL:

Q.12 How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States **[READ IN ORDER]**?

	<u>Quite a lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Very little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	35	37	19	6	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	41	30	20	8	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	45	39	12	3	1
PSRA/Newsweek: August, 1994	48	33	15	3	1
Gallup: May, 1991	59	34	5	1	1
Gallup: March, 1976 <sup>2</sup>	57	30	9	1	2
Gallup: August, 1975	60	23	13	3	2
Gallup: August, 1974	64	24	8	2	2
Gallup: April, 1974	68	19	10	2	1

### ASK ALL:

Q.13 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	19	54	24	3
Apr 6-11, 2020	32	40	22	6
Mar 20-25, 2019	18	57	21	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	17	55	24	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	19	55	22	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	20	57	21	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	18	57	22	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	17	62	19	2
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3

<sup>2</sup> Gallup June 1986 poll not included in trend due to differences in question context.

**Q.13 CONTINUED...**

	Basically <u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	5	15	66	12	2
Apr 6-11, 2020	6	27	59	5	2
Mar 20-25, 2019	3	14	71	10	2
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	3	15	67	14	2
Apr 5-11, 2017	4	16	68	11	2
Aug 27- Oct 4, 2015	3	16	67	13	1
Feb 12-26, 2014	3	21	68	7	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 <sup>3</sup>	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

<sup>3</sup>

The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election ... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2020 Election</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	50	31	12	7	*
<b>2016 Election</b>					
Oct 20-25, 2016	55	35	7	3	*
Aug 9-16, 2016	50	36	10	4	*
Jun 15-26, 2016	51	35	11	3	1
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	55	31	8	5	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	61	27	8	3	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	47	33	13	5	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	44	34	15	7	*
Jun 7-17, 2012 <sup>4</sup>	37	35	18	9	*
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	56	33	8	3	*
Late October, 2008	53	33	9	4	1
Mid-October, 2008	54	35	7	4	*
Mid-September, 2008	50	38	8	4	*
June, 2008	46	34	12	7	1
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	52	36	8	4	*
Mid-October, 2004	54	29	11	5	1
Early September, 2004	46	35	11	7	1
August, 2004	38	38	14	10	*
July, 2004	34	39	16	11	1
June, 2004	32	36	18	13	1
April, 2004	31	33	19	16	1
Mid-March, 2004	35	34	18	13	*
Late February, 2004	24	40	23	12	1
Early February, 2004	29	37	20	13	1
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	39	44	12	5	*
Mid-October, 2000	40	37	15	8	*
Early October, 2000	42	36	15	6	1
September, 2000	27	46	18	8	1
July, 2000	25	40	19	15	1
June, 2000	27	34	22	16	1
April, 2000	18	39	22	20	1
March, 2000	26	41	19	13	1
February, 2000	26	36	21	17	*
January, 2000	19	34	28	18	1
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	34	45	15	6	*
Early September, 1996	29	39	19	13	*
July, 1996	25	42	21	11	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
October, 1992	55	36	7	2	0
September, 1992	47	36	11	6	*
August, 1992	36	51	11	2	0
July, 1992	24	47	24	5	*
May, 1992	32	44	16	8	*

<sup>4</sup>

For June 7-17, 2012, and earlier surveys (except for July 1992), question was asked as part of a list. In 2000, the story was listed as "News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election. In 1988, the story was introduced as being from "this past year" and was listed as "News about the presidential campaign in 1988."

**CAMPNII CONTINUED...**

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>1988 Election</b>					
October, 1988	43	44	11	2	*
August, 1988	39	45	13	3	*
May, 1988	22	46	23	6	3

[See full CAMPNII trend on GP here.](#)

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT      How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election ... Quite a lot or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2020 Election</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	75	2	22	1	*
<b>2016 Election</b>					
Oct 20-25, 2016	84	3	12	1	1
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	75	4	17	3	1
Aug 9-16, 2016	80	1	17	1	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	80	3	15	1	*
Apr 12-19, 2016	79	4	14	1	1
Mar 17-26, 2016	85	3	12	1	*
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	81	2	14	2	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	78	3	15	3	1
Oct 4-7, 2012	73	3	21	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1

# THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
<b>1988 Election</b>					
Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0
Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0
Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0
Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0

## ASK ALL:

Q.17 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2016 — the last presidential election year?

	More	Less	(VOL.) Same	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>2020 Election</b>				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	54	25	20	1
<b>2016 Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	58	19	21	2
<b>2012 Election</b>				
Jun 7-17, 2012	45	34	19	2
<b>2008 Election</b>				
Mid-September, 2008	63	13	22	2
June, 2008	60	20	18	2
<b>2004 Election</b>				
June, 2004	47	28	23	2
<b>2000 Election</b>				
June, 2000	38	38	22	2
<b>1996 Election</b>				
July, 1996	42	38	19	1
June, 1996	41	35	22	2
<b>1992 Election</b>				
June, 1992	55	24	19	2
March, 1992	57	27	14	2

## NO QUESTIONS 18-19

**ASK ALL:**

Q.20 What's your impression...do **[RANDOMIZE: Donald Trump and Joe Biden]** take different positions on the issues, or are they pretty similar in their positions on the issues?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Different</u>	<u>Similar</u>	<u>(VOL)</u> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b>			
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	86	9	5
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
June 7-17, 2012	75	17	8
<b>Obama/McCain</b>			
June 2008	75	17	8
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>			
June 2004	68	21	11
<b>Bush/Gore</b>			
Late Oct 2000	60	34	6
Early Oct 2000	61	30	9
Sept 2000	56	32	12
June 2000	51	33	16
July 1999	47	24	29

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 What's your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Fairly satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2020</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	21	27	27	21	4
<b>2016</b>					
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	10	22	30	33	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	13	27	27	31	2
<b>2012</b>					
September 20-23, 2012	20	35	21	18	6
June 7-17, 2012	17	39	26	14	3
<b>2008</b>					
Mid-September, 2008 <sup>5</sup>	24	48	17	9	2
June, 2008	19	41	24	14	2
<b>2004</b>					
Mid-October, 2004	23	43	22	9	3
June, 2004	17	48	19	12	4
<b>2000</b>					
June, 2000	14	50	22	11	3
March, 2000	13	47	27	11	2
July, 1999	13	40	25	12	10
<b>1996</b>					
Late October, 1996	11	48	27	11	3
Late September, 1996	11	50	26	10	3
June, 1996	10	37	31	18	4
<b>1992</b>					
October, 1992	10	41	33	14	2
August, 1992	11	42	31	15	27
June, 1992	6	29	36	27	2

<sup>5</sup>

In September 2008, June 2008, June 2004, June 2000, and March 2000 the question was worded "As it's shaping up so far, what's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?"



**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2020 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Really matters who wins the election</u>	<u>Things will pretty much be the same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	83	16	1
Oct 20-25, 2016	77	19	4
Jun 15-26, 2016	74	22	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	76	20	4
Jun 7-17, 2012	63	34	3
Oct 2008	72	24	4
Mid-Sep 2008	70	24	6
June 2008	63	32	5
Jun 2004	67	29	4
Mid-Mar 2004	70	26	4
Jun 2000	50	44	6
Aug 1976 <sup>6</sup>	45	46	9

**NO QUESTION 23****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=849]:**

Q.24F1 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between [**RANDOMIZE**: Joe Biden and Donald Trump] because EITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=715]:**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b>			
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	8	91	1
<b>Trump/Clinton</b>			
June 15-26, 2016	11	87	2
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
June 7-12, 2012	24	73	3
<b>Obama/McCain</b>			
June 2008	29	67	4
<b>Kerry/Bush</b>			
June 2004	19	77	4
<b>Gore/Bush</b>			
June 2000	29	64	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:**

Q.25F2 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between [**RANDOMIZE**: Joe Biden and Donald Trump] because NEITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=740]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b>			
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	21	78	2
<b>Trump/Clinton</b>			
June 15-26, 2016	41	56	3
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
June 7-12, 2012	29	67	4

<sup>6</sup> August 1976 question asked by Opinion Research Corporation, based on general public.

**Q25 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	(VOL) <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Obama/McCain</b>			
June 2008	31	65	4
<b>Kerry/Bush</b>			
June 2004	26	68	6
<b>Gore/Bush</b>			
June 2000	36	58	6

**NO QUESTIONS 26-33**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Overall, how would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it **[READ ITEM a. FIRST, THEN RANDOMIZE ITEMS b. THRU c.]**

a.	<u>Interesting</u>	<u>Dull</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	46	47	3	4
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<b>2016 Presidential Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	73	21	5	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	67	26	4	3
<b>2012 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 18-21, 2012	63	28	5	4
Sep 7-9, 2012	53	37	5	6
Jun 21-24, 2012	34	56	4	5
Mar 22-25, 2012	38	52	4	7
Jan 12-15, 2012	36	55	3	5
Oct 20-23, 2011	35	51	4	10
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 10-13, 2008	71	25	3	1
Sep 12-15, 2008	68	26	5	1
June, 2008	59	35	2	4
Apr 18-21, 2008	59	35	5	1
Feb 15-18, 2008	70	25	4	1
November, 2007	41	53	3	3
October, 2007	37	55	5	3
April, 2007	34	52	6	8
<b>2004 Presidential Election</b>				
Mid-October, 2004 (RV)	66	28	5	1
Early September, 2004 (RV)	50	42	6	2
June, 2004	33	57	4	6
<b>2000 Presidential Election</b>				
June, 2000	28	65	4	3
<b>1996 Presidential Election</b>				
July, 1996	21	73	3	3

b.	<u>Too negative</u>	<u>Not too negative</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	51	40	3	5
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<b>2016 Presidential Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	65	30	3	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	54	39	2	4
<b>2012 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 18-21, 2012	55	37	3	5
Sep 7-9, 2012	51	39	3	6
Jun 21-24, 2012	53	37	3	8

**Q.34b TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...**

	Too <u>negative</u>	Not too <u>negative</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 22-25, 2012	52	34	3	11
Jan 12-15, 2012	50	41	1	7
Oct 20-23, 2011	44	41	4	11
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 10-13, 2008	55	41	3	1
Sep 12-15, 2008	43	51	4	2
Apr 18-21, 2008	50	44	4	2
Feb 15-18, 2008	28	66	3	3
<b>2004 Presidential Election</b>				
Mid-October, 2004 (RV)	57	38	3	2
Early September, 2004 (RV)	62	32	1	5
June, 2004	45	46	2	7
Mid-March, 2004	47	47	2	4
	Focused on important policy <u>debates</u>	Not focused on important policy <u>debates</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. July 23-Aug 4, 2020	<u>32</u>	59	3	<u>5</u>

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**
**2016 Presidential Election**

Jun 15-26, 2016	27	65	4	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	34	58	2	6

**NO QUESTIONS 35-39**
**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Next, would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-d]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Republican Party								
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	15	26	55	33	23	*	3
Jan 8-13, 2020	45	14	31	51	26	24	*	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	41	11	30	52	26	26	1	5
July 10-15, 2019	45	12	33	52	27	24	*	3
Jan 9-14, 2019	42	12	30	54	24	30	*	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	43	10	33	52	26	27	*	4
Mar 7-14, 2018	41	10	31	55	25	30	*	4
Jun 8-18, 2017	40	10	31	54	27	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	10	30	57	27	30	0	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	47	12	35	49	20	29	*	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	40	10	31	55	23	33	*	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	38	9	29	56	26	31	0	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	35	9	26	60	30	29	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	33	9	24	62	32	30	*	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	37	6	31	58	26	32	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8

**Q.40a CONTINUED ...**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	10	32	55	33	22	*	3
Jan 8-13, 2020	46	11	34	50	29	21	*	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	47	11	35	48	27	22	*	5
July 10-15, 2019	45	10	35	52	27	24	0	3
Jan 9-14, 2019	49	12	38	47	25	21	*	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	53	13	40	42	20	22	*	4
Mar 7-14, 2018	42	8	35	54	24	30	*	4
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	12	32	50	24	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	11	34	51	26	25	*	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	51	13	38	45	18	26	*	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	52	15	37	45	22	22	*	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	49	15	35	46	22	24	*	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	49	17	33	46	23	23	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	14	31	50	27	23	*	4
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	10	35	50	24	26	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c. Congress								
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	27	6	21	68	29	39	*	4
January 8-13, 2020	34	6	27	62	25	36	*	5
July 10-15, 2019	36	6	30	59	23	36	0	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	4	26	67	27	40	*	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	34	5	29	62	24	38	*	4
Jun 15-26, 2016	31	10	22	63	29	34	*	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	4	23	69	29	40	0	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	25	5	20	69	31	38	*	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	4	18	72	34	38	*	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
d. The Supreme Court								
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	62	10	51	32	11	21	1	6
January 8-13, 2020	66	12	54	27	7	19	1	7
July 10-15, 2019	62	14	48	31	9	22	*	7
Jan 9-14, 2019	70	16	55	23	7	16	*	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	66	11	55	28	8	20	*	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	60	11	48	32	10	22	*	8
Jun 15-26, 2016	62	16	47	29	9	20	1	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	50	8	42	42	17	25	1	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	9	39	43	17	26	*	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	50	8	42	39	12	26	1	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	52	8	44	38	14	24	1	9
Apr 23-27, 2014	56	11	44	35	12	23	*	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	7	41	38	14	24	1	13
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15

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	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8

## **NO QUESTIONS 41-45**

### **ASK ALL:**

Q.46 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	48	45	3	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	46	3	3
Mar 20-24, 2019	47	47	4	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	46	46	5	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	45	48	2	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	48	2	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	50	41	4	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	53	38	3	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	42	3	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
LA Times/Bloomberg: January 2006	49	38	--	13



**Q.46 CONTINUED...**

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>LA Times</i> : January 2005	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : June 2004	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC</i> : November 2002 ( <i>Likely voters</i> )	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post</i> : September 2002	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2002	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : January 2002	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2002	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : November 2001	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 2001	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : March 2001	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS</i> : January 2001	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS</i> : November 2000	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS</i> : October 2000	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : October 2000 ( <i>RV</i> )	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : Early October 2000 ( <i>RV</i> )	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 2000 ( <i>RV</i> )	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2000	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : April 2000	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS</i> : September 1999	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1998	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1996	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times</i> : April 1996	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February 1996	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times</i> : October 1995	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 1995	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times</i> : January 1995	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times</i> : June 1993	60	29	--	11
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : February 1993	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1992	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1991	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 1989 <sup>7</sup>	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1988 ( <i>Likely voters</i> )	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1988	49	45	--	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1988	43	44	5	8
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1984	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March 1980	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1978	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post</i> : January 1978	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 1976	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1976 ( <i>RV</i> )	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1976 ( <i>RV</i> )	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1976	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1976	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : April 1976	40	44	--	16

**NO QUESTION 47**

<sup>7</sup>. In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"

Thinking about the political parties ...

Q.48 Which party could do a better job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]?  
 [IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?][IF NECESSARY READ CATEGORIES: The Republican Party or the Democratic Party]

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=849]:</b>						
a.F1	Dealing with terrorism					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	45	35	7	7	6
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>						
	<i>Dealing with the terrorist threat at home</i>					
	Jun 5-12, 2018	43	32	10	7	7
	Oct 25-30, 2017	37	38	12	9	5
	Apr 5-11, 2017	48	36	8	6	3
	Apr 12-19, 2016	46	37	5	8	4
	Dec 8-13, 2015	46	34	4	9	7
	Jul 14-20, 2015	44	34	8	9	5
	Feb 18-22, 2015	51	31	10	5	3
	Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7	9
	Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9	14
	May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13
	Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
	February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
b.F1	Dealing with global climate change					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	26	56	3	8	6
	Apr 12-19, 2016	30	51	4	10	5
	Dec 8-13, 2015	32	46	2	8	11
c.F1	Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	35	50	3	6	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	31	50	4	5	9
	Oct 25-30, 2017	33	47	6	7	7
	Apr 5-11, 2017	33	53	3	6	6
	Jul 14-20, 2015	31	50	4	8	7
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	43	3	7	7
	Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5	11
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7
d.F1	Handling law enforcement and criminal justice					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	43	42	4	7	5
e.F1	Handling the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	34	46	4	10	6
f.F1	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	40	39	3	11	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	41	35	6	12	6
	Oct 25-30, 2017	37	39	6	12	6
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	37	5	12	5

**Q.48f.F1 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	42	36	4	10	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	45	35	6	6	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	43	35	7	9	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	40	39	7	8	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	43	38	4	7	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	42	41	2	7	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8
May 25-30, 2011 <sup>8</sup>	41	38	4	9	8
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:**

g.F2 Dealing with the economy

July 23-Aug 4, 2020	47	40	4	5	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	40	41	6	5	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	45	36	8	6	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	38	41	11	7	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	46	43	5	5	2
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	41	4	6	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	37	4	9	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	41	44	4	8	4
Feb 18-22, 2015	44	41	7	6	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	39	6	8	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18

<sup>8</sup> From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" an experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a standalone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

**Q.48F2 CONTINUED...**

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>			
May, 2001 <sup>9</sup>	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
h.F2 Dealing with health care					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	37	50	4	6	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	35	51	3	5	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	32	48	8	7	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	32	50	6	9	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	35	54	2	6	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	36	46	4	9	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	47	4	7	2
Oct 15-20, 2014	38	46	3	7	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	37	45	3	6	8
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

<sup>9</sup> In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

**Q.48F2 CONTINUED...**

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
i.F2	Dealing with immigration					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	39	48	3	6	3
	Sep 18-24, 2018	39	46	4	5	6
	Jun 5-12, 2018	34	48	6	6	6
	Oct 25-30, 2017	38	44	6	7	5
	Apr 5-11, 2017	39	50	2	6	3
	Apr 12-19, 2016	42	44	3	7	4
	Dec 8-13, 2015	42	40	3	9	7
	Jul 14-20, 2015	40	42	4	9	6
	Feb 18-22, 2015	43	45	4	4	3
	Oct 15-20, 2014	41	40	5	7	7
	Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
	Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
	Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
	May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
	Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
	May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
	May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
	Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
	Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
	February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
	October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
	September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
	April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
	February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
j.F2	Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	42	5	7	4
	Sep 18-24, 2018	37	45	6	5	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	36	44	8	6	7
	Oct 25-30, 2017	34	44	7	9	6
	Apr 5-11, 2017	36	49	5	6	4
	Apr 12-19, 2016	46	38	4	8	5
	Jul 14-20, 2015	38	41	5	8	8
	Feb 18-22, 2015	48	35	6	6	5
	Oct 15-20, 2014	40	39	6	9	7
	Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
	August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
	February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
	July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
	Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
	May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
	June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
	March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
	Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
	March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
	October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
	July, 1994 <sup>10</sup>	51	31	4	6	8
	December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
	May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16

<sup>10</sup>

In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

**Q.48F2 CONTINUED...**

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
k.F2	Reflecting your views about gun policy					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	46	42	2	5	5
	Jun 5-12, 2018	38	44	4	7	7
	Oct 25-30, 2017	39	44	4	5	7
	Apr 5-11, 2017	46	41	2	5	6

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<i>Reflecting your views about gun control</i>					
	Dec 8-13, 2015	43	37	3	8	10
	Jul 14-20, 2015	48	36	3	6	7
	May 1-5, 2013	42	39	4	6	9
	Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
	Dec 17-19, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	27	28	12	15	18
	July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21
	Late October, 2002 (RV)	36	38	5	5	16
	April, 2000	30	36	4	7	23
	June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
	December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18
I.F2	Dealing with issues involving race and ethnicity					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	35	49	5	8	4
	Jun 5-12, 2018	28	52	8	6	6

**NO QUESTION 49**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=849]:**

Q.50F1 In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

	<u>Conservative</u>	Middle of the road	<u>Liberal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	32	48	13	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	18	39	36	6
Mar 25-29, 2015	28	38	26	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	27	38	26	8
Apr 23-27, 2014	25	35	31	8
Jul 17-21, 2013	23	42	26	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	22	40	24	14
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	41	23	12
Jul 1-5, 2010	23	39	23	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	24	36	24	16
July, 2007	36	35	14	15

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:**

Q.51F2 Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court has [RANDOMIZE: too much power, too little power] or the right amount of power?

July 23- Aug 4 <u>2020</u>		July 14-20 <u>2015</u>
27	Too much power	36
8	Too little power	7
63	Right amount of power	54
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

**NO QUESTION 52**

<sup>11</sup> In December 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 Now thinking about the job the federal government is doing in some different areas. Is the federal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Is the federal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job [ITEM]?**

		----- Good Job -----			----- Bad Job -----			(VOL.) Not	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>govt job</u>	
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=849]:</b>									
a.F1	Strengthening the economy								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	54	19	35	43	22	21	*	3
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	53	15	38	42	21	21	1	5
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	51	9	42	47	22	25	*	2
b.F1	Keeping the country safe from terrorism								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	72	30	42	25	13	13	*	3
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	66	24	42	30	14	16	0	4
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	72	30	43	26	13	12	*	2
c.F1	Protecting the environment								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	45	10	35	53	32	21	*	3
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	44	11	32	53	33	20	1	3
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	59	11	48	38	16	23	*	2
d.F1	Effectively handling threats to public health								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	11	31	56	35	21	*	2
e.F1	Helping people get out of poverty								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	36	13	23	60	40	20	1	3
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	26	6	20	67	42	25	4	4
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	6	30	61	30	30	2	2
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:</b>									
f.F2	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	53	13	40	45	23	22	1	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	51	13	38	46	20	26	*	3
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	52	14	38	46	23	23	1	1
g.F2	Managing the nation's immigration system								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	34	9	25	64	39	25	0	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	32	7	25	64	38	26	0	4
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	28	5	23	68	38	30	*	4
h.F2	Ensuring access to health care								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	46	14	32	50	30	21	1	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	36	9	27	58	33	25	2	4
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	56	15	42	40	21	19	1	3
i.F2	Responding to natural disasters								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	62	23	40	36	19	17	*	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	64	26	38	34	18	16	*	3
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	79	28	51	19	8	11	*	2

**Q53 CONTINUED...**

		----- Good Job -----			----- Bad Job -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	Not govt job	DK/ Ref
j.F2	Ensuring that food and medicine are safe								
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	62	19	43	37	16	20	*	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	61	19	42	33	19	15	*	6
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	72	22	49	26	11	15	*	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.54 For each of these same areas, please tell me how much of a role, if any, the federal government should play. Should the federal government play a major role, a minor role or no role at all **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Should the federal government play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all **[ITEM]**?)

		Major <u>role</u>	Minor <u>role</u>	No role <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=849]:</b>					
a.F1	Strengthening the economy				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	78	17	4	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	75	18	4	2
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	74	20	4	1
b.F1	Keeping the country safe from terrorism				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	91	5	2	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	94	5	1	1
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	94	5	1	1
c.F1	Protecting the environment				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	73	21	5	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	76	19	3	1
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	75	22	3	1
d.F1	Effectively handling threats to public health				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	78	18	3	2
e.F1	Helping people get out of poverty				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	62	31	5	2
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	67	26	6	1
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	55	38	5	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:**

f.F2	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	67	29	3	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	75	21	2	3
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	76	20	3	1
g.F2	Managing the nation's immigration system				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	81	14	4	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	80	15	4	1
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	81	15	2	1
h.F2	Ensuring access to health care				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	65	25	9	1
	Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	69	21	9	2
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	61	28	10	
i.F2	Responding to natural disasters				
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	87	11	1	1



**QIF2 CONTINUED...**

	Major <u>role</u>	Minor <u>role</u>	No role <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	89	9	1	1
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	88	10	1	1
j.F2 Ensuring that food and medicine are safe				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	87	11	2	*
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	87	9	3	1
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	87	10	2	1

**NO QUESTIONS 55-56****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.57 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

	What it meant <u>as originally written</u>	What it means <u>in current times</u>	(VOL.) Somewhere <u>in between</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	44	50	2	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	41	55	1	3
Oct 20-25, 2016	46	46	2	7
Feb 12-26, 2014	46	49	2	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	2	4
<i>Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo</i> : October, 2010	50	46	1	3
<i>ABC News/WaPo</i> : July, 2005	46	50	3	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Which statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right **[READ]**?

	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get <u>what we want</u>	This country can't solve many of its important <u>problems</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	62	34	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	37	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	63	33	3
Feb 27-Mar 16 2014	47	50	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	60	36	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	37	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	42	5
December, 2008	68	27	5
October, 2008	64	29	7
December, 2004	59	36	5
September, 2000	59	36	5
August, 1999	63	32	5
July, 1994	52	45	3

**NO QUESTIONS 59-65**

**ASK ALL:**

On another topic,

Q.66 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.)
	Total	Strongly favor	Favor	Total	Strongly oppose	Oppose	DK/Ref
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	52	20	31	44	19	25	5
Jan 8-13, 2020	53	28	25	42	19	24	5
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	27	28	40	16	24	5
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	54	23	30	39	13	26	7
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	49	21	27	42	14	28	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	56	23	34	38	13	24	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	62	28	34	31	11	20	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 <sup>12</sup>	58	--	--	36	--	--	6
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	62	30	32	30	10	20	8
August, 2007	62	29	33	32	11	21	6
Early January, 2007	64	30	34	29	11	18	7
March, 2006	65	27	38	27	8	19	8
December, 2005	62	--	--	30	--	--	8
Mid-July, 2003	64	28	36	30	10	20	6
March, 2002	67	33	34	26	9	17	7
March, 2001	66	30	36	27	10	17	7
September, 1999	74	41	33	22	7	15	4
June, 1996	78	43	35	18	7	11	4

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	(VOL.)			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	26	30	39	2	1	2	16	18
Jan 8-13, 2020	27	27	39	3	1	2	15	18
Sep 5-16, 2019	26	29	39	2	1	2	15	18
July 10-15, 2019	28	30	36	3	1	2	15	17
Mar 20-25, 2019	26	30	37	3	1	3	14	19
Jan 9-14, 2019	25	31	40	2	1	2	16	18
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	32	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	31	38	3	1	2	15	18
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	27	28	38	4	1	2	14	19
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2019	26.4	30.2	37.9	2.5	1.0	2.1	15.1	18.0
2018	25.7	30.8	37.6	3.0	.8	2.0	14.7	18.3
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0

**PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No <u>preference</u>	Other <u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 <i>Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 <i>Pre-Sept 11</i>	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

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 (U)                        Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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