Yahoo! News Presidential Election - September 18, 2020

Sample	1,539 U.S. Adults
Conducted	September 15-17, 2020
Margin of Error	±3.5%

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	10%

2. When you registered to vote, did you register as a Democrat or a Republican or something else?

Among registered voters living in party registration states

Registered as a Democrat	47%
Registered as a Republican	34%
Other	4%
Not affiliated with any party	14%
Not sure	2%

3. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 presidential election in November?

Among registered voters

Definitely will vote	84%
Probably will vote	8%
Maybe will vote	3%
Probably will not vote	1%
Definitely will not vote	4%
Don't know	1%

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

Among registered voters

Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	41%
Other	2%
Undecided	9%
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. How do you plan to vote in November?

Among those planning to vote

By mail	38%
In person on election day	42%
In person before election day	14%
Not sure	6%

7. Have you requested a mail-in or absentee ballot?
Among those planning to vote by mail

Yes	84%
No	16%

8. Have you received a mail-in or absentee ballot?
Among those who have requested a mail-in or absentee ballot or live in a state that automatically sends mail-in ballots to all registered voters

Yes	23%
No	77%

9. As far as you know, what is the deadline for the return of mail-in ballots in your state?
Among registered voters

Must be received by election officials on or before election day	42%
Can be received after election day if postmarked on or before election day.	18%
Not sure	40%

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

Care a lot	66%
Care somewhat	16%
Care a little	9%
Do not care	9%

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

Joe Biden	37%
Donald Trump	40%
Equally likely	23%

12. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in the district where you live, which party's candidate do you plan to vote for?
Among registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	47%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Other	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	1%

13. 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%	23%	15%	4%
Race relations	47%	31%	16%	6%
The economy	43%	38%	16%	3%
Political correctness	38%	29%	22%	10%
Violent crime	48%	36%	14%	2%
Climate Change	46%	26%	18%	11%

14. How worried are you about climate change?

Very worried	33%
Somewhat worried	33%
A little worried/Not very worried	19%
Not worried at all	15%

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

An emergency	53%
Not an emergency	31%
Not sure	15%

16. How much should the U.S. spend to combat climate change?

As much as necessary	40%
As much as we can afford	37%
We"ve already spent enough	23%

17. The western U.S. is currently experiencing its worst fire season on record. Which of these do you think is most responsible for these fires?

Climate change	45%
Poor forest management	33%
Not sure	23%

18. How have the western fires affected your view of climate change?

More worried now	43%
Less worried now	8%
No change	49%

19. What is your view on the science of climate change?

I don’t think science knows what is happening.	33%
I think climate change is an established scientific fact.	67%

20. Do you think the climate will start getting cooler?

Yes	19%
No	39%
Not sure	42%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's handling of climate change?

Approve strongly	17%
Approve somewhat	15%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	40%
Not sure	17%

22. Who would do a better job handling climate change?

Joe Biden	45%
Donald Trump	28%
Not sure	27%

23. Joe Biden has proposed a $2 trillion plan to combat climate change by eradicating carbon pollution from the power sector by 2035 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Is Biden's plan ...

Too much	29%
Too little	10%
About right	31%
Not sure	30%

24. Do you think this year's presidential election will be free and fair?

Yes	22%
No	46%
Not sure	32%

25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The only way Donald Trump is going to lose is November is if the election is rigged."

Yes	30%
No	49%
Not sure	21%

26. Election-security experts say a U.S. presidential election cannot be rigged. Do you believe them?

Yes	19%
No	57%
Not sure	24%

27. Do you think this year's presidential election will be "rigged" in favor of one candidate or another?

Yes	34%
No	24%
Not sure	42%

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

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Slightly worried	Not worried
Fraudulent postal voting	31%	25%	16%	28%
Interference by foreign countries	25%	28%	23%	23%
Legitimate mail ballots will not be counted	39%	29%	16%	16%
The outcome of the election will not be accepted by one of the candidates	35%	29%	17%	20%
People will be prevented from voting	31%	25%	17%	27%

29. What do you think is more important?

Determining the outcome of the election quickly, even if many mail-in ballots have not been counted.	25%
Waiting for mail-in ballots to be counted so we are sure which candidate won, even if the process drags on for some time.	75%

30. Do you trust your state to accurately count all the votes in this year's election?

Yes	46%
No	26%
Not sure	28%

31. Which will be a bigger problem on Election Day?

People voting who shouldn't be allowed to vote	34%
People who should be allowed to vote not being allowed to vote	47%
Not sure	19%

32. How much voter fraud do you think will occur in this election?

Enough to influence the outcome	34%
Not enough to influence the outcome	30%
Not sure	36%

33. Traditionally, the losing presidential candidate concedes after the major networks call the race. When should the losing candidate in this year's election concede?

When the networks call the race, regardless of whether all mail-in votes have been counted	22%
Only after all mail-in votes have been counted, even if that process takes weeks	53%
Only after any election challenges have been fully litigated in court, even if that process takes months	14%
Never, because the result of the election cannot be trusted	10%

34. Which is the bigger problem in America today?

Systemic racism	50%
A breakdown of law and order	50%

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

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	29%
Not sure	11%

36. 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	36%
Not sure	8%

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

Yes	60%
No	27%
Not sure	14%

38. Should the protesters keep protesting or stop protesting?

Keep protesting	35%
Stop protesting	48%
Not sure	17%

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

Biden better	40%
Trump better	32%
About the same	13%
Not sure	15%

40. Are you currently employed?
Derived from employment status

Yes	40%
No	60%

41. Do you feel comfortable speaking up about racial inequality at your workplace?
Among those currently employed

Yes	55%
No	28%
Not sure	16%

42. Would you feel comfortable talking to your manager about race issues?
Among those currently employed

Yes	59%
No	28%
Not sure	13%

43. Have you experienced racism in your job?
Among those currently employed

Yes	17%
No	76%
Not sure	7%

44. Does your employer offer diversity and inclusion programs?
Among those currently employed

Yes	47%
No	29%
Not sure	24%

45. Do you think that you would be penalized if you brought up race issues, equity or inclusion topics at work?
Among those currently employed

Yes	15%
No	65%
Not sure	21%

46. Do you fear that you could lose your job or encounter retribution if you brought up race issues, equity or inclusion topics at work?
Among those currently employed

Yes	17%
No	66%
Not sure	17%

47. Do you think efforts for workplace diversity and inclusion programs are necessary or unnecessary?
Among those currently employed

Necessary	54%
Unnecessary	28%
Not sure	18%

48. How effective do you think workplace diversity initiatives will be in reducing racism and sexism in the workplace?
Among those currently employed

Very effective	11%
Somewhat effective	43%
Not effective	29%
Not sure	17%

49. Have you ever heard of the term "microaggressions"?
Among those currently employed

Yes, and I understand what it means	41%
Yes, but I'm not sure what it means	16%
No, I have not heard of it.	38%
Not sure	6%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	6%

51. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried	31%
Somewhat worried	39%
Not very worried	18%
Not worried at all	12%

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

Better	43%
Worse	26%
About the same	20%
Not sure	12%

53. 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	66%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly	34%

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

Always	55%
Most of the time	22%
Some of the time	17%
Never	6%

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

Yes	69%
No	31%

56. If and when a coronavirus vaccine becomes available, will you get vaccinated?

Yes	34%
No	32%
Not sure	35%

57. How soon would you want to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

As soon as a vaccine is available	17%
After waiting and seeing what happens when others take it	46%
Never	21%
Not sure	16%

58. Should Congress pass another COVID-19 relief package to help workers and businesses hurt by the pandemic?

Yes	77%
No	9%
Not sure	14%

59. A new book by journalist Bob Woodward reports that while Trump was telling Americans in February that coronavirus was no worse than a seasonal flu, he told Woodward that it was "deadly stuff" — "more deadly than even your strenuous flu" — while admitting that his goal was "to play it down." Does this information change your opinion of how well Trump has handled the coronavirus?

Yes	22%
No	78%

60. Does it make you more or less likely to vote for Trump in November?

Among those who say Trump's quotes in Woodward's book have changed their opinion of how well Trump has handled the coronavirus

More likely	10%
No effect	36%
Less likely	54%

61. What is your level of interest in the following sports?

	This is one of my TOP interests	Somewhat interested	A little bit interested	Not at all interested
Major League Baseball (MLB)	10%	18%	21%	52%
National Basketball Association (NBA)	10%	15%	19%	57%
National Football League (NFL)	18%	18%	18%	46%

62. Do you approve of the following types of protests by athletes?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Kneeling before games during the national anthem	45%	41%	13%
Protests messages on courts and uniforms	41%	42%	17%
Speaking out to the media about injustice	61%	24%	15%

63. Do protest messages during games make you more or less likely to watch?

More likely	12%
Less likely	36%
No effect	45%
Not sure	7%

64. Thinking back to five years ago, have you become more or less accepting of protests during sporting events?

More accepting now	20%
Less accepting now	29%
No change	42%
Not sure	9%

65. Are you in favor or opposed to playing the national anthem prior to sporting events?

Favor	55%
Oppose	10%
Neither favor nor oppose	35%

66. The NFL played "Lift Every Voice and Sing", also known as the Black national anthem, before last week's games. Are you in favor or opposed to playing the song before future games?

Favor	24%
Oppose	36%
Neither favor nor oppose	40%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	30%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	45%
Worse off financially	14%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	44%
Not sure	10%

70. 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	21%
Economy already the same	24%
Immediately	1%
A few months	4%
6-12 months	14%
One year or longer	25%
Not sure about economy	10%

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

Higher	27%
About the same	24%
Lower	17%
Not sure	33%

72. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	27%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	28%
Not sure	14%

75. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	64%
Not registered	36%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	6%

77. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

78. Respondent age by category

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

79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	63%
Black	12%
Hispanic	15%
Other	10%

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

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

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

Under $50K	45%
$50-100K	25%
$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	13%