

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 71 JULY SURVEY
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ASK ALL:

SATIS

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

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied

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

☐ Satisfied

☐ Dissatisfied

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ASK ALL:

POL1DT

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

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove

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

☐ Approve

☐ Disapprove

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ASK ALL:

USCONF_FUT

How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States? **[SHOW IN ORDER]**

- 1 Quite a lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 None at all

How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States?

☐ Quite a lot

☐ Some

☐ Very little

☐ None at all

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¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists

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?

- 1 Basically content
- 2 Frustrated
- 3 Angry

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- ☐ Basically content
- ☐ Frustrated
- ☐ Angry

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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Only some of the time
- 4 Never

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
- ☐ Only some of the time
- ☐ Never

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ASK ALL:

PRZCMPGN

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

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all

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

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not much
- ☐ None at all

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ASK ALL:
MATTERS

Thinking about how you feel about the 2020 presidential election and the next president, 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 who wins
- 2
- 3
- 4 Doesn't really matter who wins

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

- ☐ 1 - Really matters who wins
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4 - Doesn't really matter who wins

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ASK ALL:
VOTEGEN

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

- 1 Donald Trump, the Republican
- 2 Joe Biden, the Democrat
- 3 Vote for neither/Other **[ANCHOR]**

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

- ☐ Donald Trump, the Republican
- ☐ Joe Biden, the Democrat
- ☐ Vote for neither/Other

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ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1):

VOTEGEN2a And would you say...

- 1 You are certain you will vote for Donald Trump over Joe Biden
- 2 There is a chance you might change your mind

And would you say...

☐ You are certain you will vote for Donald Trump over Joe Biden

☐ There is a chance you might change your mind

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ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=2):

VOTEGEN2b And would you say...

- 1 You are certain you will vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump
- 2 There is a chance you might change your mind

And would you say...

☐ You are certain you will vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump

☐ There is a chance you might change your mind

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ASK IF NEITHER/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3 OR MISSING):VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, would you say you... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

- 1 Lean more toward Donald Trump
- 2 Lean more toward Joe Biden
- 3 Neither

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

Soft Prompt: If you would not support either candidate please select answer choice Neither. If you would like to skip, click Next.

▲ If you would not support either candidate please select answer choice Neither. If you would like to skip, click Next.

As of TODAY, would you say you...

☐ Lean more toward Joe Biden

☐ Lean more toward Donald Trump

☐ Neither

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ASK IF CHOOSE BIDEN OR TRUMP IN VOTGEN (VOTEGEN=1,2):

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

- 1 Strongly
- 2 Moderately

Do you support Joe Biden...

☐ Strongly

☐ Moderately

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ASK FORM 1:

SATISPRESCAND

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

Would you say that you are...

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not too satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

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Would you say that you are...

☐ Very satisfied

☐ Fairly satisfied

☐ Not too satisfied

☐ Not at all satisfied

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESEBIDEN**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

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]**

- 1 Excited
- 2 Relieved
- 3 Disappointed
- 4 Angry

How would you feel if Donald Trump was reelected in the November 2020 election?

- ☐ Excited
- ☐ Relieved
- ☐ Disappointed
- ☐ Angry

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESEBIDEN

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

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]**

- 1 Excited
- 2 Relieved
- 3 Disappointed
- 4 Angry

How would you feel if Joe Biden was elected in the November 2020 election?

- ☐ Excited
- ☐ Relieved
- ☐ Disappointed
- ☐ Angry

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ASK ALL:

WHOWIN2 Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden

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

- ☐ Donald Trump
- ☐ Joe Biden

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ASK FORM 2:

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]**.

CMPGNTRAIT_INT

- 1 Interesting
- 2 Dull

CMPGNTRAIT_NEG

- 1 Too negative
- 2 Not too negative

CMPGNTRAIT_POLCY

- 1 Focused on important policy debates
- 2 Not focused on important policy debates

For each of the following, please select which better describes the 2020 presidential election campaign so far.

[Please select one item from each group]

☐ Too negative

☐ Not too negative

☐ Focused on important policy debates

☐ Not focused on important policy debates

☐ Interesting

☐ Dull

ASK IF FORM=1 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN=1 OR VOTEGEN3=1):

DTPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

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

ASK IF FORM=1 AND BIDEN SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN=2 OR VOTEGEN3=2):

JBPRES

In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

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

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DTCRN

And while you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, what, if anything, concerns you about him? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

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

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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? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

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

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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]**

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

ISSUEPRES_ECON The economy
 ISSUEPRES_HEALTH Health care
 ISSUEPRES_RCE Racial and ethnic inequality
 ISSUEPRES_CLIM Climate change
 ISSUEPRES_GUN Gun policy
 ISSUEPRES_SCOTUS Supreme Court appointments

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

ISSUEPRES_IMM Immigration
 ISSUEPRES_ABTN Abortion
 ISSUEPRES_FP Foreign policy
 ISSUEPRES_ECINEQ Economic inequality
 ISSUEPRES_COV The coronavirus outbreak
 ISSUEPRES_CRIM Violent crime

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

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?

Climate change

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Health care

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Supreme Court appointments

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Racial and ethnic inequality

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Gun policy

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

The economy

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

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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?

Foreign policy

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

The coronavirus outbreak

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Immigration

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Violent crime

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Economic inequality

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

Abortion

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not too important
- ☐ Not at all important

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ASK FORM 1:

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

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Your state elected officials
- c. Your local elected officials
- d. Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

NO ITEMS E-F

- g. Hospitals and medical centers in your area

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor

How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak?

Hospitals and medical centers in your area

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Only fair
☐ Poor

Donald Trump

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Only fair
☐ Poor

Your local elected officials

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Only fair
☐ Poor

Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Only fair
☐ Poor

Your state elected officials

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Only fair
☐ Poor

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ASK FORM 2:
 COVID_FDRLSM

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

- 1 The federal government
 2 State and local governments

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

- ☐ The federal government
☐ State and local governments

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ASK FORM 2:

COVIDUSCOMP

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

- 1 More effective
- 2 Less effective
- 3 About as effective

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- ☐ About as effective

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ASK FORM 1:

COVID_ECONOPEN2

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

- 1 Lifting the restrictions too quickly
- 2 Not lifting the restrictions quickly enough

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

- ☐ Lifting the restrictions too quickly
- ☐ Not lifting the restrictions quickly enough

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ASK FORM 2:

COV_ECONPATH

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

- 1 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
- 2 Opening up more stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces, even if there hasn't been a significant reduction in coronavirus infections

Which of these is the more effective way to help the U.S. economy recover?

- ☐ Opening up more stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces, even if there hasn't been a significant reduction in coronavirus infections
- ☐ 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

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COREUSDEM

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

- 1 Significant changes to the design and structure are needed to make it work for current times
- 2 The design and structure serves the country well and does not need significant changes

Thinking about the fundamental design and structure of American government, which comes closer to your view?

☐ Significant changes to the design and structure are needed to make it work for current times

☐ The design and structure serves the country well and does not need significant changes

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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]**

ASK FORM 2:

IMPTUSc

The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power

IMPTUSe

The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful

IMPTUSg

Elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct

IMPTUS2k

Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed

IMPTUS2n

People are free to peacefully protest

ASK FORM 1:

IMPTUSb

The government conducts its work openly and transparently

IMPTUSd

People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people

IMPTUSh

Judges are not influenced by political parties or elected officials

IMPTUS2j

The rights and freedoms of all people are respected

IMPTUS2p

People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically

RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

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For each of the following, HOW IMPORTANT is it for the country that...

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For each of the following, HOW IMPORTANT is it for the country that...

People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically

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- ☐ Not at all important

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The government conducts its work openly and transparently

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- ☐ Not at all important

The rights and freedoms of all people are respected

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People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people

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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]**

ASK FORM 2:

WELLUSc

The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power

WELLUSE

The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful

WELLTUSg

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WELLUS2k

Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed

WELLUS2n

People are free to peacefully protest

ASK FORM 1:

- WELLUSb The government conducts its work openly and transparently
- WELLUSd People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people
- WELLUSH Judges are not influenced by political parties or elected officials
- WELLUS2j The rights and freedoms of all people are respected
- WELLUS2p People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically

RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

Now thinking about how things actually are in the U.S. today, HOW WELL does each of the following describe the country?

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The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful

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- ☐ Not too well
- ☐ Not at all well

Judges are not influenced by political parties or elected officials

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- ☐ Not too well
- ☐ Not at all well

The government conducts its work openly and transparently

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- ☐ Somewhat well
- ☐ Not too well
- ☐ Not at all well

The rights and freedoms of all people are respected

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- ☐ Not at all well

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- ☐ Not too well
- ☐ Not at all well

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ASK ALL:

INSTFAV

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-d]

- a. The Republican Party
- b. The Democratic Party
- c. Congress
- d. The Supreme Court

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very favorable
- 2 Mostly favorable
- 3 Mostly unfavorable
- 4 Very unfavorable

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following?

The Democratic Party

- ☐ Very favorable
☐ Mostly favorable
☐ Mostly unfavorable
☐ Very unfavorable

The Republican Party

- ☐ Very favorable
☐ Mostly favorable
☐ Mostly unfavorable
☐ Very unfavorable

The Supreme Court

- ☐ Very favorable
☐ Mostly favorable
☐ Mostly unfavorable
☐ Very unfavorable

Congress

- ☐ Very favorable
☐ Mostly favorable
☐ Mostly unfavorable
☐ Very unfavorable

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

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

- 1 A smaller government providing fewer services
- 2 A bigger government providing more services

If you had to choose, would you rather have...

- ☐ A bigger government providing more services
☐ A smaller government providing fewer services

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

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

- 1 Government should do more to solve problems
- 2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

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

- ☐ Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals
- ☐ Government should do more to solve problems

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

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

- 1 Conservative
- 2 Middle of the road
- 3 Liberal

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

- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Middle of the road
- ☐ Liberal

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

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

- 1 Too much power
- 2 Too little power
- 3 Right amount of power

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

- ☐ Too much power
- ☐ Too little power
- ☐ Right amount of power

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ASK ALL:

ETHNCMAJ

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

- 1 Good for the country
- 2 Bad for the country
- 3 Neither good nor bad for the country

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- ☐ Bad for the country
- ☐ Neither good nor bad for the country

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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]**

- a. Not enough timely testing for the coronavirus
- b. Not enough people are following guidelines about social distancing and mask-wearing
- c. Inadequate response from the federal government
- d. Unclear instructions about how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus
- e. Restrictions on businesses and individuals have been lifted too quickly in some places
- f. It is not possible to do much to control the spread of the coronavirus

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1 Major reason
- 2 Minor reason
- 3 NOT a 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?

Not enough people are following guidelines about social distancing and mask-wearing

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

Unclear instructions about how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

Restrictions on businesses and individuals have been lifted too quickly in some places

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

Not enough timely testing for the coronavirus

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

It is not possible to do much to control the spread of the coronavirus

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

Inadequate response from the federal government

- ☐ Major reason
- ☐ Minor reason
- ☐ NOT a reason

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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]**

- 1 The increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily a result of more people being tested than in previous months
- 2 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

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

- ☐ The increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily a result of more people being tested than in previous months
- ☐ 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

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ASK ALL:

VOTING

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

- 1 Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things
- 2 Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things

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

- ☐ Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things
- ☐ Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things

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ASK ALL:

USASOLVE

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

- 1 As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want
- 2 This country can't solve many of its important problems

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

- ☐ This country can't solve many of its important problems
- ☐ As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want

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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?

- 1 A lot more difficult
- 2 A little more difficult
- 3 No more difficult

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?

- ☐ A lot more difficult
- ☐ A little more difficult
- ☐ No more difficult

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ASK ALL:

WOMEN_OBS

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

- 1 The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely gone
- 2 There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than men

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

- ☐ The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely gone
- ☐ There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than men

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ASK ALL:

AMERI_PERFECT

In thinking about American history, which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

- 1 The U.S. may not have been perfect, but focusing on its historical flaws makes the country weaker
- 2 It makes the U.S. stronger when we acknowledge the country's historical flaws

In thinking about American history, which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

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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]

GOV_JOB_ECON

Strengthening the economy

GOV_JOB_PUBHLT

Effectively handling threats to public health

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

GOV_JOB_TERR

Keeping the country safe from terrorism

GOV_JOB_ENVIR

Protecting the environment

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

GOV_JOB_INFR Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure
GOV_JOB_IMM Managing the nation's immigration system

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very good job
- 2 Somewhat good job
- 3 Somewhat bad job
- 4 Very bad job

Now thinking about some different areas. How would you rate the job the federal government is doing...

Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure

- ☐ Very good job
- ☐ Somewhat good job
- ☐ Somewhat bad job
- ☐ Very bad job

Managing the nation's immigration system

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- ☐ Very bad job

Effectively handling threats to public health

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Protecting the environment

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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]**

GOV_MAJROLE_ECON

Strengthening the economy

GOV_MAJROLE_PUBHLT

Effectively handling threats to public health

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

GOV_MAJROLE_TERR

Keeping the country safe from terrorism

GOV_MAJROLE_ENVIR

Protecting the environment

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

GOV_MAJROLE_INFR

Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure

GOV_MAJROLE_IMM

Managing the nation's immigration system

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Major role
 2 Minor role
 3 No role at all

For each of these same areas, how much of a role, if any, should the federal government play...

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- ☐ Minor role
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Protecting the environment

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- ☐ No role at all

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

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?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not too likely
- 4 Not at all likely

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ASK IF EXPECT INTERFERENCE (FRGNINFL=1-3):

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

- 1 Major problem
- 2 Minor problem
- 3 Not much of a problem

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

☐ Major problem
☐ Minor problem
☐ Not much of a problem

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

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?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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?

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- ☐ Not at all confident

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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]

NO ITEMS a, c, e

- b. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign
- d. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate
- f. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- 1 Yes, in the past year
- 2 No, not in the past year

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.

Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

- ☐ Yes, in the past year
- ☐ No, not in the past year

Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign

- ☐ Yes, in the past year
- ☐ No, not in the past year

Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate

- ☐ Yes, in the past year
- ☐ No, not in the past year

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ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC_ENG_ACTYR_d=1):

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...

- 1 Less than \$100
- 2 \$100 to less than \$250
- 3 More than \$250

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

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

- 1 Its ability to change
- 2 Its reliance on long-standing principles

In your view, has the U.S. been successful more because of...

- ☐ Its ability to change
- ☐ Its reliance on long-standing principles

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ASK FORM 1:

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

- 1 Meant as it was originally written
- 2 Means in current times

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- ☐ Means in current times
- ☐ Meant as it was originally written

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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
- 2 Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children

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

- ☐ Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
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ASK ALL:

WHADVANT

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

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not too much
- 4 Not at all

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ASK ALL:

GOVTHC

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

- 1 Yes, it is
- 2 No, it is not

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

- ☐ Yes, it is
- ☐ No, it is not

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ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1):

SNGLPYER

Should health insurance... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government
- 2 Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs

Should health insurance...

- ☐ Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs
- ☐ Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government

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ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2):

NOGOVTHC Should the government... [RANDOMIZE]

- 1 Not be involved in providing health insurance at all
- 2 Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor

Should the government...

- ☐ Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor
- ☐ Not be involved in providing health insurance at all

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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values
- 2 The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society

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

- ☐ The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society
- ☐ The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values

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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers
- 2 The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others

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

- ☐ The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers
- ☐ The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others

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ASK FORM 2:

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?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose

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- ☐ Somewhat favor
- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

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ASK FORM 1:

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?

- 1 Yes, they have this responsibility
- 2 No, they do not have this responsibility

ASK FORM 1:

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?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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?

- ☐ Yes, they have this responsibility
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ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

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

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose

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- ☐ Strongly favor
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- ☐ Somewhat oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

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ASK IF FORM 1:

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]**

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult

Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...

- ☐ Very difficult
- ☐ Somewhat difficult
- ☐ Somewhat easy
- ☐ Very easy

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ASK ALL:

VOTEHOW

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

- 1 Vote in person on Election Day
- 2 Vote in person early
- 3 Vote by mail
- 4 Not vote

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

- ☐ Vote in person on Election Day
- ☐ Vote in person early
- ☐ Vote by mail
- ☐ Not vote

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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?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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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]**

- 1 In-person instruction five days a week
- 2 Online instruction five days a week
- 3 A mix of in-person and online instruction
- 4 Not sure **[ANCHOR]**

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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]

- The financial cost to school systems of following public health guidelines for safe reopening
- The risk to teachers of getting or spreading the coronavirus
- The risk to students of getting or spreading the coronavirus
- The possibility that students will fall behind academically without in-person instruction
- Parents not being able to work if their children are at home
- Students missing out on social interaction with their peers if school buildings are closed

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- A lot
- Some
- Not too much
- None at all

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?

Parents not being able to work if their children are at home

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not too much
- ☐ None at all

The financial cost to school systems of following public health guidelines for safe reopening

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- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not too much
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The possibility that students will fall behind academically without in-person instruction

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☐ None at all

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☐ None at all

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☐ None at all

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ASK ALL:

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

a. Support Donald Trump for president

NO ITEM b

c. Support Joe Biden for president

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Just a few
- 4 None

Thinking about your close friends, how many would you say...

Support Joe Biden for president

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Just a few
- ☐ None

Support Donald Trump for president

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- ☐ Just a few
- ☐ None

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