

Sample 1,001 U.S. Adults
 Conducted August 27-28, 2020
 Margin of Error ±4.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	8%

2. 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	23%	22%	12%	36%	6%
Donald Trump	25%	14%	12%	45%	3%
Kamala Harris	20%	22%	11%	34%	14%
Mike Pence	24%	15%	16%	34%	11%
Jill Biden	21%	21%	14%	20%	24%
Melania Trump	23%	17%	23%	24%	13%

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

A lot	40%
Some	29%
A little	21%
None	9%

4. Who will you vote for in the election for President in November?

Among registered voters

Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	41%
Other	3%
Undecided	8%
Will not vote	1%

5. 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 or Donald Trump

I will definitely vote for [Joe Biden/Donald Trump] in November.	96%
There is a chance I will change my mind between now and the election.	4%

6. Is your vote more a vote FOR [Joe Biden/Donald Trump] or a vote AGAINST [Donald Trump/Joe Biden]?

Among registered voters who intend to vote for either Joe Biden or Donald Trump

For [Joe Biden/Donald Trump]	68%
Against [Donald Trump/Joe Biden]	32%

7. How much do you care about who wins the presidential election in November?

Care a lot	66%
Care somewhat	16%
Care a little	10%
Do not care	8%

8. Which candidate do you think is most likely to win the Presidential election in November?

Joe Biden	36%
Donald Trump	40%
Equally likely	24%

9. 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	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	1%

10. Did you watch any of the live broadcasts of the Democratic national convention last week?

Yes	38%
No	62%

11. Did you watch any of the live broadcasts of the Republican national convention this past week?

Yes	38%
No	62%

12. How did you watch? Check all that apply.

Among RNC Watchers

On a broadcast network (ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS)	27%
On a cable news network (CNN, Fox News, MSNBC)	61%
Via online streaming or a set-top app	23%

13. On which nights did you watch live convention coverage? Check all that apply.

Among RNC Watchers

Monday night	57%
Tuesday night	54%
Wednesday night	56%
Thursday night	69%

14. Did you watch more or less of the Republican convention than you have in previous years?

Among RNC Watchers

Watched more	49%
Watched less	17%
About the same	31%
Not sure	3%

15. How would you rate the convention?

Among RNC Watchers

Excellent	39%
Good	31%
Fair	14%
Poor	16%

16. Was the virtual format better or worse than a normal convention?

Among RNC Watchers

Better	34%
Worse	28%
About the same	38%

17. Did the convention go better or worse than you expected?

Among RNC Watchers

Better	52%
Worse	16%
About the same	32%

18. Did the Republican convention make you more or less likely to vote for Donald Trump?

Among RNC Watchers

More likely	40%
Less likely	29%
About the same	31%

19. Did the Republican convention make you more or less excited about voting for Donald Trump?

Among RNC Watchers Voting for Trump

More excited	3%
Less excited	68%
About the same	29%

20. How would you rate Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention on Thursday night?

Among RNC Watchers

Excellent	41%
Good	15%
Fair	14%
Poor	23%
Did not see it	7%

21. Was Trump's speech too long or too short?

Among RNC Watchers

Too long	47%
Too short	4%
About the right length	48%

22. And thinking about the two party conventions, did you watch:

More of the Democratic convention than the Republican convention	9%
More of the Republican convention than the Democratic convention	8%
Watched both about equally	9%
Only the Democratic convention	12%
Only the Republican convention	12%
Didn't watch either	51%

23. Do you think it is appropriate for Trump to use the White House for the Republican National Convention?

Appropriate	37%
Inappropriate	41%
Not sure	22%

24. Which of these leadership qualities does Joe Biden possess? Check all that apply.

Strength	28%
Audacity	16%
Empathy	41%
Honesty	31%
Competence	35%
Takes responsibility	34%
Decency	38%
Intelligence	36%
None of the above	35%

25. Here are some statements about Joe Biden. Please tell us which you agree or disagree with.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The only thing Joe Biden cares about is himself.	31%	48%	21%
Joe Biden says what other politicians are afraid to say.	25%	50%	26%
Joe Biden stands up for people like me.	42%	37%	21%
Joe Biden is a good person.	50%	24%	26%
Joe Biden shares my values.	39%	41%	21%
Joe Biden has the mental ability a president needs.	44%	38%	18%

26. Do you think that Joe Biden is a racist?

Yes	24%
No	53%
Not sure	23%

27. Do you think Joe Biden is a radical?

Yes	21%
No	54%
Not sure	25%

28. Do you think Joe Biden respects women?

Yes	47%
No	33%
Not sure	21%

29. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	23%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	19%

30. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	17%

31. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	40%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	20%

32. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	24%
Some	24%
A little	22%
Not at all	31%

33. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	22%
Like somewhat	20%
Neither like nor dislike	23%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	18%
Not sure	8%

34. If Joe Biden wins the election, will the country become more or less safe?

Become more safe	39%
No change	24%
Become less safe	38%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	5%

36. Which of these leadership qualities does Donald Trump possess? Check all that apply.

Strength	38%
Audacity	39%
Empathy	19%
Honesty	22%
Competence	28%
Takes responsibility	25%
Decency	18%
Intelligence	30%
None of the above	35%

37. Here are some statements about Donald Trump. Please tell us which you agree or disagree with.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The only thing Donald Trump cares about is himself.	52%	35%	13%
Donald Trump says what other politicians are afraid to say.	61%	27%	12%
Donald Trump stands up for people like me.	35%	53%	13%
Donald Trump is a good person.	29%	51%	20%
Donald Trump shares my values.	32%	55%	13%
Donald Trump has the mental ability a president needs.	37%	50%	13%

38. Do you think that Donald Trump is a racist?

Yes	51%
No	36%
Not sure	12%

39. Do you think Donald Trump is a radical?

Yes	34%
No	43%
Not sure	22%

40. Do you think Donald Trump respects women?

Yes	30%
No	56%
Not sure	14%

41. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	29%

42. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	52%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	13%

43. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	30%
Not honest and trustworthy	55%
Not sure	15%

44. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	22%
Some	14%
A little	14%
Not at all	49%

45. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	40%
Not sure	4%

46. If Donald Trump wins the election, will the country become more or less safe?

Become more safe	32%
No change	25%
Become less safe	43%

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

Under control	10%
Out of control	78%
Not sure	12%

48. What comes closest to your view?

Things are under control	10%
Trump will protect us from the chaos	27%
Trump is the source of the chaos	46%
Not sure	16%

49. 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	59%	24%	12%	5%
Race relations	54%	27%	14%	4%
The economy	45%	36%	15%	4%
Political correctness	38%	26%	21%	15%
Protesters who want to tear down statues	40%	23%	21%	16%
Violent crime	48%	34%	15%	4%

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

Gotten better	26%
No change	15%
Gotten worse	60%

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

Optimistic	40%
Pessimistic	33%
Unsure	27%

52. How important are each of the following leadership qualities in a president right now?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not important
Audacity	33%	34%	20%	13%
Competence	81%	15%	3%	2%
Empathy	60%	29%	8%	3%
Honesty	77%	18%	4%	2%
Strength	72%	20%	5%	2%
Takes responsibility	80%	15%	3%	2%

53. Who do you think would do a BETTER job of handling the following things — Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	Biden better	About the same	Trump better	Not sure
Coronavirus pandemic	44%	16%	31%	9%
Race relations	46%	15%	28%	11%
The economy	36%	14%	40%	10%
Immigration	44%	9%	37%	9%
Foreign policy	42%	12%	38%	8%
Crime	38%	16%	36%	10%

54. How are race relations in the U.S.?

Generally good	24%
Generally bad	59%
Not sure	17%

55. How are race relations in your community?

Generally good	62%
Generally bad	17%
Not sure	21%

56. Is there a problem with systemic racism in America?

Yes	58%
No	26%
Not sure	16%

57. Which is the bigger problem in America today?

Systemic racism	49%
A breakdown of law and order	51%

58. Is it OK for NFL players to kneel during the national anthem to protest police killings of African-Americans?

Yes	51%
No	38%
Not sure	11%

59. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	29%
Not sure	9%

60. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
'Violent protest is never justified in the U.S. as a way for a group to accomplish its goals.'	53%	20%	11%	7%	9%
'President Trump does not try to unite the American people—does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us.'	41%	13%	10%	28%	8%
'Racism is built into American society. The assumption of white superiority pervades schools, business, housing, and government.'	31%	25%	14%	21%	9%
'I support the protests if they are peaceful, but they lose my support when they become violent.'	47%	28%	9%	8%	8%

61. How would you describe the recent protests over police shootings of African-Americans?

Mostly peaceful protests	28%
About equally peaceful protests and violent riots	27%
Mostly violent riots	37%
Not sure	8%

62. Do you think the protests have gone too far?

Yes	54%
No	31%
Not sure	15%

63. Which comes closest to your view of the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests over the killing of George Floyd?

They will lead to big reforms and less systemic racism	23%
They will lead to smaller reforms that have little impact on systemic racism	41%
They won't make any difference at all	36%

64. Which is closer to your view?

Protesters want to improve America	54%
Protesters want to destroy America	46%

65. Who do you think would have handled the protests better — Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

Biden better	43%
Trump better	35%
About the same	10%
Not sure	12%

66. How worried are you about a breakdown of law and order in American cities?

Very worried	29%
Somewhat worried	30%
Slightly worried	22%
Not worried	20%

67. Which of these approaches would help get things under control?

Law and order	39%
Bringing people together	61%

68. Which comes closest to your view?

Police departments don't need to be reformed	21%
Police departments have a problem with race, but the problem can be fixed by reforming the existing system	61%
Police reform hasn't worked. We need to defund police and reinvent our approach to public safety.	18%

69. Do you favor or oppose cutting funding for police departments?

Favor	24%
Oppose	56%
Not sure	20%

70. Do you think the police are usually held accountable for any misconduct?

Yes	34%
No	49%
Not sure	17%

71. Is there a problem with systemic racism in policing?

Yes	56%
No	27%
Not sure	17%

72. Which problem worries you more?

Police brutality against minorities	50%
Crime in your community	50%

73. How much do you know about what's been happening in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

A great deal	25%
Some	33%
A little	26%
Nothing	16%

74. Have you watched the video taken by a bystander of the police shooting Jacob Blake?

Yes	50%
No	42%
Not sure	7%

75. How important a factor do you think race was in the shooting of Jacob Blake?

Major factor	40%
Minor factor	14%
Not a factor	23%
Not sure	22%

76. Do you think police were justified in shooting Jacob Blake?

Yes	20%
No	49%
Not sure	31%

77. How would you describe the protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

Mostly peaceful protests	15%
About equally peaceful protests and violent riots	22%
Mostly violent riots	40%
Not sure	23%

78. Should the Trump Administration send federal agents to deal with protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

Yes	38%
No	39%
Not sure	22%

79. Athletes from the N.B.A. and Major League Baseball refused to play in games this week in response to the police shooting of a Black man in Kenosha, Wis. Do you think it is OK for athletes to protest racial injustice in this manner?

Yes	54%
No	34%
Not sure	12%

80. Who is more responsible for the violence in Kenosha?

Protesters	33%
Police	25%
Both equally responsible	27%
Not sure	15%

81. Which is the bigger problem in Kenosha?

Violence toward protesters	41%
Violence by protesters	59%

82. What role should armed individuals or militias play during protests?

They should take to the streets to defend property	32%
They should stand aside and let the police do their job	68%

83. Which comes closest to your view of Kyle Rittenhouse, the 17-year-old suspect charged with shooting and killing a protester in Kenosha?

He was right to try to maintain order when no one else would	20%
He was wrong to take matters into his own hands	80%

84. How worried are you that violence will break out in your own community?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	39%
Not worried at all	23%

85. If Trump is re-elected, do you think we will see more or less violence of the sort that is occurring in Kenosha?

More violence	52%
Less violence	23%
About the same	25%

86. How important a factor are the following things in causing unrest in U.S. cities?

	Most important factor	An important factor	A slightly important factor	Not a factor
Liberal policies	25%	30%	17%	28%
Racism	38%	35%	18%	10%
Radical groups	37%	36%	18%	8%
Lack of economic opportunity	25%	39%	24%	12%
Police misconduct	32%	36%	22%	10%

87. Should the Trump Administration send federal agents to deal with protests in other cities?

Yes	36%
No	44%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	5%

89. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried	26%
Somewhat worried	43%
Not very worried	18%
Not worried at all	13%

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

Most are underestimating the risks.	40%
Most are behaving appropriately.	35%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks.	18%
Not sure	6%

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

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	33%
Somewhat unlikely	40%
Very unlikely	19%

92. 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	3%
One month	4%
Two months	9%
Three months	14%
More than 3 months	70%

93. Is President Trump focusing on coronavirus too much or not enough?

Too much	5%
Not enough	51%
About the right amount	34%
Not sure	10%

94. If Joe Biden had been president instead of Donald Trump, do you think the current coronavirus situation would have been better or worse?

Better	46%
Worse	27%
About the same	17%
Not sure	10%

95. 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%

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

Always	54%
Most of the time	25%
Some of the time	14%
Never	7%

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

Yes	70%
No	30%

98. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled school reopening?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	16%

99. How long do you think it will be before we have a vaccine against coronavirus? Please give us your best guess.

A few months	6%
Later this year	20%
Sometime in 2021	56%
In 2022 or later	18%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	27%
Not sure	5%

101. 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	47%
Worse off financially	14%
Not sure	15%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	45%
Not sure	10%

103. 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	6%
A few months	15%
6-12 months	31%
One year or longer	48%

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

Higher	28%
About the same	23%
Lower	14%
Not sure	34%

105. 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	30%
Some of the time	40%
Only now and then	20%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	24%
Independent	32%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	13%

108. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	64%
Not registered	36%

109. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

110. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

111. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	58%
Black	12%
Hispanic	16%
Other	15%

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

HS or less	40%
Some college	31%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	10%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	31%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	12%