

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
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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 IF POL1DT=1,2:**

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

- 1 Very strongly
- 2 Not so strongly

Do you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

☐ Very strongly

☐ Not so strongly

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**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

ELCTANTCPT Are you looking forward to the presidential election this fall?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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

Are you looking forward to the presidential election this fall?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

YEARAHEAD Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that 2020 will be...  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Better than 2019
- 2 Worse than 2019

Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that 2020 will be...

☐ Worse than 2019

☐ Better than 2019

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**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

DTSUCCESS In the long run, do you think Donald Trump will be... **[RANDOMIZE, WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 A successful president
- 2 An unsuccessful president
- 3 Too early to tell

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☐ A successful president

☐ An unsuccessful president

☐ Too early to tell

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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**DTACCOMP In the long run, do you think the... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Accomplishments of the Trump administration will outweigh its failures
- 2 Failures of the Trump administration will outweigh its accomplishments

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☐ Accomplishments of the Trump administration will outweigh its failures

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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

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**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

DEMFIELD Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the Democratic presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say the candidates are...

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

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**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

DEMNOOE

Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, who would be your choice for the Democratic nomination for president?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: TWO OPEN END TEXT FIELDS LABELED "First choice" "Second choice (if any)" DO NOT INCLUDE CHECK BOXES FOR ANY CHOICES; PROMPT IF FIRST CHOICE IS LEFT BLANK]**

Thinking about the 2020 presidential election, who would be your choice for the Democratic nomination for president?

FIRST CHOICE:

SECOND CHOICE:

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**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN WHO NAME A CANDIDATE IN DEMNOOE:**

DEMCERTB

And which better describes your view of the Democratic candidates for president?  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 My first choice is really the only candidate I feel enthusiastic about  
 2 There are several candidates I feel enthusiastic about

And which better describes your view of the Democratic candidates for president?

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**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

DEMDEALFGHT Which is more important to you in a Democratic presidential candidate?

Someone who, if elected president, will focus on... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Finding common ground with Republicans on policies, even if it means giving up some things Democrats want
- 2 Pushing hard for policies Democrats want, even if it makes it much harder to get some things done

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**ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN OR NO LEAN:**REPDEALFGHT Which is more important to you for Donald Trump to focus on **[RANDOMIZE]**?

- 1 Finding common ground with Democrats on policies, even if it means giving up some things Republicans want
- 2 Pushing hard for policies Republicans want, even if it makes it much harder to get some things done

Which is more important to you for Donald Trump to focus on ?

☐ Finding common ground with Democrats on policies, even if it means giving up some things Republicans want

☐ Pushing hard for policies Republicans want, even if it makes it much harder to get some things done

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**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

PRMRYSYT Overall, how good a job do you think this year's caucuses and primaries will do at selecting the best Democratic candidate for the general election?

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

Overall, how good a job do you think this year's caucuses and primaries will do at selecting the best Democratic candidate for the general election?

☐ Very good  
☐ Somewhat good  
☐ Somewhat bad  
☐ Very bad

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**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

NHIAVOTE As you may know, Iowa and New Hampshire have their caucus and primary before other states. In general, do you think this is...

- 1 A good thing
- 2 A bad thing
- 3 Neither a good thing or a bad thing

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**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

RICHDEM As you may know, some very wealthy Democratic primary candidates are personally funding their presidential campaigns. In general, do you think this is...

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☐ A good thing  
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**ASK ALL:**

DTCONF

Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK ALL FORM 1 ONLY:**

- a. Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries
- b. Make good appointments to the federal courts
- c. Use military force wisely
- d. Make wise decisions about immigration policy

Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following?

**Use military force wisely**

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

**Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries**

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

**Make good appointments to the federal courts**

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- ☐ Somewhat confident
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**Make wise decisions about immigration policy**

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- ☐ Somewhat confident
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- ☐ Not at all confident

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**ASK ALL FORM 2 ONLY:**

- e. Work effectively with Congress
- f. Handle an international crisis
- g. Make good decisions about economic policy
- h. Make good decisions about health care policy

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

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

Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following?

**Make good decisions about economic policy**

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- ☐ Not too confident
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**Work effectively with Congress**

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- ☐ Not too confident
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**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

DTECON Since taking office, have Donald Trump's economic policies made economic conditions...

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Not had much of an effect

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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

DTTRUST Compared with what previous presidents said while in office, would you say you trust what Donald Trump says...

- 1 More than previous presidents
- 2 Less than previous presidents
- 3 About the same as you trusted what previous presidents said

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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

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?

☐ Very likely  
☐ Somewhat likely  
☐ Not too likely  
☐ 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:**

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 2 ONLY:**

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

☐ No, they do not have this responsibility

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?

☐ Very confident

☐ Somewhat confident

☐ Not too confident

☐ Not at all confident

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**ROTATE WHYPOOR AND WHYRICH BY FORM. ASK WHYPOOR FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHYRICH FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

WHYPOOR In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is poor?  
[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 They have not worked as hard as most other people
- 2 They have faced more obstacles in life than most other people

In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is poor?

☐ They have not worked as hard as most other people

☐ They have faced more obstacles in life than most other people

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**ROTATE WHYPOOR AND WHYRICH BY FORM. ASK WHYPOOR FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHYRICH FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

WHYRICH In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich?  
[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 They have worked harder than most other people
- 2 They have had more advantages in life than most other people

In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich?

- ☐ They have had more advantages in life than most other people
- ☐ They have worked harder than most other people

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### ASK FORM 1:

DTILLEGAL Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 and 4-1]**

- 1 Definitely done things that are illegal
- 2 Probably done things that are illegal
- 3 Probably NOT done things that are illegal
- 4 Definitely NOT done things that are illegal

Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... ?

- ☐ Definitely done things that are illegal
- ☐ Probably done things that are illegal
- ☐ Probably not done things that are illegal
- ☐ Definitely not done things that are illegal

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### ASK FORM 2:

DTUNETHIC Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 and 4-1]**

- 1 Definitely done things that are unethical
- 2 Probably done things that are unethical
- 3 Probably NOT done things that are unethical
- 4 Definitely NOT done things that are unethical

Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has...

- ☐ Definitely NOT done things that are unethical
- ☐ Probably NOT done things that are unethical
- ☐ Probably done things that are unethical
- ☐ Definitely done things that are unethical

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**ASK FORM 1:**

**FREETRADEUS** In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a...

- 1 Good thing for the United States
- 2 Bad thing for the United States

In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a...

☐ Good thing for the United States

☐ Bad thing for the United States

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**ASK FORM 2:**

**FREETRADEU** In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a...

- 1 Good thing for people like you
- 2 Bad thing for people like you

In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a...

☐ Good thing for people like you

☐ Bad thing for people like you

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**RANDOMIZE HC\_MEDALL AND HC\_MEDOPT, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN****ASK ALL:**

**HC\_MEDALL** Would you favor or oppose a single national health insurance program run by the government, sometimes called "Medicare for all," that would replace private insurance?

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

**RANDOMIZE HC\_MEDALL AND HC\_MEDOPT, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN**

**HC\_MEDOPT** Would you favor or oppose the government offering a health insurance plan, similar to Medicare, that Americans could choose to purchase instead of private insurance?

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

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**ASK ALL:**

FREECOLL

Would you favor or oppose making tuition at public colleges and universities free for all American students?

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

Would you favor or oppose making tuition at public colleges and universities free for all American students?

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

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**ASK ALL:**

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  
☐ Somewhat favor  
☐ Somewhat oppose  
☐ Strongly oppose

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**ASK ALL; SHOW INTRO TEXT AND DTHPNLTYA-DTHPNLTYD ON SAME SCREEN USING VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN EACH VARIABLE:**

Next are a few pairs of statements about the death penalty in the U.S. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**.

*[Please select one item from each pair]*

**ASK ALL:**

- DTHPNLTYA    1      The death penalty deters people from committing serious crimes  
                      2      The death penalty does NOT deter people from committing serious crimes

**ASK ALL:**

- DTHPNLTYB    1      When someone commits a crime like murder, the death penalty is morally justified  
                      2      The death penalty is morally wrong, even when someone commits a crime like murder

**ASK ALL:**

- DTHPNLTYC    1      Minorities are more likely than whites to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes  
                      2      Whites and minorities are equally likely to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes

**ASK ALL:**

- DTHPNLTYD    1      There is some risk that an innocent person will be put to death  
                      2      There are adequate safeguards to ensure that no innocent person will be put to death

Next are a few pairs of statements about the death penalty in the U.S. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

*[Please select one item from each pair]*

- ☐ The death penalty does NOT deter people from committing serious crimes
- ☐ The death penalty deters people from committing serious crimes

- ☐ Whites and minorities are equally likely to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes
- ☐ Minorities are more likely than whites to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes

- ☐ The death penalty is morally wrong, even when someone commits a crime like murder
- ☐ When someone commits a crime like murder, the death penalty is morally justified

- ☐ There is some risk that an innocent person will be put to death
- ☐ There are adequate safeguards to ensure that no innocent person will be put to death

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### ASK ALL:

BILLION

Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

- 1 A good thing for the country
- 2 A bad thing for the country
- 3 Neither a good thing or a bad thing

Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

- ☐ A good thing for the country
- ☐ A bad thing for the country
- ☐ Neither a good thing or a bad thing

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**ROTATE DESCREP AND DESCDEM BY FORM. ASK DESCREP FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK DESCDEM FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

DESCREP Would you say the term "Republican" describes you...

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

Would you say the term "Republican" describes you...

☐ Very well

☐ Fairly well

☐ Not too well

☐ Not at all well

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**ROTATE DESCREP AND DESCDEM BY FORM. ASK DESCREP FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK DESCDEM FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

DESCDEM Would you say the term "Democrat" describes you...

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

Would you say the term "Democrat" describes you...

☐ Very well

☐ Fairly well

☐ Not too well

☐ Not at all well

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**ASK ALL:**

ECON1 Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

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

Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

☐ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Only fair  
☐ Poor

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**ASK ALL:**

ECON1B A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

- 1 Better  
 2 Worse  
 3 About the same as now

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

☐ Better  
☐ Worse  
☐ About the same as now

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**RANDOMIZE REPFV AND DEMFV****ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

REPFV Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the REPUBLICAN Party?

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

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the REPUBLICAN Party?

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

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**RANDOMIZE REPFV AND DEMFV****ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

DEMFV Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the DEMOCRATIC Party?

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

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the DEMOCRATIC Party?

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

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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

INSTFV 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 Supreme Court**

☐ Very favorable

☐ Mostly favorable

☐ Mostly unfavorable

☐ Very unfavorable

**The Republican Party**

☐ Very favorable

☐ Mostly favorable

☐ Mostly unfavorable

☐ Very unfavorable

**Congress**

☐ Very favorable

☐ Mostly favorable

☐ Mostly unfavorable

☐ Very unfavorable

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**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT\_R & ELCTCMMT\_D]**

**ASK ALL:**

ELCTCMMT\_R How committed would you say the REPUBLICAN PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

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

How committed would you say the REPUBLICAN PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

- ☐ Very committed
- ☐ Somewhat committed
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- ☐ Not at all committed

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**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT\_R & ELCTCMMT\_D]**

**ASK ALL:**

ELCTCMMT\_D How committed would you say the DEMOCRATIC PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

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

How committed would you say the DEMOCRATIC PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

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

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**ASK ALL:**

POLTCSRW In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong or don't you think about politics in this way?

- 1 Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong
- 2 Don't think about politics in this way

In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong or don't you think about politics in this way?

- ☐ Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong
- ☐ Don't think about politics in this way

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**ASK ALL CITIZENS:**

TRUMPDEM2020

Again, thinking ahead to the presidential election that will take place in November 2020, do you think you will... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 and 4-1]**

- 1 Definitely vote for Donald Trump
- 2 Probably vote for Donald Trump
- 3 Probably vote for the Democratic candidate
- 4 Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate
- 5 Don't know

Again, thinking ahead to the presidential election that will take place in November 2020, do you think you will...

- ☐ Definitely vote for Donald Trump
- ☐ Probably vote for Donald Trump
- ☐ Probably vote for the Democratic candidate
- ☐ Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate
- ☐ Don't know

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**ROTATE EMTPRESTRUMP AND WHOWIN2 BY FORM. ASK EMTPRESTRUMP FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHOWIN2FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

EMTPRESTRUMP

How would you feel if Donald Trump was reelected in the November 2020 election? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 and 4-1]**

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

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**ROTATE EMTPRESTRUMP AND WHOWIN2 BY FORM. ASK EMTPRESTRUMP FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHOWIN2 FIRST IF FORM=2.**

**ASK ALL:**

WHOWIN2      Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 and 4-1]**

- 1      Donald Trump will definitely win
- 2      Donald Trump will probably win
- 3      Democratic candidate will probably win
- 4      Democratic candidate will definitely win
  
- 5      Don't know

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

☐ Donald Trump will definitely win

☐ Donald Trump will probably win

☐ Democratic candidate will probably win

☐ Democratic candidate will definitely win

☐ Don't know

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**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHEARD      As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald Trump and the Senate may soon hold an impeachment trial.

How much have you heard or read about the impeachment process?

- 1      A lot
- 2      A little
- 3      Nothing at all

As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald Trump and the Senate is holding an impeachment trial.

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**ASK ALL:**

If the Senate moves ahead with an impeachment trial...

**RANDOMIZE IMPCONFREP AND IMPCONFDEM, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN****ASK ALL:**

IMPCONFREP How confident are you that REPUBLICANS in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial?

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

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**ASK ALL:**

REMOVDTAPP What do you think the outcome of a Senate impeachment trial should be?  
[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 Donald Trump should stay in office
- 2 Donald Trump should be removed from office



What do you think the outcome of a Senate impeachment trial should be?

☐ Donald Trump should be removed from office

☐ Donald Trump should stay in office

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**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS:**WEB1 Do you use any of the following social media sites? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

## a. Twitter

- 1 Yes, use this
- 2 No, do not use this

## b. Instagram

- 1 Yes, use this
- 2 No, do not use this

## c. Facebook

- 1 Yes, use this
- 2 No, do not use this

**NO ITEM D**

## e. YouTube

- 1 Yes, use this
- 2 No, do not use this

**NO ITEMS F-K**

Do you use any of the following social media sites?

**Facebook**

☐ Yes, use this

☐ No, do not use this

**Twitter**

☐ Yes, use this

☐ No, do not use this

**YouTube**

☐ Yes, use this

☐ No, do not use this

**Instagram**

☐ Yes, use this

☐ No, do not use this

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**ASK IF USES YOUTUBE [WEB1E=1]:**

YTNEWS Do you ever get news from YouTube videos? By news we mean current events and issues.

- 1 Yes, get news from YouTube videos
- 2 No, don't get news from YouTube videos

Do you ever get news from YouTube videos? By news we mean current events and issues.

☐ Yes, get news from YouTube videos

☐ No, don't get news from YouTube videos

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWSIMP

How important to you, if at all, are YouTube videos as a way of keeping up with the news?

- 1 The most important way
- 2 An important way, but not the most important
- 3 Not an important way

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☐ The most important way  
☐ An important way, but not the most important  
☐ Not an important way

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWSONSITE Which statement describes how you most often get YouTube news videos?

- 1 Going directly to the YouTube app or website
- 2 Watching videos or following links that get shared with me on other platforms like Facebook or email

Which statement describes how you most often get YouTube news videos?

☐ Going directly to the YouTube app or website  
☐ Watching videos or following links that get shared with me on other platforms like Facebook or email

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTACT How often, if at all, do you interact with YouTube news videos through actions like commenting, liking or disliking, subscribing, or sharing?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

How often, if at all, do you interact with YouTube news videos through actions like commenting, liking or disliking, subscribing, or sharing?

☐ Often  
☐ Sometimes  
☐ Hardly ever  
☐ Never

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**YTWATCHSTYLE When playing YouTube news videos, do you generally... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Pay close attention to news videos
- 2 Let news videos play in the background

When playing YouTube news videos, do you generally...

☐ Pay close attention to news videos

☐ Let news videos play in the background

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**YTCHANNELLOYAL Which of the following statements comes closer to your view when it comes to YouTube news videos? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 I consider myself loyal to a few shows, people, or channels on YouTube
- 2 I am not particularly loyal to any shows, people, or channels on YouTube

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view when it comes to YouTube news videos?

☐ I consider myself loyal to a few shows, people, or channels on YouTube

☐ I am not particularly loyal to any shows, people, or channels on YouTube

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWSOPIN Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

I go to YouTube news videos primarily for... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Opinions, views, and social commentary
- 2 Information and facts

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

I go to YouTube news videos primarily for...

☐ Opinions, views, and social commentary

☐ Information and facts

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTSOURCEATTN When you watch a YouTube news video, how much attention, if any, do you pay to who created the video?

- 1 A lot of attention
- 2 Some attention
- 3 Very little attention
- 4 No attention at all

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☐ Some attention

☐ Very little attention

☐ No attention at all

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWS2

When you watch news videos on YouTube, do you also watch the recommended news videos that appear alongside the video you are watching?

- 1 Yes, regularly
- 2 Yes, on occasion
- 3 No

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☐ Yes, regularly

☐ Yes, on occasion

☐ No

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTSOURCETYPE How often, if at all, do you get news on YouTube from... **[RANDOMIZE A-B]**

- a. News and media outlets on YouTube
  - 1 Often
  - 2 Sometimes
  - 3 Hardly ever
  - 4 Never

- b. YouTubers not affiliated with a news outlet
- 1 Often
  - 2 Sometimes
  - 3 Hardly ever
  - 4 Never

How often, if at all, do you get news on YouTube from...

News and media outlets on YouTube

☐ Often

☐ Sometimes

☐ Hardly ever

☐ Never

YouTubers not affiliated with a news outlet

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTLIKE What is unique about YouTube as a place to get news? **[OPEN-END]**

What is unique about YouTube as a place to get news?

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTINFORM Overall, would you say YouTube news videos... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 Help you better understand current events
- 2 Make you more confused about current events
- 3 Have not made much of a difference **[anchor]**

Overall, would you say YouTube news videos ...

☐ Help you better understand current events

☐ Make you more confused about current events

☐ Have not made much of a difference

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTSKEP Which of the following best describes how you approach YouTube news videos, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

I expect YouTube news videos will...

- 1 Largely be accurate
- 2 Largely be inaccurate

Which of the following best describes how you approach YouTube news videos, even if neither is exactly right?

I expect YouTube news videos will...

☐ Largely be accurate

☐ Largely be inaccurate

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTRECSSAT How good of a job does YouTube do at recommending news videos for you?

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

How good of a job does YouTube do at recommending news videos for you?

☐ Very good

☐ Somewhat good

☐ Somewhat bad

☐ Very bad

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWSPROBLEMS      How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following is when it comes to news on YouTube? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a.      Tone or civility of discussions about the news
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all
  
- b.      Censorship by YouTube
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all
  
- c.      YouTube limiting ad revenue for video creators, sometimes called demonetization
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all
  
- d.      Harassment
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all
  
- e.      Misinformation
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all
  
- f.      Political bias
  - 1          A very big problem
  - 2          A moderately big problem
  - 3          A small problem
  - 4          Not a problem at all



How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following is when it comes to news on YouTube?

**Political bias**

- ☐ A very big problem
- ☐ A moderately big problem
- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

**Censorship by YouTube**

- ☐ A very big problem
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- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

**Harassment**

- ☐ A very big problem
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- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

**YouTube limiting ad revenue for video creators, sometimes called demonetization**

- ☐ A very big problem
- ☐ A moderately big problem
- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

**Misinformation**

- ☐ A very big problem
- ☐ A moderately big problem
- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

**Tone or civility of discussions about the news**

- ☐ A very big problem
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- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

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Now, thinking specifically about YouTube news videos focusing on politics or social issues...

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTIDEO In general, would you describe the news videos about politics and social issues you see on YouTube as... [ **RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-5 and 5-1** ]

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal
- 5 Very liberal

Now, thinking specifically about YouTube news videos focusing on politics or social issues...

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☐ Very conservative  
☐ Conservative  
☐ Moderate  
☐ Liberal  
☐ Very liberal

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**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE [YTNEWS=1]:**

YTNEWSLEARN In the past year, which political or social issue, if any, have you learned the most about from YouTube news videos? [ **OPEN-END** ]

In the past year, which political or social issue, if any, have you learned the most about from YouTube news videos?

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**ASK ALL:**

TRUSTIMP2 How important would you say it is that the level of confidence Americans have in each other be improved?

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

How important would you say it is that the level of confidence Americans have in each other be improved?

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

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**ASK ALL:**

LIFEPATH1 Compared with other people about your age would you say you have had...  
**[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- 1 More advantages in life
- 2 Fewer advantages in life
- 3 About as many advantages **[anchor]**

Compared with other people about your age would you say you have had...

☐ More advantages in life  
☐ Fewer advantages in life  
☐ About as many advantages

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**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

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

- 1 Amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election
- 2 Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election

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

☐ Amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election  
☐ Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election

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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

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

- 1 Change the current system, so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election
- 2 Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election

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

☐ Change the current system, so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election

☐ Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election

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**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

☐ Republican

☐ Democrat

☐ Independent

☐ Something else

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**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR REFUSED (PARTY=refused)**

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

- 1 The Republican Party
- 2 The Democratic Party

As of today do you lean more to...

☐ The Republican Party

☐ The Democratic Party

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**ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):**

PARTYSTR Do you identify with the [IF PARTY=1: Republican; IF PARTY=2: Democratic] Party...

- 1 Strongly
- 2 Not strongly

Do you identify with the Republican Party...

☐ Strongly

☐ Not strongly

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Do you identify with the Democratic Party...

☐ Strongly

☐ Not strongly

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**ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN OR NO LEAN:**

GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

- 1 Very optimistic
- 2 Somewhat optimistic
- 3 Somewhat pessimistic
- 4 Very pessimistic

Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

☐ Very optimistic

☐ Somewhat optimistic

☐ Somewhat pessimistic

☐ Very pessimistic

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**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN:**

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are...

- 1 Very optimistic
- 2 Somewhat optimistic
- 3 Somewhat pessimistic
- 4 Very pessimistic

Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are...

- ☐ Very optimistic
- ☐ Somewhat optimistic
- ☐ Somewhat pessimistic
- ☐ Very pessimistic

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**ASK ALL:**LIFEPATH3 Thinking about the people who raised you, did at least one of your parents or guardians graduate from college? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Yes, at least one parent or guardian graduated from college
- 2 No, a parent or guardian did not graduate from college

Thinking about the people who raised you, did at least one of your parents or guardians graduate from college?

- ☐ No, a parent or guardian did not graduate from college
- ☐ Yes, at least one parent or guardian graduated from college

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