

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 71 July 2020
JULY 27-AUGUST 2, 2020
N=11,001

ASK ALL:

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

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-August 2, 2020	12	87	1
June 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 ¹	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 ³	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

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>
July 27-August 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 ⁴	44	56	1

¹ In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

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

³ SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

⁴ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK ALL:USCONF_FUT How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States? [**SHOW IN ORDER**]July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

18	Quite a lot
48	Some
29	Very little
5	None at all
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVFEEL 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>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	18	57	24	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	22	55	23	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁵	20	57	22	*

ASK ALL:

TRUSTFEDGOV How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	2	18	65	14	1
Apr 7-12, 2020 ⁶	2	24	60	12	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	3	25	61	10	1
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014 ⁷	3	21	56	19	2

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

⁶ In Wave 65 and earlier surveys, the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?"

⁷ In the Wave 9 survey TRUSTFED was asked in a battery that also measured how often you can trust state government and local government to do what is right.

ASK ALL:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2020?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	29	16	8	1
June 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sept 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-June 6, 2016	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ⁸	26	40	23	11	*

ASK ALL:

MATTERS Thinking about how you feel about the 2020 presidential election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1→4]

	1 Really matters <u>who wins</u>	2	3	4 Doesn't really <u>matter who wins</u>	No <u>answer</u>
2020 election					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	14	8	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	64	17	9	8	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	19	10	9	*
2016 election					
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 ⁹	62	19	8	10	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	64	18	8	10	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	61	19	9	10	1
June 7-July 5, 2016	62	20	9	9	0
Apr 5-May, 2016	57	22	10	9	1
Mar 2-Mar 28, 2016	65	18	8	9	1
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	58	22	10	8	1

⁸ W10 (March 10 – April 6, 2014) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

⁹ In 2015 and 2016, question read: "Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?"

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F_CITIZEN=1) [N=10,390]

VOTEGEN If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=1,338]:

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]:

July 27- Aug 2, <u>2020</u>		June 16-22 <u>2020</u>
45	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump	44
53	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden	54
2	Vote for neither/Other	2
*	No Answer	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F_CITIZEN=1)**

VOTEGENA If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGENA (VOTEGENA=3, 99):

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

Apr 8-12 <u>2020</u> ¹⁰	
45	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
47	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden
8	Vote for neither/Other
*	No Answer

2016 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>		Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	July 12- Aug 8 <u>2016</u> ¹¹	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
42	Donald Trump/Lean Trump	39	38	46	45
46	Hillary Clinton/Lean Clinton	46	45	50	51
6	Gary Johnson/Lean Johnson	10	10	n/a	n/a
4	Jill Stein/Lean Stein	4	4	n/a	n/a
1	None/Other	1	2	3	3
*	No Answer	0	1	1	1

¹⁰ Based on registered voters. Only W65 respondents who completed the survey on or after April 8, the day Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign for the Democratic nomination, were asked VOTEGENA or VOTEGENB. In W65 survey, respondents who skipped VOTEGENA or selected neither or other were given explicit "Neither" in the follow-up question about leaning toward either candidate.

¹¹ Survey conducted July 12 – August 8 and June 7- July 5 asked only about Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Later waves included Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):

VOTEGEN2 And would you say ...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,150]

July 27-Aug 2

2020**Among Trump supporters (VOTEGEN=1) [N=3,204]**

95	You are certain you will vote for Donald Trump over Joe Biden
5	There is a chance you might change your mind
*	No answer

Among Biden supporters (VOTEGEN=2) [N=4,946]

94	You are certain you will vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump
5	There is a chance you might change your mind
*	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):**

VOTEGEN2 And would you say ...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

Oct 25-

Nov 8

2016**Among Trump supporters**

91	You are certain to vote for Trump
9	There is a chance you might change your mind
0	No Answer

Sept 27-

Oct 10

2016

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

July 12-

Aug 8,

2016

June 7-

July 5,

2016**Among Clinton supporters**

93	You are certain to vote for Clinton
6	There is a chance you might change your mind
*	No Answer

90

85

91

92

10

15

8

8

0

0

0

0

88

85

90

91

12

14

9

7

0

1

1

2

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F_CITIZEN=1) [N=10390]

VOTEGEN If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=1,338]:

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2

ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN =1,2)

VOTESTRONG Do you support [Joe Biden/Donald Trump]...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]:

	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Moderately/Lean</u> <u>Trump</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Moderately/Lean</u> <u>Biden</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<u>Neither</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27- Aug 2, 2020	45	30	15	*	53	24	29	*	2	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 15-26, 2016	42	19	22	1	51	23	27	1	7

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Stein</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012											
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	42	30	12	*	49	37	12	*	3	1	5
Oct 24-28, 2012	45	30	15	*	47	32	15	*	2	1	5
Oct 4-7, 2012	46	31	14	*	46	32	15	*	n/a	n/a	8
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	24	18	*	51	35	16	*	n/a	n/a	7
Jul 16-26, 2012 ¹²	41				51				n/a	n/a	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	43	15	28	1	50	32	18	*	n/a	n/a	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	46	17	27	1	50	30	20	*	n/a	n/a	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42				49				n/a	n/a	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49				n/a	n/a	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				n/a	n/a	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52				n/a	n/a	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50				n/a	n/a	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49				n/a	n/a	4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48				48				n/a	n/a	4
2008											
November, 2008	39	21	18	*	50	35	14	1	1	1	9
Late October, 2008	36	20	15	1	52	39	12	1	3	1	8
Mid-October, 2008	38	21	16	1	52	36	16	*	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40	21	18	1	50	36	14	*	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	42	23	19	*	49	33	15	1	n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	12
Late May, 2008	44				47				n/a	n/a	9
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	6
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
Late February, 2008	43				50				n/a	n/a	7

¹² After July 2012, August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

		<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>					Other/ DK/Ref
2004	Bush	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Kerry	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader		
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1		8
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1		9
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2		9
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1		7
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	2		6
July, 2004	44				46				3		7
June, 2004	46				42				6		6
May, 2004	43				46				6		5
Late March, 2004	44				43				6		7
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4		5
Two-way trial heats:											
June, 2004	48				46				n/a		6
May, 2004	45				50				n/a		5
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a		7
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a		5
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a		8
Early February, 2004	47				47				n/a		6
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a		7
October, 2003	50				42				n/a		8
		<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>					Other/ DK/Ref
2000	Bush	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Gore	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader	Buchanan	
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	2	1	9
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6
Two-way trial heats:											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	n/a	n/a	9
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
February, 2000	46	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	n/a	n/a	9
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7
September, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

		<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>				
1996	Dole	Strongly	mod	DK	Clinton	Strongly	mod	DK	Perot	Other/ DK/Ref
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9	8
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8	7
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7	7
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8	6
July, 1996	34				44				16	6
March, 1996	35				44				16	5
September, 1995	36				42				19	3
July, 1994	36				39				20	5
Two-way trial heats:										
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a	5
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a	5
April, 1996	40				54					6
March, 1996	41				53					6
February, 1996	44				52					4
January, 1996	41				53					6
July, 1994	49				46					5
		<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>				
1992	Bush Sr.	Strongly	mod	DK	Clinton	Strongly	mod	DK	Perot	Other/ DK/Ref
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19	3
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8	9
June, 1992	31				27				36	6
Two-way trial heats:										
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a	9
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a	6
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a	13
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	7
		<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>				
1988	Bush Sr.	Strongly	mod	DK	Dukakis	Strongly	mod	DK		Other/ DK/Ref
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--		8
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--		6
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--		7

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

SATISPRESCAND What is your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year?

July 27- Aug 2, 2020		June 16-22, 2020
15	Very satisfied	16
31	Fairly satisfied	31
35	Not too satisfied	34
19	Not at all satisfied	19
1	No answer	1

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,538]:

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
July 23-Aug 2, 2020	15	31	35	19	1
June 16-22, 2020	16	31	34	19	1

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESEBIDEN**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,501]:**

EMTPRESTRUMP How would you feel if Donald Trump was reelected in the November 2020 election? **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS EMTPRESBIDEN]**

July 27- Aug 2, 2020		Jan 6-19 2020	Sep 3-15 2019
13	Excited	15	14
27	Relieved	24	24
27	Disappointed	35	34
31	Angry	23	26
2	No Answer	3	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*How do you feel about Donald Trump winning the presidential election?*

Nov 29- Dec 12 2016		Oct 25- Nov 8 2016 ¹³	Aug 16- Sept 12 2016	Apr 5- May 2 2016
18	Excited	12	10	14
25	Relieved	26	25	16
41	Disappointed	37	37	37
15	Angry	23	24	29
2	No Answer	2	4	4

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESEBIDEN**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N =5,501]:**

EMTPRESBIDEN How would you feel if Joe Biden was elected in the November 2020 election? **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS EMTPRESTRUMP]**

^{13.} Prior to the November 2016 survey, this question was asked as a hypothetical, "How would you feel if Donald Trump won the presidential election?"

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

8	Excited
43	Relieved
32	Disappointed
16	Angry
2	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How would you feel if Hillary Clinton won the presidential election in November 2016?

Oct 25-
Nov 8
2016

11	Excited
36	Relieved
31	Disappointed
20	Angry
2	No Answer

Aug 16-
Sept 12
2016

13
36
29
19
4

Apr 5-
May 2
2016

15
25
34
22
4

ASK ALL:

WHOWIN2

Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?

[RANDOMIZE]

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

51	Donald Trump
46	Joe Biden
3	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON

WHOWIN2

Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?

Jan 6-19
2020

16	Donald Trump will definitely win
29	Donald Trump will probably win
19	Democratic candidate will probably win
6	Democratic candidate will definitely win
29	Don't know
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

CMPGNTRAIT For each of the following, please select which better describes the 2020 presidential election campaign so far **[RANDOMIZE PAIRS, KEEP STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR IN THIS ORDER; KEEP ON SAME SCREEN]**.

a.		<u>Interesting</u>	<u>Dull</u>	No
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	39	59	<u>answer</u>
b.		Too	Not too	No
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	<u>negative</u>	<u>negative</u>	<u>answer</u>
		60	37	3
c.		Focused on	Not focused	No
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	important	on important	<u>answer</u>
		policy	policy	
		<u>debates</u>	<u>debates</u>	
		26	72	2

ASK IF FORM 1 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =1 OR VOTEGEN3 =1) [N=2,028]

DTPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,762]

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

- 23 LEADERSHIP/PERFORMANCE**
- 21 ISSUE POSITIONS**
- 19 HE IS NOT BIDEN**
- 17 HE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 16 VOTE FOR REPUBLICANS/AGAINST DEMOCRATS**
- 11 NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**
 - 6 Tells it like it is/Not PC
 - 5 Personality/Temperament
- 12 OTHER**
- 13 REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF FORM=1 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGENA=1 OR VOTEGENB=1):**

DTPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you [IF VOTEGENA=1: support] [IF VOTEGENB=1: lean toward] Donald Trump for president?

BASED ON FORM 1 VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD TRUMP

Aug 16-
Sep 12
2016

- 33 NOT OR NOT AS BAD AS CLINTON/VOTE AGAINST HER**
- 27 NET CHANGE/OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM**
 - 12 Outsider/Not a politician
 - 8 Will change things/Shake things up/Need new blood
 - 4 Business experience/Successful businessman
 - 4 Will not be influenced by special interests/Not corrupt
 - 2 Change from Obama
- 26 NET ISSUE POSITIONS**
 - 10 Economic policy (debt, trade, taxes, jobs, middle class)
 - 8 Immigration
 - 7 Defense and military/Terrorism/Law and order/Keep American safe
 - 4 Supreme Court appointments
 - 7 Other specific issues/General issues/Represents my values
- 19 NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS/ASSOCIATIONS**
 - 13 He tells it like it is/Not politically correct/Honest/Trusted
 - 7 Personality/Right person for job
- 10 MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN/HE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 4 NET HE'S A REPUBLICAN/NOT A DEMOCRAT**
 - 2 Republican nominee/He's a Republican/He's conservative
- 4 OTHER**
- 7 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK IF FORM 1 AND BIDEN SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =2 OR VOTEGEN3 =2) [N=3,068]

JBPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,710]

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

- 56 HE IS NOT TRUMP**
- 19 LEADERSHIP/PERFORMANCE**
- 13 PERSONALITY/TEMPERAMENT**
- 9 ISSUE POSITIONS**
- 7 VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS/AGAINST REPUBLICANS**
- 6 HE IS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 13 OTHER**
- 14 REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF FORM=1 AND CLINTON SUPPORTERS (VOTEGENA=2 OR VOTEGENB=2):**

HRCPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you [IF VOTEGENA=2: support] [IF VOTEGENB=2: lean toward] Hillary Clinton for president?

BASED ON FORM 1 VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD CLINTON [N=909]

Aug 16-
Sep 12
2016

- 32 NET EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS/ABILITY TO GOVERN**
 - 27 Experience/Qualified/Political knowledge
 - 6 Ability to govern/Competence/Will get things done
- 32 NOT OR NOT AS BAD AS TRUMP/VOTE AGAINST HIM**
- 22 NET ISSUE POSITIONS**
 - 3 Economic policy (jobs, taxes, middle class and poor)
 - 3 Immigration
 - 3 Supreme Court appointments
 - 2 Foreign policy/Relationship with other countries
 - 13 Other specific issues/General issues/Represents my values
- 17 NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS/ASSOCIATIONS**
 - 12 Temperament/Personality
 - 4 Woman/First woman president
- 5 NET SHE'S A DEMOCRAT/NOT A REPUBLICAN**
 - 5 Democratic nominee/She's a Democrat/She's liberal
- 3 SHE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 4 OTHER**
- 10 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK IF FORM 2 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =1 OR VOTEGEN3 =1) [N=2,067]

DTCRN And while you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, what, if anything, concerns you about him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,813]

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

- 25 TEMPERAMENT/RUDE/NARCISSISTIC**
- 13 Speaks without thinking/hot-headed
- 14 USE OF TWITTER**
- 11 CONCERNS ABOUT HIS PERFORMANCE AND RECORD**
- 1 Age or health
- 9 ISSUE POSITIONS**
- 3 COVID-19
- 5 NEGATIVITY TOWARD HIM**
- 18 NOTHING**
- 5 OTHER**
- 24 DK/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF FORM=2 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGENA=1 OR VOTEGENB=1):**

DTCRN And while you [IF VOTEGENA=1: support] [IF VOTEGENB=1: lean toward] Donald Trump for president, what, if anything, concerns you about him as a candidate?

BASED ON FORM 2 VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD TRUMP

Aug 16-
Sep 12
2016

- 40 NET PERSONALITY TRAITS**
- 34 Temperament – Speaks without thinking/Unpredictable/Hot-headed
- 2 Arrogance
- 2 Lack of presidential traits
- 11 NET CONCERNS ABOUT PERFORMANCE/GRIDLOCK**
- 4 Lack of experience
- 3 Lack of knowledge of foreign affairs/Ineptitude with other countries
- 2 Will be ineffective with/Obstructed by Congress or Republican Party
- 3 NET ISSUE POSITIONS**
- 3 NEGATIVITY TOWARD HIM/HE MAY LOSE**
- 9 NET OTHER**
- 16 NO CONCERNS**
- 23 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK IF FORM 2 AND BIDEN SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =2 OR VOTEGEN3 =2) [N=3,045]

JBCRN

And while you support or lean toward Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election, what, if anything, concerns you about him as a candidate?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,701]

July 27-

Aug 2,

2020**31 AGE/HEALTH****15 ISSUE POSITIONS**

5 Too conservative/Not liberal enough

2 Too liberal/Will be pulled left

12 PERFORMANCE AS A CANDIDATE

5 VP and cabinet appointments

11 HIS PAST/ASSOCIATIONS/EVENTS

4 Behavior toward women/Misconduct allegations

10 WHAT HE WOULD FACE AS PRESIDENT**2 PERSONALITY TRAITS****13 NOTHING****12 OTHER****23 DK/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF FORM=2 AND CLINTON SUPPORTERS (VOTEGENA=2 OR VOTEGENB=2):**

HRCCRN

And while you [IF VOTEGENA=2: support] [IF VOTEGENB=2: lean toward] Hillary Clinton for president, what, if anything, concerns you about her as a candidate?

BASED ON FORM 2 VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD CLINTON

Aug 16-

Sep 12

2016**18 NET PERSONALITY TRAITS**

14 Dishonest/Untrustworthy/Disingenuous

3 Secrecy/Lack of transparency/Not forthright with press

16 NET PAST/ASSOCIATIONS/EVENTS

5 Corruption/Ties to financial interests/Wall Street

3 Positions on war/Hawkish

3 Email server

5 Political legacy (general)

5 NET ISSUE POSITIONS**5 NEGATIVITY TOWARD HER/SHE MAY LOSE****3 NET CONCERNS ABOUT PERFORMANCE/GRIDLOCK**

2 Concerns about barriers to governing/Gridlock/Obstruction from GOP

7 NET OTHER**16 NO CONCERNS****35 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK ALL:

ISSUEPRES How important, if at all, are each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 [N=4,538]					
a. Immigration July 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	34	10	3	*
b. Abortion July 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	28	19	13	1
c. Foreign policy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	35	6	2	*
d. Economic Inequality July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	34	12	5	1
e. The coronavirus outbreak July 27-Aug 2, 2020	62	22	10	5	*
f. Violent crime July 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	27	10	4	*
ASK FORM 2 [N=4,576]					
g. The economy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	17	2	1	*
h. Health care July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	24	6	2	*
i. Racial and ethnic inequality July 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	28	13	7	*
j. Climate change July 27-Aug 2, 2020	42	26	18	14	*
k. Gun policy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	55	29	13	4	*
l. Supreme court appointments July 27-Aug 2, 2020	64	26	8	2	*

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

COVIDEGFP How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Donald Trump					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	15	21	15	48	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	20	21	17	42	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	23	25	19	32	*
b. Your state elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	16	39	26	18	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	21	41	25	13	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	21	49	22	8	1
c. Your local elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	13	47	27	12	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	17	47	27	9	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	17	52	22	7	1
d. Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	16	47	25	11	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	24	48	21	7	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	30	49	17	4	*

No items E-F

g. Hospitals and medical centers in your area					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	45	9	3	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	47	42	8	3	1

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVID_FDRLSM Which do you think should be mainly responsible for developing and executing policies to limit the spread of the coronavirus? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-Aug 2, 2020	
48	The federal government
51	State and local government
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVIDUSCOMP All in all, compared with other wealthy countries, would you say the United States' response to the coronavirus outbreak has been...

July 27-Aug 2, 2020	
13	More effective
62	Less effective
25	About as effective
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]

COVIDCONOPEN2 Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments have been... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

69	Lifting the restrictions too quickly
30	Not lifting the restrictions quickly enough
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

COVID_ECONOPEN Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 29-
May 5
2020

68	Lift the restrictions too quickly
31	Not lift the restrictions quickly enough
1	No answer

Apr 7-12
2020

66
32
1

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVIDCONPATH Which of these is the more effective way to help the U.S. economy recover? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

73	Significantly reducing the number of coronavirus infections in the U.S. to a level where more people feel comfortable going to stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces
26	Opening up more stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces, even if there hasn't been a significant reduction in coronavirus infections
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COREUSDEM Thinking about the fundamental design and structure of American government, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2
2020

62	Significant changes to the design and structure are needed to make it work for current times
37	The design and structure serves the country well and does not need significant changes
2	No Answer

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

61
38
2

ASK ALL:

IMPTUS

Now we're going to ask you about the importance of a number of things for the United States.

For each of the following, HOW IMPORTANT is it for the country that... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
No item a					
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
b. The government conducts its work openly and transparently					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	76	20	2	1	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	22	2	2	*
ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]					
c. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	75	21	3	1	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	76	18	3	2	1
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
d. People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	73	17	6	3	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	16	5	5	1
ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]					
e. The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	54	34	10	3	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	29	7	3	*
No item f					
ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]					
g. Elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	85	13	2	*	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	83	12	3	2	*
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
h. Judges are not influenced by political parties or elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	83	13	2	1	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 ¹⁴	82	13	3	2	*
No item i					

¹⁴ In February 2018, item did not mention elected officials

IMPTUS CONTINUED...

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
j. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	85	11	2	1	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	84	11	2	2	*
ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]					
k. Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	81	16	2	1	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	82	13	2	2	*
No item l-m					
ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]					
n. People are free to peacefully protest					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	23	6	2	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	20	3	3	*
No item o					
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
p. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	66	28	4	1	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	60	32	5	2	1

ASK ALL:

WELLUS Now thinking about how things actually are in the U.S. today, HOW WELL does each of the following describe the country? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS IMPTUS]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
No item a					
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
b. The government conducts its work openly and transparently					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	7	23	40	30	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	7	23	40	29	1
ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)					
c. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	13	40	32	14	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	44	28	15	1

WELLUS CONTINUED...

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
d. People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	9	17	30	43	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	15	29	43	1
ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)					
e. The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	8	20	39	32	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	6	19	37	37	1
No item f					
ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)					
g. Elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	10	17	37	35	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	18	37	32	1
ASK FORM 1 (N=5,500)					
h. Judges are not influenced by political parties or elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	9	31	38	21	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 ¹⁵	11	31	34	22	1
No item i					
ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]					
j. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	10	30	35	24	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	14	33	33	19	*
ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)					
k. Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	21	30	29	19	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	20	32	29	18	1
No item l-m					
ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)					
n. People are free to peacefully protest					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	25	36	26	13	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	30	43	18	8	1

¹⁵ In 2018, item did not mention elected officials

No item o**ASK FORM 1 (N=5,500)**

p. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically

July 27-Aug 2, 2020	8	20	38	34	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	24	41	25	1

ASK ALL:

INSTFAV Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-d**]

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No
		<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>answer</u>
a.	The Republican Party							
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	41	11	30	57	31	27	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	41	9	32	57	28	29	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	41	10	31	57	27	30	2
b.	The Democratic Party							
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	11	35	53	29	24	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	43	8	35	55	27	29	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	47	10	37	51	27	24	1
c.	Congress							
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	35	4	31	63	17	45	2
	Jan 6-19, 2020	33	3	30	65	20	45	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	35	3	32	64	19	45	1
d.	The Supreme Court							
	July 27-Aug 2, 2020	70	9	61	29	5	23	2
	Jan 6-19, 2020	66	8	58	32	7	25	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	69	8	61	30	7	23	1

ASK FORM 2 (N=5,501)

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... [**RANDOMIZE**]

	Smaller government providing <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government providing <u>more services</u>	No Answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	45	52	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	48	50	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=5,500):

GOVT_ROLE Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? [**RANDOMIZE**]

	Government should <u>do more to solve problems</u>	Government is doing too many things better left to <u>businesses and individuals</u>	No answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	39	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	43	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	58	40	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	43	2
Feb 26-March 11, 2018	55	42	2
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	56	43	1

Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	53	44	2
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	47	51	2

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]

COURTIDEO In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is...

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Middle of the road</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	30	56	12	2

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COURTPOWER Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court has...

July 27- Aug 2, 2020	
25	Too much power
8	Too little power
65	Right amount of power
2	No answer

ASK ALL:
ETHNCMAJAccording to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the next 25 to 30 years, Black Americans¹⁶, Latinos, and Asian Americans will make up a majority of the population. In general, do you think that this is...

	<u>Good for the country</u>	<u>Bad for the country</u>	<u>Neither good nor bad for the country</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	24	11	64	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	21	13	66	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	24	17	58	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	22	63	1

ASK ALL:COVID_REASON How much of a reason, if at all, is each of the following for why the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. has continued? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>NOT a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Not enough timely testing for the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	31	19	*
b. Not enough people are following guidelines about social distancing and mask wearing July 27-Aug 2, 2020	75	16	9	*

¹⁶ In prior waves, question wording was "African Americans"

c.	Inadequate response from the federal government July 27-Aug 2, 2020	53	23	23	1
d.	Unclear instructions about how to prevent the spread of coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	32	28	*

COVID_REASON CONTINUED...

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>NOT a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
e.	Restrictions on businesses and individuals have been lifted too quickly in some places July 27-Aug 2, 2020	58	25	17	*
f.	It is not possible to do much to control the spread of the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	28	29	42	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

COVID_SCI5 Do you think each of the following is or is not a reason why there are new cases of coronavirus in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Yes, this is a major reason</u>	<u>Yes, this is a minor reason</u>	<u>No, this is NOT a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	There is not enough testing for coronavirus Apr 29-May 5, 2020	58	25	17	<1
b.	Not enough people are following social distancing measures Apr 29-May 5, 2020	57	30	12	<1
c.	Coronavirus spreads more easily than other infectious diseases Apr 29-May 5, 2020	68	21	11	1

ASK ALL:

COV_NEWINFECT Which of these comes closer to your view about why there are increasing numbers of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

39	The increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily a result of more people being tested than in previous months
60	While more people are being tested compared with earlier in the outbreak, the increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily because of more new infections, not just more tests
2	No answer

ASK ALL:
VOTING

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

	Voting gives people like me some say about how <u>government runs things</u>	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how <u>government runs things</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	63	36	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	31	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	38	1

ASK ALL:
USASOLVE

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and <u>get what we want</u>	This country can't solve many of its <u>important problems</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	41	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	44	2

ASK ALL:

DIFFBLACK

How much more difficult, if at all, is it to be a Black person in this country than it is to be a White person?

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

43	A lot more difficult
33	A little more difficult
23	No more difficult
1	No answer

June 7-
July 5,
2016¹⁷

34
35
28
3

ASK ALL:

WOMENOB

Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]?

	The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead <u>are now largely gone</u>	There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women <u>to get ahead than men</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	55	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	57	1
Feb 26, Mar 11, 2018	42	56	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	45	53	3

ASK ALL:

AMERI_PERFECT

In thinking about American history, which statement comes closer to your own views
— even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

28	The U.S. may not have been perfect, but focusing on its historical flaws makes the country weaker
70	It makes the U.S. stronger when we acknowledge the country's historical flaws
2	No answer

¹⁷

In 2016, question was worded "How much more difficult, if at all, is it to be black in this country than it is to be white?"

ASK ALL:

GOV_JOB

Now thinking about some different areas. How would you rate the job the federal government is doing... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS GOV_MAJROLE; SHOW ON SAME PAGE]...**

		----- Good Job -----			----- Bad Job -----			No
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>answer</u>
a.	Strengthening the economy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	54	15	38	46	17	29	1
b.	Effectively handling threats to public health July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	9	34	56	31	26	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]

c.	Keeping the country safe from terrorism July 27-Aug 2, 2020	76	24	52	23	7	17	1
d.	Protecting the environment July 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	10	36	54	30	24	1

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

e.	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	8	41	50	18	32	1
f.	Managing the nation's immigration system July 27-Aug 2, 2020	32	6	26	67	35	32	1

ASK ALL:

GOV_MAJROLE For each of these same areas, how much of a role, if any, should the federal government play... **RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS GOV_JOB; SHOW ON SAME PAGE]**

		Major <u>role</u>	Minor <u>role</u>	No role <u>at all</u>	No <u>Answer</u>
a.	Strengthening the economy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	18	3	1
b.	Effectively handling threats to public health July 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	18	2	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

c.	Keeping the country safe from terrorism July 27-Aug 2, 2020	90	7	2	*
d.	Protecting the environment July 27-Aug 2, 2020	74	22	3	*

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,501]:

e.	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure July 27-Aug 2, 2020	65	30	5	1
f.	Managing the nation's immigration system July 27-Aug 2, 2020	83	13	3	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,500]:

FRGNINFL How likely, if at all, do you think it is that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. presidential election this November?

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>
44	Very likely	39
31	Somewhat likely	32
17	Not too likely	20
7	Not at all likely	7
1	No answer	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How likely, if at all, do you think it is that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. congressional elections in November?

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	
32	Very likely
35	Somewhat likely
22	Not too likely
9	Not at all likely
2	No answer

ASK IF EXPECT INTERFERENCE (FRGNINFL=1-3) [N=5,176]:

FRGNIMPCT Overall, do you think the attempts by Russia or other foreign governments to influence the U.S. presidential election are a...

BASED ON VERY LIKELY AND SOMEWHAT LIKELY [N=4,475]

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>
62	Major problem	66
31	Minor problem	27
6	Not much of a problem	6
1	No answer	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Overall, do you think the attempts by Russia or other foreign governments to influence the U.S. congressional elections are a...

BASED ON VERY LIKELY AND SOMEWHAT LIKELY

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	
71	Major problem
23	Minor problem
6	Not much of a problem
*	No answer

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,501]:

VTSECACT_US

How confident are you that the federal government is making serious efforts to protect election systems in the United States from hacking and other technological threats?

July 27- August 2, 2020		Sept 24- Oct 7 2018
11	Very confident	13
36	Somewhat confident	42
32	Not too confident	30
19	Not at all confident	14
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

CIVIC_ENG_ACTYR

Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities in the past year. **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Yes, in the past <u>year</u>	No, not in the <u>past year</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEM A			
b. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	6	93	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	7	92	1
NO ITEM C			
d. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	20	80	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	16	83	1
NO ITEM E			
f. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	29	71	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018 ¹⁸	30	70	1

See [here](#) for trend on previous question about civic engagement.

¹⁸ In August 2018, this item was asked as "Publicly expressed your support for a candidate, elected official or political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media"

ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC_ENG_ACTYR_d=1) [N=2,985]:

CONTRHOWMUCH Thinking about the contributions you have made to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate in the past year, would you say all of those contributions added up to...

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
52	Less than \$100	53
32	\$100 to less than \$250	31
16	More than \$250	15
1	No Answer	*

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,501]:

USSUCSS In your view, has the U.S. been successful more because of... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>
53	Its ability to change	52
45	Its reliance on long-standing principles	46
2	No answer	2

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

ORIGINALISM Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution...

	Meant as it <u>was originally written</u>	Means <u>in current times</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	55	2

ASK ALL:

MARRFAM

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

	Society is better off if people make marriage and <u>having children a priority</u>	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other <u>than marriage and children</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	34	63	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	40	57	3
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	39	57	4

ASK ALL:

WHADVANT

In general, how much do White people benefit from advantages in society that Black people do not have?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	33	26	23	15	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	29	23	18	1
Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 ¹⁹	30	28	25	16	2
Aug 8-Aug 21, 2017	26	29	28	16	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	24	29	25	19	2

¹⁹

In Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 and prior, question was worded: "How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?"

ASK ALL:

GOVTHC Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage?

ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1) [N=7,209]:

SNGLPYER Should health insurance... [RANDOMIZE]

ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2) [N=3,702]:

NOGOVTHC Should the government... [RANDOMIZE]

July 27- Aug 2 2020 63		Sep 3- 15 2019 59	July 22- Aug 4, 2019 62
	Yes, it is		
	<i>Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government</i>		
36		30	30
	<i>Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs</i>		
26		28	30
1	No answer	1	1
37	No, it is not	41	37
	<i>Not be involved in providing health insurance at all</i>		
6		6	6
	<i>Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor</i>		
30		35	31
*	No answer	*	*
1	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL:

IMMCULT2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE]

	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society	No answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	37	61	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	41	57	2
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	45	53	3
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	44	54	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	49	47	4

ASK ALL:

ISLMVIOL Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE]

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others	No answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	45	51	5
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	48	4
Apr 5-May 2, 2019	52	43	5

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]:

UBI Would you favor or oppose the federal government providing a guaranteed income, sometimes called a "Universal Basic Income," of about \$1,000 a month for all adult citizens, whether or not they work?

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>	
23	Strongly favor
22	Somewhat favor
18	Somewhat oppose
36	Strongly oppose

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,500]:

VTSECTECH1 Do you think technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google have a responsibility to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the 2020 presidential election this November?

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>
75	Yes, they have this responsibility	78
24	No, they do not have this responsibility	21
1	No answer	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google have a responsibility to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	
76	Yes, they have this responsibility
23	No, they do not have this responsibility
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,500]:

VTSECTECH2 How confident are you in technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the 2020 presidential election this November?

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>
5	Very confident	5
22	Somewhat confident	20
42	Not too confident	43
31	Not at all confident	31
*	No answer	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How confident are you in technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	
6	Very confident
27	Somewhat confident
44	Not too confident
22	Not at all confident
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,500]:

DTHPNLT2 Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			
	<u>NET</u>	<i>Strongly favor</i>	<i>Somewhat favor</i>	<u>NET</u>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>	<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	No answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	65	30	35	34	14	20	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	62	30	32	36	15	21	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	32	33	34	19	15	1

ASK IF FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

VTEASY Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...
[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,538]

July 27-Aug 2 <u>2020</u>	
23	Very easy
28	Somewhat easy
38	Somewhat difficult
11	Very difficult
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

VTEASY Overall, [IF VTPLAN=1, 2: "do", IF VTPLAN=3, 4, SYSMIS: "would"] you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

Sep 24-
Oct 7
2018
46 Very easy
39 Somewhat easy
13 Somewhat difficult
2 Very difficult
* No answer

ASK ALL:

VOTEHOW

Thinking ahead to the election in November, would your preference be to ...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS[N=9,114]

July 27-
Aug 2
2020
40 Vote in person on Election Day
18 Vote in person early
39 Vote by mail
3 No answer

ASK ALL:

PARENTK12FALL

Are you the parent or guardian of any children who will be enrolled in elementary, middle or high school in the fall and who live in your household?

July 27-
Aug 2
2020
24 Yes
76 No
1 No answer

ASK ALL:

SCHLREOPEN

All things considered, what do you think K-12 schools in the area where you live should provide in the fall?

RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-3, KEEP 4 AS ANCHOR

July 27-Aug 2
2020
19 In person instruction five days a week
28 Online instruction five days a week
36 A mix of in person and online instruction
16 Not sure [**ANCHOR**]
* No answer

ASK ALL:

COVSCHLCNCRN In deciding whether to open K-12 schools in the fall for in-person instruction, how much consideration should be given to each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The financial cost to school systems of following public health guidelines for safe reopening July 27-Aug 2, 2020	34	42	17	6	1
b. The risk to teachers of getting or spreading the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	60	24	12	4	1
c. The risk to students of getting or spreading the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	61	21	12	5	1
d. The possibility that students will fall behind academically without in-person instruction July 27-Aug 2, 2020	48	35	13	4	1
e. Parents not being able to work if their children are at home July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	37	10	3	1
f. Students missing out on social interaction with their peers if school buildings are closed July 27-Aug 2, 2020	38	36	19	6	1

ASK ALL:

FRIENDP Thinking about your close friends, how many would you say... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Just a few</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Support Donald Trump for president July 27-Aug 2, 2020	25	25	23	25	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	25	24	25	25	2
June 7-July 5, 2016 ²⁰	19	25	25	30	2

NO ITEM B

c. Support Joe Biden for president July 27-Aug 2, 2020	25	31	23	21	2
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²⁰ The W18 questionnaire did not include the wording "for president" in either item.

FRIENDPc TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Just a few</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Support Hillary Clinton for president					
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	29	30	24	15	1
June 7-July 5, 2016	22	31	26	19	2

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²¹

<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>
28	29	27	14	1	17	21

²¹ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.