

Sample 1,529 U.S. Adults  
 Conducted August 14-15, 2020  
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

## 1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction .....	25%
Off on the wrong track .....	64%
Not sure .....	11%

## 2. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control .....	14%
Out of control .....	73%
Not sure .....	13%

## 3. How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

	Very big problem	Somewhat big problem	Small problem	Not a problem
The coronavirus pandemic	60%	22%	13%	5%
Race relations	48%	30%	16%	5%
The economy	43%	36%	16%	5%
Political correctness	38%	30%	20%	12%
Protesters who want to tear down statues	39%	24%	21%	16%
Violent crime	47%	33%	17%	3%

## 4. Over the past four years, have things in the U.S. generally gotten better or worse?

Gotten better .....	22%
No change .....	15%
Gotten worse .....	63%

## 5. When you think about the future of the country, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic?

Optimistic .....	38%
Pessimistic .....	32%
Unsure .....	30%

6. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	21%	24%	15%	32%	8%
Donald Trump	25%	14%	9%	47%	5%
Mike Pence	21%	15%	14%	35%	15%
Kamala Harris	22%	20%	10%	29%	18%

7. How much attention are you paying to the Presidential election?

A lot	34%
Some	31%
A little	25%
None	10%

8. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 Presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	55%
Probably will vote	9%
Maybe will vote	8%
Probably will not vote	7%
Definitely will not vote	14%
Don't know	7%

9. Who will you vote for President in November?

*Among registered voters; half of respondents were shown the presidential candidates' names alone, the other half were shown the names of both the presidential candidates and their running mates*

Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)	49%
Donald Trump (and Mike Pence)	38%
Other	3%
Undecided	8%
Will not vote	2%

10. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?

*Among registered voters who intend to vote for either Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris) or Donald Trump (and Mike Pence)*

I will definitely vote for [Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)/Donald Trump(and Mike Pence)] in November.	95%
There is a chance I will change my mind between now and the election.	5%

11. Is your vote more a vote FOR [Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)/Donald Trump(and Mike Pence)] or a vote AGAINST [Donald Trump(and Mike Pence)/Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)]?

*Among registered voters who intend to vote for either Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris) or Donald Trump (and Mike Pence)*

For [Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)/Donald Trump(and Mike Pence)]	65%
Against [Donald Trump(and Mike Pence)/Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)]	35%

12. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	49%
The Republican Party candidate .....	38%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	10%
I would not vote .....	2%

13. How do you plan to vote in November?

*Among those planning to vote*

By mail .....	32%
In person on election day .....	36%
In person before election day .....	12%
Not sure .....	20%

14. Did Joe Biden make the right decision in picking Kamala Harris as his running mate?

Yes .....	39%
No .....	29%
Not sure .....	32%

15. Which of the following people do you think would have been better choices for Biden's running mate? Choose all that apply.

Karen Bass .....	4%
Tammy Duckworth .....	6%
Susan Rice .....	9%
Elizabeth Warren .....	17%
Gretchen Whitmer .....	5%
None of the above .....	67%

16. Does Joe Biden's choice of Kamala Harris make you more or less likely to vote for the Democratic ticket in November?

More likely .....	20%
Less likely .....	16%
Makes no difference .....	53%
Not sure .....	11%

17. How would you rate Joe Biden's choice of Kamala Harris as his running mate?

Excellent .....	24%
Good .....	21%
Fair .....	10%
Poor .....	25%
Not sure .....	20%

**18. Do you think it was a good or bad idea for Joe Biden to consider only women as possible running mates?**

A good idea	39%
A bad idea	24%
Neither good nor bad	36%

**19. Do you think it was a good or bad idea for Joe Biden to pick a black woman as his running mate?**

A good idea	41%
A bad idea	16%
Neither good nor bad	43%

**20. Should anything happen to Joe Biden, do you think Kamala Harris is ready to serve as president?**

Yes	40%
No	36%
Not sure	24%

**21. Should anything happen to Donald Trump, do you think Mike Pence is ready to serve as president?**

Yes	38%
No	40%
Not sure	21%

**22. If Joe Biden is elected president and decides to only serve one term, would you support Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's 2024 nominee?**

*Among Democrats*

Yes	51%
No	7%
Too early to say	38%
Not sure	4%

**23. If the choice were between Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, who would you pick?**

Joe Biden	31%
Kamala Harris	25%
Not sure	44%

**24. Suppose instead that the choice were between Donald Trump and Mike Pence. Who would you pick?**

Donald Trump	34%
Mike Pence	30%
Not sure	35%

**25. Finally, suppose the choice were between Kamala Harris and Mike Pence. Who would you choose?**

Kamala Harris	47%
Mike Pence	35%
Not sure	18%

**26. Is Kamala Harris the most liberal person in the U.S. Senate?**

Yes .....	20%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	46%

**27. Is Kamala Harris a radical?**

Yes .....	25%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	38%

**28. Who do you think will do better in the 2020 vice presidential debate?**

Kamala Harris .....	45%
Mike Pence .....	31%
Not sure .....	25%

**29. Would you say Joe Biden is...**

Very liberal .....	22%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	7%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	19%

**30. Would you say Donald Trump is...**

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	6%
Moderate .....	14%
Conservative .....	27%
Very conservative .....	24%
Not sure .....	25%

**31. Would you say Kamala Harris is...**

Very liberal .....	28%
Liberal .....	23%
Moderate .....	18%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	24%

**32. Would you say Mike Pence is...**

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	3%
Moderate .....	10%
Conservative .....	24%
Very conservative .....	37%
Not sure .....	23%

**33. Do you think Joe Biden respects women?**

Yes .....	42%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	24%

**34. Do you think Donald Trump respects women?**

Yes .....	28%
No .....	58%
Not sure .....	13%

**35. Recently, Donald Trump called Kamala Harris a "nasty woman." What comes closest to your opinion?**

This shows Trump is a sexist. ....	48%
I wish Trump wouldn't use language like this, but it's not a big deal. ....	24%
Trump tells it like it is. ....	28%

**36. Is someone who is born in the United States, but whose parents are not U.S. citizens, a U.S. citizen?**

Yes .....	71%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	12%

**37. Given the current state of the coronavirus pandemic, how should Democrats and Republicans be conducting their 2020 conventions: in person or remotely?**

In person .....	35%
Remotely .....	65%

**38. Donald Trump has said he will deliver his convention speech at the White House — a federal property staffed by civil service employees who are prohibited from engaging in partisan activities. Do you think it is unethical for the President to conduct partisan events on federal property?**

Yes .....	44%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	28%

39. Do you plan to watch any of the live broadcasts of the Democratic or Republican national conventions this year?

- Yes ..... 35%
- No ..... 36%
- Not sure ..... 30%

40. The broadcast television networks plan to air an hour of live coverage for four nights for each convention. How much of the conventions do you plan to watch?

- All ..... 9%
- Most ..... 15%
- Some ..... 45%
- None ..... 31%

41. Are you more or less interested in this year's conventions than usual?

- More interested ..... 26%
- Less interested ..... 22%
- The same ..... 39%
- Not sure ..... 13%

42. Would you rather vote in person or by mail?

- By mail ..... 50%
- In person ..... 50%

43. Do you think postal voting should be allowed for everyone?

- Yes ..... 58%
- No ..... 28%
- Not sure ..... 14%

44. How worried are you about the following things happening in the 2020 election?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Slightly worried	Not worried
Fraudulent postal voting	33%	19%	16%	32%
Interference by foreign countries	29%	27%	21%	23%
Legitimate mail ballots will not be counted	44%	27%	14%	15%
The outcome of the election will not be accepted by one of the candidates	34%	27%	17%	22%
People will be prevented from voting	36%	26%	15%	23%

45. Do you think it will be safe for people to vote in person in the election in November?

- Yes ..... 43%
- No ..... 30%
- Not sure ..... 28%

46. Is it appropriate for President Trump to call for a delay in the 2020 election?

Yes .....	17%
No .....	61%
Not sure .....	22%

47. Do you think the U.S. Postal Service should be provided with funding to ensure there are no delays in mail delivery during the election?

Yes .....	62%
No .....	21%
Not sure .....	18%

48. What do you think is more important?

Determining the outcome of the election quickly, even if many mail-in ballots have not been counted. ....	21%
Waiting for mail-in ballots to be counted so we are sure which candidate won, even if the process drags on for some time. ....	79%

49. Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that the 2020 election will be "rigged" against him. Which comes closest to your view?

Trump legitimately fears that fraudulent postal-voting will cost him the election .....	41%
Trump is trying to delegitimize the outcome because he doesn't think he will win a majority of votes .....	59%

50. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's effort to block funding for the postal service to prevent mail-in voting in the election?

Strongly approve .....	16%
Somewhat approve .....	12%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	47%
Not sure .....	13%

51. If Joe Biden loses a close election in November, do you think he will accept the result of the November 3 presidential election?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	31%

52. If Donald Trump loses a close election in November, do you think he will accept the result of the November 3 presidential election?

Yes .....	20%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	23%

53. Suppose the election in November is very close and \$candidate\_against is winning because of an advantage in mail-in votes. Would you accept the result of the November presidential election?

*Among registered voters who intend to vote for Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris) or Donald Trump (and Mike Pence), but were asked about the other candidate winning*

Yes	38%
No	34%
Not sure	28%

54. Which candidate is more likely to try to 'steal' the election?

Joe Biden	38%
Donald Trump	62%

55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled COVID-19?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	5%

56. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried	31%
Somewhat worried	38%
Not very worried	18%
Not worried at all	13%

57. How would you describe the way most Americans are dealing with COVID-19?

Most are underestimating the risks.	45%
Most are behaving appropriately.	30%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks.	17%
Not sure	8%

58. What do you think are the chances that you personally will become infected by the coronavirus?

Very likely	10%
Somewhat likely	33%
Somewhat unlikely	40%
Very unlikely	16%

59. If you had to guess, how much longer do you expect COVID-19 to be a serious problem for you and your community?

A few weeks	5%
One month	3%
Two months	9%
Three months	15%
More than 3 months	67%

60. Do you support or oppose a return to in-person schooling for children in places where there are large numbers of new COVID-19 cases?

Support	25%
Oppose	55%
Not sure	19%

61. In considering whether to reopen the economy, are you more concerned about lifting the restrictions too quickly or too slowly?

Concerned about lifting restrictions too quickly	65%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly	35%

62. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always	49%
Most of the time	26%
Some of the time	18%
Never	7%

63. Should it be mandatory to wear a mask in public?

Yes	69%
No	31%

64. In the past seven days, how often have you seen others in your community wear masks when in stores or others businesses?

Always	23%
Most of the time	50%
Some of the time	24%
Never	3%

65. Given the current coronavirus situation in your community, should your local schools have in-person or online classes?

No in-person classes (all classes online)	43%
A mixture of in-person and online classes	40%
All classes in-person	17%

66. Which comes closer to your view:

- America's priority should be to fully reopen schools this fall, even if it increases the risk to public health ..... 26%
- American's priority should be to limit the spread of the coronavirus, even if it means students can't physically return to school this fall ..... 74%

67. Do schools have the money and resources necessary to keep students and staff safe from the coronavirus this fall?

- Yes ..... 22%
- No ..... 46%
- Not sure ..... 31%

68. Would you support increased federal aid to public schools to keep students and staff safe from the coronavirus this fall?

- Yes ..... 65%
- No ..... 17%
- Not sure ..... 18%

69. Why do you believe some officials do not yet support fully reopening schools?

- Health reasons ..... 60%
- Political reasons ..... 40%

70. Do you have any children who will be in K-12 (kindergarten through 12th grade) in the fall?

- Yes ..... 23%
- No ..... 77%

71. Do you support or oppose raising the federal minimum wage from its current level (\$7.25 per hour) to \$15 per hour?

- Support ..... 56%
- Oppose ..... 27%
- Not sure ..... 17%

72. Do you support or oppose providing matching grants to states that want to eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities for any student coming from a household with less than \$125,000 in income?

- Support ..... 47%
- Oppose ..... 23%
- Not sure ..... 30%

73. Which comes closest to your view on health insurance?

The government should replace all private insurance with a plan like Medicare for everyone. ....	26%
The Affordable Care Act should be expanded by offering a public option. ....	25%
The Affordable Care Act should be left in place in its current form. ....	8%
The U.S. should scrap the Affordable Care Act and start over ....	22%
Not sure ....	19%

74. Do you support or oppose tripling the money the federal government sends to schools in low-income areas from about \$16 billion per year to about \$48 billion?

Support ....	45%
Oppose ....	25%
Not sure ....	30%

75. Do you think climate change is an emergency, or not?

An emergency ....	52%
Not an emergency ....	35%
Not sure ....	13%

76. Which one of these statements do you agree with most?

Protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth. ....	62%
Economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent. ....	38%

77. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

Favor ....	40%
Oppose ....	46%
Not sure ....	14%

78. What comes closer to your point of view?

It is better to keep all undocumented immigrants in detention centers, even it causes overcrowding and bad conditions. ....	35%
It is better to allow some undocumented immigrants to be released under supervision if there is not sufficient room, even if it means some of them will not return for their court dates. ...	65%

79. Should immigrants who were children when their parents illegally brought them to the U.S. continue to be shielded from immediate deportation and allowed to work here?

Yes ....	54%
No ....	25%
Not sure ....	22%

80. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	27%
Not sure	7%

81. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially	23%
Just about the same as now	45%
Worse off financially	15%
Not sure	17%

82. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	18%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	51%
Not sure	11%

83. If we are able to stop the spread of COVID-19, how long do you think it will be for the economy starts to improve?

*Asked of those who think the economy is getting worse*

Immediately	4%
A few months	12%
6-12 months	34%
One year or longer	51%

84. If we are able to stop the spread of COVID-19, how long do you think it will be for the economy starts to improve?

Economy already getting better	18%
Economy already the same	21%
Immediately	2%
A few months	6%
6-12 months	17%
One year or longer	26%
Not sure about economy	11%

85. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	25%
About the same	25%
Lower	16%
Not sure	34%

86. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	24%
Some of the time	38%
Only now and then	24%
Hardly at all	13%
Don't know	1%

87. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	34%
Republican	26%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

88. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	29%
Not sure	12%

89. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	64%
Not registered	36%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	5%

91. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

92. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	19%

93. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	62%
Black	12%
Hispanic	16%
Other	11%

94. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	40%
Some college	31%
College grad	20%
Postgrad	9%

95. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	47%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	13%
Prefer not to say	12%