

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
ATP W59 JANUARY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 6-20, 2020  
N=12,638**

**ASK ALL:**

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 6-20, 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 <sup>1</sup>	44	56	1

**ASK ALL:**

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

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=12,497]:**

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

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

	<u>NET</u>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<u>NET</u>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
	<u>Approve</u>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<i>answer</i>
Jan 6-20, 2020	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	<b>40</b>	29	10	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	<b>38</b>	29	9	*	<b>60</b>	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	<b>36</b>	26	10	*	<b>63</b>	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	<b>39</b>	27	12	*	<b>61</b>	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>2</sup>	<b>44</b>	30	13	*	<b>56</b>	43	12	*	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

72	Yes
27	No
1	No answer

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

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

55	Better than 2019
43	Worse than 2019
2	No answer

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

DTACCOMP In the long run, do you think the... [RANDOMIZE]

Jan 6-20

2020

44	Accomplishments of the Trump administration will outweigh its failures
54	Failures of the Trump administration will outweigh its accomplishments
3	No answer

**Phone trend for comparison:**

	Accomplishments will <u>outweigh failures</u>	Failures will outweigh <u>accomplishments</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>			
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	49	44	8
Jan 7-14, 2016	39	51	10
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	50	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	39	47	14
Jan 9-13, 2013	46	39	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	44	12
<b>Bush</b>			
December, 2008	24	64	12
January, 2008	28	59	13
January, 2007	31	53	16
January, 2004	49	36	15
<b>Clinton</b>			
January, 2001	60	27	13
January, 2000	51	37	12
August, 1999	56	38	6
January, 1999	50	34	16
Early September, 1998	52	35	13
<b>Reagan</b>			
Newsweek: May 1987	46	41	13
Newsweek Feb 1987	52	38	10

**ASK ALL:**  
PRZCMPGN

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

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	May 10- June 6 <u>2016</u> <sup>3</sup>	Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>	Mar 2-Mar 28 <u>2016</u>	Mar 10- Apr 6 <u>2015</u> <sup>4</sup>
30	A lot	30	26	55	52	56	26
37	Some	37	37	27	31	28	40
21	Not much	22	23	9	11	9	23
11	None at all	11	14	8	5	6	11
*	No answer	*	*	1	1	1	*

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

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

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,861]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
12	Excellent	16	13
51	Good	53	53
31	Only fair	27	30
5	Poor	4	4
1	No answer	1	1

**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

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

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,861]:**

	<u>First choice</u>			<u>Second choice</u>			<u>Any choice (first or second)</u>		
	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
Biden	26	27	26	11	9	8	37	36	34
Sanders	21	15	12	14	13	9	35	28	21
Warren	16	22	16	16	17	15	31	39	31
Buttigieg	7	5	5	7	5	5	13	10	11
Bloomberg	5	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-
Yang	3	2	1	3	1	*	6	3	1
Klobuchar	2	1	1	4	1	1	6	2	1
Booker	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	3
Steyer	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*
Harris	*	6	11	*	9	14	1	15	25
O'Rourke	*	2	1	*	1	2	*	3	2
Castro	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	2	1
Williamson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Gabbard	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Bullock	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>3</sup> In surveys conducted in 2016, question asked about candidates running for president in 2016.<sup>4</sup> 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?"

**DEMNOE  
CONTINUED...**

	<u>First choice</u>			<u>Second choice</u>			<u>Any choice (first or second)</u>		
	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
Bennet	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Patrick	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-
Delaney	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ryan	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*
Sestak	-	*	0	-	*	*	-	*	*
Messam	-	0	0	-	*	*	-	*	*
NET other responses	12	13		2	3		13	15	
No answer	5	5	18	33	28	36	34	11	18

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS:**

May 10- June 6, 2016		<i>First choice</i>	<i>Second choice</i>
<u>Any choice</u>			
69	Hillary Clinton	48	21
55	Bernie Sanders	35	20
8	Other	4	5
12	No answer	12	54

	<u>Any choice</u>	<u>First choice</u>
Hillary Clinton		
May 10-June 6, 2016	69	48
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	67	45
Mar 2-28, 2016	68	46
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	67	46
Aug 11-Sept 8, 2015	57	40
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	51	41
Bernie Sanders		
May 10-June 6, 2016	55	35
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	57	39
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	37
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	45	30
Aug 11-Sept 8, 2015	31	21
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	4	2

**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) WHO NAME A  
CANDIDATE IN DEMNOE [N=6,245]:**

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

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO NAMED A  
CURRENT CANDIDATE IN DEMNOE [N=5,198]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
43	My first choice is really the only candidate I feel enthusiastic about	35
54	There are several candidates I feel enthusiastic about	63
2	No answer	1

**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

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

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

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANERS [N=7,013]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
62	Finding common ground with Republicans on policies, even if it means giving up some things Democrats want	60
36	Pushing hard for policies Democrats want, even it makes it much harder to get some things done	38
2	No answer	2

**ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1,9) [N=5,625]:**

REPDEALFGHT Which is more important to you for Donald Trump to focus on [RANDOMIZE]?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANERS [N=5,221]**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
47	Finding common ground with Democrats on policies, even if it means giving up some things Republicans want	51
51	Pushing hard for policies Republicans want, even it makes it much harder to get some things done	47
3	No answer	2

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

PRMRYSY 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?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,861]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	
10	Very good job
67	Somewhat good job
18	Somewhat bad job
3	Very bad job
1	No answer

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

NHIAVOTE As you may know, Iowa and New Hampshire have their caucus and primary before other states. In general, do you think this is... [RANDOMIZE, WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,861]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	
9	A good thing
26	A bad thing
63	Neither a good thing or a bad thing
1	No answer

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

RICHDEM As you may know, some very wealthy Democratic primary candidates are personally funding their presidential campaigns. In general, do you think this is... **[RANDOMIZE, WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,861]:**

Jan 6-20  
2020  
 24 A good thing  
 28 A bad thing  
 47 Neither a good thing or a bad thing  
 1 No answer

**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]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:</b>					
a. Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries					
Jan 6-20, 2020	28	23	19	30	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	23	21	30	1
b. Make good appointments to the federal courts					
Jan 6-20, 2020	27	19	17	36	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	20	19	36	1
c. Use military force wisely					
Jan 6-20, 2020	26	19	16	39	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	24	20	20	35	1
d. Make wise decisions about immigration policy					
Jan 6-20, 2020	26	17	17	40	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	16	15	43	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:</b>					
e. Work effectively with Congress					
Jan 6-20, 2020	11	23	28	38	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	10	23	29	38	*
f. Handle an international crisis					
Jan 6-20, 2020	24	19	16	40	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	21	18	39	*
g. Make good decisions about economic policy					
Jan 6-20, 2020	32	21	18	29	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*
h. Make good decisions about health care policy					
Jan 6-20, 2020	19	24	20	36	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
44	Better	40
29	Worse	33
26	Not had much of an effect	27
1	No answer	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

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

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	
26	More than previous presidents
52	Less than previous presidents
22	About the same as you trusted what previous presidents said
1	No answer

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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?

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	
39	Very likely
32	Somewhat likely
20	Not too likely
7	Not at all likely
1	No answer

**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=5,936]:**

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=4,921]**

Jan 6-20

2020

66	Major problem
27	Minor problem
6	Not much of a problem
1	No answer

**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 [N=3,872]**

Sep 24-

Oct 7

2018

71	Major problem
23	Minor problem
6	Not much of a problem
*	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

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?

Jan 6-20

2020

78	Yes, they have this responsibility
21	No, they do not have this responsibility
1	No answer

**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

2018

76	Yes, they have this responsibility
23	No, they do not have this responsibility
1	No answer



**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

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?

Jan 6-20

2020

5	Very confident
20	Somewhat confident
43	Not too confident
31	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**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

2018

6	Very confident
27	Somewhat confident
44	Not too confident
22	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**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]**

Jan 6-20

2020

26	They have not worked as hard as most other people
71	They have faced more obstacles in life than most other people
3	No answer

**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]**

Jan 6-20

2020

33	They have worked harder than most other people
65	They have had more advantages in life than most other people
2	No answer

**ASK FORM 1 [N=6,340]:**

DTILLEGAL Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]?**

Jan 6-20

2020

38	Definitely done things that are illegal
25	Probably done things that are illegal
22	Probably NOT done things that are illegal
13	Definitely NOT done things that are illegal
1	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 [N=6,298]:**

DTUNETHIC Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]?**

Jan 6-20

2020

45	Definitely done things that are unethical
26	Probably done things that are unethical
18	Probably NOT done things that are unethical
10	Definitely NOT done things that are unethical
2	No answer

**ASK FORM 1 [N=6,340]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

72	Good thing for the United States
25	Bad thing for the United States
4	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 [N=6,298]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

69	Good thing for people like you
26	Bad thing for people like you
5	No answer

**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?

Jan 6-20

2020

26	Strongly favor
29	Somewhat favor
18	Somewhat oppose
27	Strongly oppose
1	No answer

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

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?

Jan 6-20

2020

29	Strongly favor
44	Somewhat favor
14	Somewhat oppose
12	Strongly oppose
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

37	Strongly favor
26	Somewhat favor
15	Somewhat oppose
21	Strongly oppose
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

**ASK ALL; SHOW INTRO TEXT AND DTHPNLYA-DTHPNLYD 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:**

DTHPNLYA

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The death penalty deters people from committing serious crimes

36

The death penalty does NOT deter people from committing serious crimes

62

No answer

2

**ASK ALL:**

DTHPNLYB

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When someone commits a crime like murder, the death penalty is morally justified

66

The death penalty is morally wrong, even when someone commits a crime like murder

31

No answer

3

**ASK ALL:**

DTHPNLYC

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Minorities are more likely than whites to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes

54

Whites and minorities are equally likely to be sentenced to the death penalty for committing similar crimes

44

No answer

3

**ASK ALL:**

DTHPNLYD

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There is some risk that an innocent person will be put to death

79

There are adequate safeguards to ensure that no innocent person will be put to death

19

No answer

1

**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...

Jan 6-20

2020

19

A good thing for the country

23

A bad thing for the country

58

Neither a good thing or a bad thing

1

No answer

**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...

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=5,221]**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	Aug 8- Aug 21 <u>2017</u>	Mar 2- Mar 28 <u>2016</u>
72	NET Well	72	66	70
26	Very well	24	19	17
46	Fairly well	47	47	53
27	NET NOT well	28	33	29
19	Not too well	21	24	23
7	Not at all well	7	9	5
2	No answer	1	1	1

**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...

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=7,013]**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	Aug 8- Aug 21 <u>2017</u>	Mar 2- Mar 28 <u>2016</u>
68	NET Well	73	70	70
23	Very well	25	24	21
45	Fairly well	48	46	50
31	NET NOT well	26	29	28
23	Not too well	20	20	22
7	Not at all well	6	9	6
1	No answer	1	1	2

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1 Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 6-20, 2020	16	42	33	9	*
Sep 16-29, 2019	10	46	35	8	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1B

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

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	About the <u>same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 6-20, 2020	29	26	45	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	20	32	48	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>5</sup>	28	28	44	*

**RANDOMIZE REPFV AND DEMFV****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No answer
	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
Jan 6-20, 2020	42	9	33	57	32	25	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	8	35	53	20	33	4
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>6</sup>	41	10	31	57	27	30	2

**RANDOMIZE REPFV AND DEMFV****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No answer
	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
Jan 6-20, 2020	45	9	37	53	28	26	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	9	38	48	18	30	4
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>7</sup>	47	10	37	51	27	24	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

INSTFV

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

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No answer
	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
a. The Republican Party							
Jan 6-20, 2020	41	9	32	57	28	29	2
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	41	10	31	57	27	30	2
b. The Democratic Party							
Jan 6-20, 2020	43	8	35	55	27	29	2
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	47	10	37	51	27	24	1
c. Congress							
Jan 6-20, 2020	33	3	30	65	20	45	2
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	35	3	32	64	19	45	1

<sup>5</sup> In the survey conducted from July 22- August 4, 2019, response options for this question were not randomized.<sup>6</sup> In July 22-Aug 4, 2019, item was asked as part of a list item.<sup>7</sup> In July 22-Aug 4, 2019, item was asked as part of a list item

**INSTFAV CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No
		<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>answer</u>
d.	The Supreme Court							
	Jan 6-20, 2020	66	8	58	32	7	25	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	69	8	61	30	7	23	1

**[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?

Jan 6-20		Sep 24-
<u>2020</u>		<u>Oct 7</u>
18	Very committed	<u>2018</u>
32	Somewhat committed	20
24	Not too committed	35
24	Not at all committed	23
2	No answer	19
		3

**[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?

Jan 6-20		Sep 24-
<u>2020</u>		<u>Oct 7</u>
19	Very committed	<u>2018</u>
37	Somewhat committed	23
21	Not too committed	40
21	Not at all committed	19
2	No answer	17
		2

**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?

Jan 6-20		Apr 29-
<u>2020</u>		<u>May 13</u>
37	Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	<u>2019</u>
62	Don't think about politics in this way	42
1	No answer	56
		2

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Mar 7-14		Sep 16-Oct 4
<u>2018</u>		<u>2015</u>
42	Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	44
57	Don't think about politics in this way	54
2	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	2

**ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=11,965]:**

TRUMPDEM2020

Again, thinking ahead to the presidential election that will take place in November 2020, do you think you will... **[SHOW OPTIONS 1-4 IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
25	Definitely vote for Donald Trump	24
10	Probably vote for Donald Trump	10
10	Probably vote for the Democratic candidate	9
34	Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate	36
20	Don't know	20
1	No answer	*

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=10,491]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
28	Definitely vote for Donald Trump	28
10	Probably vote for Donald Trump	10
10	Probably vote for the Democratic candidate	9
38	Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate	39
13	Don't know	14
*	No answer	*

**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?  
**[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
15	Excited	14
24	Relieved	24
35	Disappointed	34
23	Angry	26
3	No Answer	2

**PANEL TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How do you feel about Donald Trump winning the presidential election?*

Nov 29- Dec 12 <u>2016</u>		Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u> <sup>8</sup>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>
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

<sup>10.</sup> Prior to the November 2016 survey, this question was asked as a hypothetical, "How would you feel if Donald Trump won the presidential election?"



**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?  
**[SHOW OPTIONS 1-4 IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Jan 6-20

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 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?

Jan 6-20

2020

53	A lot
40	A little
6	Nothing at all
1	No answer

**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?

Jan 6-20

2020

17	Very confident
26	Somewhat confident
25	Not too confident
31	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How confident are you that REPUBLICANS in Congress will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment inquiry?*

Oct 1-13

2019

12	Very confident
31	Somewhat confident
29	Not too confident
28	Not at all confident
1	No answer

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

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

Jan 6-20

2020

18	Very confident
30	Somewhat confident
24	Not too confident
27	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How confident are you that DEMOCRATS in Congress will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment inquiry?*

Oct 1-13

2019

19	Very confident
28	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
34	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

46	Donald Trump should stay in office
51	Donald Trump should be removed from office
3	No answer

**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS:**

WEB1 Do you use any of the following social media sites? **[RANDOMIZE]**

<b>BASED ON TOTAL</b>		Yes, use this	No, do not use this <sup>9</sup>	No Answer
a.	Twitter			
	<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u> [N=12638]	22	76	2
	<u>July 8-July 21, 2019</u> [N=5107]	23	76	1
b.	Instagram			
	<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u> [N=12638]	37	62	1
	<u>July 8-July 21, 2019</u> [N=5107]	38	61	1
c.	Facebook			
	<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u> [N=12638]	67	32	1
	<u>July 8-July 21, 2019</u> [N=5107]	71	29	*

<sup>9</sup> Respondents who do not have internet access at home were excluded from the question; they are included here with those who said "No, do not use this." Respondents who do not have internet access were 4% of the sample in 2019 and 5% in 2020.

**[NO ITEM D]**

e. YouTube			
<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u> [N=12638]	71	28	1
<u>July 8-July 21, 2019</u> [N=5107]	74	25	*

**[NO ITEMS F-K]****ASK IF USES YOUTUBE [WEB1E=1] [N=9152]:**

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

	Yes	No	Refused
<b>BASED ON YOUTUBE USERS:</b>			
a. YouTube			
<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	36	64	*

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	
13	The most important way
59	An important way, but not the most important
27	Not an important way
*	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	
65	Going directly to the YouTube app or website
34	Watching videos or following links that get shared with me on other platforms like Facebook or email
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	
14	Often
31	Sometimes
30	Hardly ever
24	Never
*	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

YTWATCHSTYLE When playing YouTube news videos, do you generally... **[RANDOMIZE]**

<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	
68	Pay close attention to news videos
31	Let news videos play in the background
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

YTCHANNELLOYAL Which of the following statements comes closer to your view when it comes to YouTube news videos? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

38	I consider myself loyal to a few shows, people, or channels on YouTube
61	I am not particularly loyal to any shows, people, or channels on YouTube
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

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

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

51	Opinions, views, and social commentary
48	Information and facts
2	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

39	A lot of attention
40	Some attention
14	Very little attention
6	No attention at all
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

YTNEWS2 When you watch news videos on YouTube, do you also watch the recommended news videos that appear alongside the video you are watching?

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

11	Yes, regularly
67	Yes, on occasion
21	No
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**YTSOURCETYPE How often, if at all, do you get news on YouTube from... **[RANDOMIZE A-B]**

	Often	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never	No Answer
a. News and media outlets on YouTube					
<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	23	52	19	6	*
b. YouTubers not affiliated with a news outlet					
<u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	23	41	23	12	1

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**YTLIKE What is unique about YouTube as a place to get news? **[OPEN-END]****BASED ON THOSE WHO PROVIDED AN ANSWER [N=2080]:**Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

18	Non-mainstream
17	Opinions/commentary
12	Variety
8	Fair/unbiased
6	News bites
7	Other content
15	Control
13	Convenience
7	Platform tools
7	TV alternative
2	Other features
10	Other
5	Nothing makes it unique/DK

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**YTINFORM Overall, would you say YouTube news videos ... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

66	Help you better understand current events
4	Make you more confused about current events
29	Have not made much of a difference
1	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**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...

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

73	Largely be accurate
24	Largely be inaccurate
3	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

13	Very good
66	Somewhat good
15	Somewhat bad
4	Very bad
2	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**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 very big problem	A moderately big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	No Answer
a. Tone or civility of discussions about the news <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	13	28	37	19	2
b. Censorship by YouTube <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	29	26	28	16	2
c. YouTube limiting ad revenue for video creators, sometimes called demonetization <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	30	29	25	14	3
d. Harassment <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	19	24	34	20	2
e. Misinformation <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	30	33	27	9	1
f. Political bias <u>Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020</u>	28	31	26	13	1

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

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**YTIDEO In general, would you describe the news videos about politics and social issues you see on YouTube as... **[ SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

3	Very conservative
11	Conservative
50	Moderate
24	Liberal
9	Very liberal
3	No answer

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON YOUTUBE (YTNEWS=1) [N=2872]:**

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

**BASED ON THOSE WHO PROVIDED AN ANSWER [N=1891]:**Jan 6-Jan 20, 2020

20	Impeachment
3	Iran/Soleimani conflict
9	Other Trump admin.
3	Democratic primary 2020
5	Other U.S. govt.
4	Immigration
3	Science/tech
2	Identity topics
10	Other domestic policy
4	Media news
8	International
12	Other
15	Learned nothing/DK

**ASK ALL:**

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

Jan 6-202020

53	Very important
38	Somewhat important
6	Not too important
2	Not at all important
1	No answer

## Nov 27-

## Dec 10

2018

58
35
6
1
1

**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]**

Jan 6-202020

22	More advantages in life
28	Fewer advantages in life
49	About as many advantages
1	No answer

## Nov 27-

## Dec 10

2018

29
26
45
<1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

	Change the current system, so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election
60	
	Keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election
37	
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...<sup>10</sup>

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED) [N=5094]:**

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

	<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>
Jan 6-20, 2020	25	28	32	14	1	19	24

**ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2) [N=7,544]:**

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

Jan 6-20

2020

47	The Republican Party
35	Strongly
11	Not strongly
*	No answer
53	The Democratic Party
38	Strongly
14	Not strongly
*	No answer
	No answer

<sup>10</sup> Question wording updated on February 12, 2019. The word "a" was added to end of stem.



**ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1,9) [N=5,625]:**

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

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=5,221]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Sept 14- Sept 28, <u>2017</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>
25	Very optimistic	27	23	12	28	12
54	Somewhat optimistic	56	51	47	51	49
17	Somewhat pessimistic	13	19	29	16	29
4	Very pessimistic	3	5	10	4	9
1	No answer	1	2	2	2	1

**ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (S\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2,9) [N=7,417]:**

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

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=7,013]:**

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>		Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Sept 14- Sept 28, <u>2017</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>
15	Very optimistic	24	19	13	14	22
60	Somewhat optimistic	57	58	51	47	55
20	Somewhat pessimistic	14	16	28	29	15
4	Very pessimistic	3	5	6	10	6
1	No answer	1	2	1	1	2

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

Jan 6-20 <u>2020</u>	
39	Yes, at least one parent or guardian graduated from college
60	No, a parent or guardian did not graduate from college
1	No answer