

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 U.S. Registered Voters  
Conducted October 4 - 6, 2020  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.5\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	8%

## 2. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country?

Optimistic	40%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	20%

## 3. Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

Better off now	43%
Better off four years ago	39%
Not sure	18%

## 4. Is the country better off now than it was four years ago?

Better off now	34%
Better off four years ago	53%
Not sure	13%

## 5. How much attention have you been paying to the 2020 election campaign for president?

A lot	50%
Some	35%
Only a little	10%
None at all	5%

## 6. Did you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2020?

Democratic primary/caucus	44%
Republican primary/caucus	29%
Neither one	24%
Not sure	3%

**7. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 presidential election?**

Definitely will not vote	7%
Probably will not vote	3%
Maybe will vote	2%
Probably will vote	4%
Definitely will vote	74%
Already voted	9%
Don't know	1%

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

*Those who already have voted were asked, "Who did you vote for in the election for President in November?"*

Joe Biden	46%
Donald Trump	38%
Other	2%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	8%

**9. Which candidate would you prefer win the election....?**

*Combines responses of registered voters with those who are unlikely to vote or are not registered to vote*

Joe Biden	50%
Donald Trump	41%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%

**10. Which candidate do you prefer more, Joe Biden or Donald Trump?**

Joe Biden	51%
Donald Trump	43%
No preference	6%

**11. 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%

**12. How do you plan on voting in the presidential election this year?**

*Those who already have voted were asked, "How did you vote in the presidential election this year?"*

In person on election day	33%
In person before the election	18%
By mail	40%
I will not vote this year	8%

**13. Have you requested your mail-in ballot?**

*Among those who plan on voting by mail but do not live in states that automatically send mail-in ballots*

Yes .....	92%
No, not yet .....	7%
Not sure .....	1%

**14. Have you received your mail-in ballot?**

*Among those who have already requested a mail-in ballot or live in states that automatically send mail-in ballots*

Yes .....	30%
No, not yet .....	66%
Not sure .....	4%

**15. Do you know where your polling location is?**

*Among those who intend to vote in person*

Yes .....	91%
No, not yet .....	9%
Not sure .....	0%

**16. How important is voting for president this November?**

Very important .....	89%
Somewhat important .....	8%
Not very important .....	2%
Not important at all .....	1%

**17. How enthusiastic are you about voting for President in the upcoming presidential election in November?**

Extremely enthusiastic .....	48%
Very enthusiastic .....	20%
Somewhat enthusiastic .....	15%
Not too enthusiastic .....	9%
Not at all enthusiastic .....	8%

**18. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?**

*Asked of those who would vote for Joe Biden*

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden .....	42%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump .....	56%
Not sure .....	1%

**19. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?**

*Asked of those who would vote for Donald Trump*

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump .....	75%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden .....	22%
Not sure .....	2%

20. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	21%	24%	18%	32%	5%
Donald Trump	28%	13%	8%	48%	3%

21. Who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	40%
Donald Trump	37%
Not sure	23%

22. Who do you think will win the popular vote in the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	49%
Donald Trump	31%
Not sure	20%

23. Who do you think will win the Electoral College vote in the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	37%
Not sure	27%

24. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. Senate in 2020?

The Democratic Party	39%
The Republican Party	39%
Not sure	22%

25. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2020?

The Democratic Party	49%
The Republican Party	30%
Not sure	21%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of voting by mail?

Strongly approve	43%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	6%

**27. How much confidence do you have that your vote in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately?**

A great deal .....	27%
Quite a bit .....	22%
A moderate amount .....	25%
Only a little .....	8%
None at all .....	6%
Not sure .....	4%
Will not vote in 2020 presidential election .....	8%

**28. How much confidence do you have that the 2020 presidential election will be held fairly?**

A great deal .....	13%
Quite a bit .....	18%
A moderate amount .....	34%
Only a little .....	19%
None at all .....	11%
Not sure .....	4%

**29. From what you know about the presidential election process, when do you think we will know who won the presidential election this November?**

The night of the election .....	14%
The day after the election .....	14%
A few days after the election .....	22%
A week after the election .....	12%
A few weeks after the election .....	16%
A month after the election or later .....	8%
Don't know .....	13%

**30. Do you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable for us to know the results [the night of the election / the day after the election / a few days after the election / a week after the election / a few weeks after the election / a month after the election or later]?**

Acceptable .....	71%
Unacceptable .....	22%
Not sure .....	7%

**31. If Joe Biden wins the election, how likely do you think it is that there will be a peaceful transition of power in January?**

Very likely .....	21%
Somewhat likely .....	24%
Not very likely .....	25%
Not likely at all .....	18%
Not sure .....	12%

32. As you may know, the first Presidential Debate took place last week on Tuesday, September 29. Did you watch this debate?

I watched the entire debate .....	42%
I watched part of it .....	20%
I watched clips or highlights of the debate .....	13%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the debate .....	16%
I haven't heard anything about it .....	9%

33. Who do you think won Tuesday's presidential debate?

*Among those who watched the debate on Tuesday or watched clips or analysis about it later*

Joe Biden .....	41%
Donald Trump .....	29%
A tie .....	12%
Not sure .....	18%

34. How did this debate make you feel? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

*Among those who watched the debate on Tuesday or watched clips or analysis about it later*

Optimistic .....	8%
Pessimistic .....	29%
Inspired .....	5%
Annoyed .....	77%
Entertained .....	20%
Informed .....	7%

35. On Wednesday, October 7, Kamala Harris and Mike Pence will participate in the first Presidential Debate. Do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will .....	32%
Probably will .....	29%
Probably not .....	17%
Definitely not .....	12%
Not sure .....	9%

36. Who do you think will do better – or win – the debate?

Kamala Harris .....	40%
Mike Pence .....	34%
Don't know .....	26%

37. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	29%
Liberal .....	24%
Moderate .....	32%
Conservative .....	3%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	10%

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

A lot .....	31%
Some .....	20%
Not much .....	17%
Doesn't care at all .....	29%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Like a lot .....	26%
Like somewhat .....	16%
Neither like nor dislike .....	18%
Dislike somewhat .....	13%
Dislike a lot .....	22%
Not sure .....	4%

**40. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong .....	19%
Somewhat strong .....	28%
Somewhat weak .....	18%
Very weak .....	36%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	44%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	42%
Not sure .....	13%

**42. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?**

Confident .....	47%
Uneasy .....	42%
Not sure .....	11%

**43. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Joe Biden is elected President in 2020?**

Get better .....	37%
Get worse .....	44%
Stay the same .....	9%
Not sure .....	10%

**44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way of the way Kamala Harris is handling her job as a U.S. Senator?**

Strongly approve .....	24%
Somewhat approve .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	8%
Strongly disapprove .....	33%
Not sure .....	17%

**45. Regardless of your overall opinion of Kamala Harris, do you feel she has the qualifications to be president if something were to happen to Joe Biden?**

Qualified to be president .....	43%
Not qualified to be president .....	42%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Very liberal .....	39%
Liberal .....	26%
Moderate .....	20%
Conservative .....	2%
Very conservative .....	0%
Not sure .....	14%

**47. How much do you think Kamala Harris cares about the needs and problems of people like you?**

A lot .....	28%
Some .....	20%
Not much .....	10%
Doesn't care at all .....	35%
Not sure .....	6%

**48. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like or dislike Kamala Harris as a person?**

Like a lot .....	24%
Like somewhat .....	16%
Neither like nor dislike .....	14%
Dislike somewhat .....	10%
Dislike a lot .....	27%
Not sure .....	8%

**49. Would you say Kamala Harris is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong .....	26%
Somewhat strong .....	30%
Somewhat weak .....	19%
Very weak .....	25%



**50. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?**

Honest and trustworthy .....	44%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	42%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	1%
Moderate .....	14%
Conservative .....	34%
Very conservative .....	28%
Not sure .....	20%

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

A lot .....	28%
Some .....	14%
Not much .....	8%
Doesn't care at all .....	47%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Like a lot .....	15%
Like somewhat .....	13%
Neither like nor dislike .....	11%
Dislike somewhat .....	10%
Dislike a lot .....	47%
Not sure .....	4%

**54. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong .....	36%
Somewhat strong .....	13%
Somewhat weak .....	10%
Very weak .....	40%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	32%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	57%
Not sure .....	12%

56. Are you confident in Donald Trump’s ability to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	38%
Uneasy .....	58%
Not sure .....	5%

57. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Donald Trump is re-elected President in 2020?

Get better .....	40%
Get worse .....	44%
Stay the same .....	9%
Not sure .....	6%

58. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Melania Trump?

Very favorable .....	30%
Somewhat favorable .....	13%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14%
Very unfavorable .....	29%
Don’t know .....	14%

59. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Pence is handling his job as Vice President?

Strongly approve .....	31%
Somewhat approve .....	13%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	13%

60. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mike Pence, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president if something were to happen to Donald Trump?

Qualified to be president .....	50%
Not qualified to be president .....	33%
Not sure .....	17%

61. Would you say Mike Pence is...

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	1%
Moderate .....	6%
Conservative .....	27%
Very conservative .....	49%
Not sure .....	16%

**62. How much do you think Mike Pence cares about the needs and problems of people like you?**

A lot	29%
Some	14%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	8%

**63. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Mike Pence as a person?**

Like a lot	24%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	31%
Not sure	8%

**64. Would you say Mike Pence is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong	22%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	23%
Very weak	27%

**65. Do you think Mike Pence is honest and trustworthy, or not?**

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	43%
Not sure	18%

**66. As you may know, the 1973 Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade established a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?**

Yes, would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	28%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned (maintain abortion rights in all 50 states)	55%
Not sure	17%

**67. Should the Supreme Court invalidate the Affordable Care Act?**

Yes, the Affordable Care Act should be invalidated	34%
No, the Affordable Care Act should not be invalidated	50%
Not sure	16%

**68. How much have you heard about Donald Trump nominating federal judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States?**

A lot	51%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	11%

69. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump nominating Amy Coney Barrett for the Supreme Court of the United States?

Strongly approve .....	32%
Somewhat approve .....	9%
Somewhat disapprove .....	6%
Strongly disapprove .....	39%
Not sure .....	14%

70. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Amy Coney Barrett?

Very favorable .....	26%
Somewhat favorable .....	12%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	11%
Very unfavorable .....	26%
Don't know .....	26%

71. Would you say Amy Coney Barrett is...

Very liberal .....	1%
Liberal .....	2%
Moderate .....	10%
Conservative .....	27%
Very conservative .....	41%
Not sure .....	20%

72. From what you know now, do you think Amy Coney Barrett is or is not qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Qualified .....	48%
Not qualified .....	27%
Not sure .....	25%

73. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Amy Coney Barrett as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm .....	41%
Should not confirm .....	42%
Not sure .....	17%

74. Should Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement be confirmed...

Before election day .....	37%
After election day, but before new lawmakers are sworn in .....	5%
After new lawmakers are sworn in, in January 2021 .....	42%
Not sure .....	16%

**75. How important to you is the appointment of a new Supreme Court justice when deciding who to vote for?**

Very important	45%
Important	28%
Not very important	19%
Not at all important	8%

**76. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?**

Very closely	43%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	13%
Not following at all	3%

**77. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	22%
Yes, a close friend	21%
No	55%
Prefer not to say	1%

**78. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	17%
Yes, a close friend	23%
No	60%
Prefer not to say	1%

**79. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

Yes, a family member	5%
Yes, a close friend	12%
No	82%
Prefer not to say	3%

**80. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?**

Very worried	24%
Somewhat worried	36%
Not too worried	26%
Not worried at all	14%

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

Always	56%
Most of the time	23%
Some of the time	15%
Never	5%

**82. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the community where you live is...**

Increasing	33%
Not changing	27%
Decreasing	21%
Not sure	19%

**83. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...**

The pandemic is going to get worse	42%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	13%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	25%
Not sure	20%

**84. How many Americans, in total, do you think will have died this year due to complications from COVID-19?**

Fewer than 100,000 Americans	12%
100,000-150,000 Americans	7%
150,000-200,000 Americans	10%
200,000-250,000 Americans	36%
250,000-1 million Americans	29%
More than 1 million Americans	6%

**85. When do you think it will be safe to end social distancing measures and reopen businesses as normal?**

It is safe right now	19%
In about two weeks	2%
In a month or so	4%
In several months	22%
In about a year or longer	31%
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	37%
No	30%
Not sure	33%

**87. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available to the public?**

Before the end of the summer	0%
Before November	2%
By the end of 2020	19%
By the summer of 2021	40%
By the end of 2021	15%
2022 or later	6%
Not sure	19%

**88. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?**

Very concerned	47%
Somewhat concerned	30%
Not very concerned	10%
Not concerned at all	7%
Not sure	5%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	4%

**90. How well do you think the federal government has handled COVID-19 so far?**

Excellent	8%
Good	21%
Fair	21%
Poor	45%
Not sure	5%

**91. How well do you think your state government has handled COVID-19 so far?**

Excellent	14%
Good	25%
Fair	24%
Poor	32%
Not sure	5%

<b>92. How well do you think your local government has handled COVID-19 so far?</b>	
Excellent .....	11%
Good .....	34%
Fair .....	26%
Poor .....	21%
Not sure .....	8%
<b>93. Do you believe that a federal mask mandate would be a violation of your civil liberties, or not?</b>	
It would be a violation of civil liberties .....	29%
It would not be a violation of civil liberties .....	61%
Don't know .....	10%
<b>94. Do you believe that local stay-at-home orders (with limited allowances for essential workers and to run essential errands) due to COVID-19 are a violation of your civil liberties, or not?</b>	
They are a violation of civil liberties .....	33%
They are not be a violation of civil liberties .....	54%
Don't know .....	13%
<b>95. How much have you heard about President Trump contracting the coronavirus and being hospitalized Friday?</b>	
A lot .....	67%
A little .....	32%
Nothing at all .....	1%
<b>96. The next presidential debate is scheduled for October 15. Given President Trump's positive COVID-19 test, do you think the debate should or should not happen as scheduled?</b>	
It should happen in-person as scheduled .....	33%
It should happen remotely, over the phone or video .....	44%
It should be cancelled .....	23%
<b>97. How do you think President Trump contracting the coronavirus will affect the presidential election?</b>	
More people will vote for Joe Biden .....	23%
It will have no effect on the presidential election .....	34%
More people will vote for Donald Trump .....	13%
Not sure .....	30%
<b>98. How likely do you believe it is that more politicians will contract COVID-19?</b>	
Very likely .....	47%
Somewhat likely .....	39%
Not very likely .....	3%
Not likely at all .....	2%
Not sure .....	9%



99. How concerned are you that politicians getting coronavirus could prevent the U.S. government from functioning properly?

Very concerned	10%
Somewhat concerned	38%
Not very concerned	34%
Not concerned at all	18%

100. As you may know, Donald Trump has refused to release his tax returns. How much have you heard about Donald Trump's refusal to release his tax returns?

Heard a lot	51%
Heard a little	42%
Heard nothing at all	7%

101. Regardless of how you feel about Donald Trump, do you think that he should release his tax returns?

Yes	58%
No	33%
Not sure	9%

102. How much have you heard in the news recently about Donald Trump's tax returns through 2017?

A lot	43%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	12%

103. The New York Times recently reported that it had obtained Donald Trump's tax returns through 2017, which showed that he paid only \$750 in federal income taxes in his first year as president. Do you believe that Trump only paid \$750 in federal income taxes in 2017?

Yes	51%
No	29%
Not sure	20%

104. Does it make you angry if this is all Trump paid in Federal income taxes?

Yes	68%
No	24%
Not sure	8%

105. How do you think Trump paying only \$750 in Federal income taxes will affect the presidential election?

More people will vote for Joe Biden	29%
It will have no effect on the presidential election	42%
More people will vote for Donald Trump	6%
Not sure	24%

106. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	74%	22%	2%	1%
Immigration	44%	34%	18%	4%
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	16%	15%
National Security and foreign policy	59%	31%	7%	3%
Education	57%	31%	9%	2%
Health care	71%	23%	4%	1%
Taxes and government spending	60%	31%	7%	1%
Civil rights and civil liberties	59%	30%	9%	2%
Gun control	45%	28%	15%	11%
Crime and criminal justice reform	51%	39%	7%	3%

107. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Jobs and the economy	24%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security and foreign policy	4%
Education	3%
Health care	29%
Taxes and government spending	9%
Civil rights and civil liberties	10%
Gun control	2%
Crime and criminal justice reform	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	14%	6%	50%	1%
Joe Biden	26%	21%	12%	37%	3%
Mike Pence	30%	14%	11%	39%	7%
Kamala Harris	28%	17%	9%	40%	6%
Nancy Pelosi	21%	18%	10%	47%	4%
Mitch McConnell	8%	18%	11%	45%	17%

109. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	21%	21%	15%	38%	4%
The Republican Party	15%	24%	15%	42%	4%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	2%

111. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	35%	13%	12%	36%	5%
Immigration	32%	11%	8%	46%	3%
Climate change and the environment	20%	15%	10%	45%	10%
Terrorism	33%	11%	10%	39%	6%
Education	19%	20%	12%	38%	11%
Health care	20%	21%	8%	46%	6%
Taxes and government spending	21%	19%	12%	43%	5%
Civil rights and civil liberties	23%	17%	7%	45%	8%
Gun control	26%	16%	9%	40%	10%
Crime and criminal justice reform	25%	17%	10%	39%	9%

112. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	61%
Not sure	15%

113. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	9%

114. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve .....	15%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	46%
Not sure .....	8%

115. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve .....	8%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	44%
Not sure .....	16%

116. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve .....	10%
Somewhat approve .....	35%
Somewhat disapprove .....	22%
Strongly disapprove .....	12%
Not sure .....	21%

117. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	9%
Moderate .....	34%
Conservative .....	26%
Very conservative .....	9%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Getting better .....	27%
About the same .....	20%
Getting worse .....	48%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Higher .....	31%
About the same .....	19%
Lower .....	17%
Not sure .....	33%

120. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	59%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	24%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	27%
Not sure .....	3%

122. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs .....	34%
The same amount of jobs .....	23%
Fewer jobs .....	21%
Not sure .....	22%

123. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	7%
Somewhat worried .....	31%
Not very worried .....	62%

124. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....	23%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	43%
Not very hard .....	23%
Not sure .....	11%

125. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy .....	20%
Happy .....	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	29%
Unhappy .....	11%
Very unhappy .....	5%

126. 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 .....	33%
Some of the time .....	38%
Only now and then .....	19%
Hardly at all .....	8%
Don't know .....	1%

**127. Which cable news network do you watch the most?**

CNN .....	17%
Fox News .....	20%
MSNBC .....	9%
Other cable news network .....	5%
I don't watch any cable news .....	48%

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

Liberal .....	29%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	33%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	20%
Very conservative .....	13%
Not sure .....	7%

**130. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	100%
Not registered .....	0%

**131. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

Yes, I voted in the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus .....	40%
Yes, I voted in the Republican Presidential primary or caucus .....	36%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus .....	19%
I don't remember .....	5%

**132. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

*Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus*

Hillary Clinton .....	66%
Martin O'Malley .....	1%
Bernie Sanders .....	31%
Someone else .....	2%

**133. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

*Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus*

Donald Trump .....	63%
Someone else .....	37%

**134. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?**

Yes .....	91%
No .....	9%

**135. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2016?**

Hillary Clinton .....	41%
Donald Trump .....	40%
Gary Johnson .....	2%
Jill Stein .....	2%
Evan McMullin .....	0%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	13%

**136. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?**

Barack Obama .....	44%
Mitt Romney .....	34%
Other candidate .....	3%
I did not vote .....	19%

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

Democrat .....	38%
Republican .....	26%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Strong Democrat .....	28%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	13%
Lean Republican .....	11%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	17%
Not sure .....	2%

**139. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

140. Please select from the list the country / region where you were born. If you would prefer not to say, please select that option at the bottom.

United States .....	95%
Canada .....	0%
United Kingdom .....	0%
Afghanistan .....	0%
Aland Islands .....	0%
Albania .....	0%
Algeria .....	0%
American Samoa .....	0%
Andorra .....	0%
Angola .....	0%
Anguilla .....	0%
Antarctica .....	0%
Antigua and Barbuda .....	0%
Argentina .....	0%
Armenia .....	0%
Aruba .....	0%
Australia .....	0%
Austria .....	0%
Azerbaijan .....	0%
Bahamas .....	0%
Bahrain .....	0%
Bangladesh .....	0%
Barbados .....	0%
Belarus .....	0%
Belgium .....	0%
Belize .....	0%
Benin .....	0%
Bermuda .....	0%
Bhutan .....	0%
Bolivia .....	0%
Bosnia and Herzegovina .....	0%
Botswana .....	0%
Bouvet Island .....	0%
Brazil .....	0%
British Indian Ocean Territory .....	0%
Brunei Darussalam .....	0%
Bulgaria .....	0%
Burkina Faso .....	0%
Burundi .....	0%
Cambodia .....	0%
Cameroon .....	0%
Cape Verde .....	0%
Cayman Islands .....	0%

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Central African Republic	0%
Chad	0%
Chile	0%
China	0%
Christmas Island	0%
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0%
Colombia	1%
Comoros	0%
Congo	0%
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	0%
Cook Islands	0%
Costa Rica	0%
Cote d'Ivoire	0%
Croatia	0%
Cuba	0%
Cyprus	0%
Czech Republic	0%
Denmark	0%
Djibouti	0%
Dominica	0%
Dominican Republic	0%
Ecuador	0%
Egypt	0%
El Salvador	0%
Equatorial Guinea	0%
Eritrea	0%
Estonia	0%
Ethiopia	0%
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0%
Faroe Islands	0%
Fiji	0%
Finland	0%
France	0%
French Guiana	0%
French Polynesia	0%
French Southern Territories	0%
Gabon	0%
Gambia	0%
Georgia	0%
Germany	0%
Ghana	0%
Gibraltar	0%
Greece	0%
Greenland	0%

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Grenada	0%
Guadeloupe	0%
Guam	0%
Guatemala	0%
Guernsey	0%
Guinea	0%
Guinea-Bissau	0%
Guyana	0%
Haiti	0%
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0%
Holy See (Vatican City State)	0%
Honduras	0%
Hong Kong	0%
Hungary	0%
Iceland	0%
India	0%
Indonesia	0%
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0%
Iraq	0%
Ireland	0%
Isle of Man	0%
Israel	0%
Italy	0%
Jamaica	0%
Japan	0%
Jersey	0%
Jordan	0%
Kazakhstan	0%
Kenya	0%
Kiribati	0%
Kosovo	0%
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	0%
Korea, Republic of	0%
Kuwait	0%
Kyrgyzstan	0%
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0%
Laos	0%
Latvia	0%
Lebanon	0%
Lesotho	0%
Liberia	0%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0%
Liechtenstein	0%
Lithuania	0%

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Luxembourg	0%
Macao	0%
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of	0%
Madagascar	0%
Malawi	0%
Malaysia	0%
Maldives	0%
Mali	0%
Malta	0%
Marshall Islands	0%
Martinique	0%
Mauritania	0%
Mauritius	0%
Mayotte	0%
Mexico	1%
Micronesia, Federated States of	0%
Moldova, Republic of	0%
Monaco	0%
Mongolia	0%
Montserrat	0%
Morocco	0%
Mozambique	0%
Myanmar	0%
Namibia	0%
Nauru	0%
Nepal	0%
Netherlands	0%
Netherlands Antilles	0%
New Caledonia	0%
New Zealand	0%
Nicaragua	0%
Niger	0%
Nigeria	0%
Niue	0%
Norfolk Island	0%
Northern Mariana Islands	0%
Norway	0%
Oman	0%
Pakistan	0%
Palau	0%
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	0%
Panama	0%
Papua New Guinea	0%
Paraguay	0%

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Peru .....	0%
Philippines .....	0%
Pitcairn .....	0%
Poland .....	0%
Portugal .....	0%
Puerto Rico .....	0%
Qatar .....	0%
Reunion .....	0%
Romania .....	0%
Russian Federation .....	0%
Rwanda .....	0%
Saint Helena .....	0%
Saint Kitts and Nevis .....	0%
Saint Lucia .....	0%
Saint Pierre and Miquelon .....	0%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines .....	0%
Samoa .....	0%
San Marino .....	0%
Sao Tome and Principe .....	0%
Saudi Arabia .....	0%
Senegal .....	0%
Serbia and Montenegro .....	0%
Seychelles .....	0%
Sierra Leone .....	0%
Singapore .....	0%
Slovakia .....	0%
Slovenia .....	0%
Solomon Islands .....	0%
Somalia .....	0%
South Africa .....	0%
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands .....	0%
Spain .....	0%
Sri Lanka .....	0%
Sudan .....	0%
Suriname .....	0%
Svalbard and Jan Mayen .....	0%
Swaziland .....	0%
Sweden .....	0%
Switzerland .....	0%
Syrian Arab Republic .....	0%
Taiwan .....	0%
Tajikistan .....	0%
Tanzania, United Republic of .....	0%
Thailand .....	0%

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Timor-Leste	0%
Togo	0%
Tokelau	0%
Tonga	0%
Trinidad and Tobago	0%
Tunisia	0%
Turkey	0%
Turkmenistan	0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	0%
Tuvalu	0%
Uganda	0%
Ukraine	0%
United Arab Emirates	0%
United States Minor Outlying Islands	0%
Uruguay	0%
Uzbekistan	0%
Vanuatu	0%
Venezuela	0%
Viet Nam	0%
Virgin Islands, British	0%
Virgin Islands, U.S.	0%
Wallis and Futuna	0%
Western Sahara	0%
Yemen	0%
Zambia	0%
Zimbabwe	0%
Don't know	0%
Prefer not to say	0%

141. Respondent age by category

Under 30	12%
30-44	21%
45-64	40%
65+	27%

142. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	71%
Black	13%
Hispanic	10%
Other	5%

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

HS or less	31%
Some college	32%
College grad	24%
Postgrad	13%

**144. What is your marital status?**

Married	49%
Separated	0%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	27%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

**145. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?**

Yes	20%
No	80%

**146. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	24%

**147. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?**

A large city	17%
A suburb near a large city	34%
A small city or town	26%
A rural area	23%

**148. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?**

Excellent	15%
Very good	33%
Good	35%
Only fair	13%
Poor	4%

**149. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?**

Personally own a gun	27%
Don't personally own a gun, but someone in the household owns a gun	12%
No one in the household owns a gun	55%
Not sure	6%

150. States where the number of new cases over the previous week are higher and staying high, higher but going down, lower but going up, or lower and staying low, according to a New York Times database.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html?action=click&module=Spotlight&pgtype=Homepage#map> accessed: October 6, 2020

Where new cases are higher and staying high	38%
Where new cases are higher but going down	0%
Where new cases are lower but going up	30%
Where new cases are lower and staying low	31%

151. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, dozens of states have modified their rules for absentee voting in November's elections.

[https://www.npr.org/2020/09/14/909338758/map-mail-in-voting-rules-by-state?utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.npr.org/2020/09/14/909338758/map-mail-in-voting-rules-by-state?utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=) accessed: September 15, 2020

Mail-in ballots automatically sent to all voters	22%
Mail-in ballot applications automatically sent to all voters	20%
All voters can request a mail-in ballot	39%
Voters need an excuse beyond COVID-19 to request a mail-in ballot	19%

152. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	33%
Part-time employed	8%
Self-employed	7%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	7%
Retired	30%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Other	1%

153. How would you describe your social class?

Rich	0%
Upper-middle class	8%
Middle class	44%
Working class	35%
Poor	12%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	31%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	9%

155. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	0%
Military Household - Family	8%
Military Household - I served previously	13%
Military Household - Family served previously	41%
Military Household - None	48%

156. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	86%

157. We are interested in volunteer activities, that is, activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while. In the last 12 months, that is since September 2019, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

Yes	26%
No	74%

158. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	11%
Not at all important	23%

159. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	23%
Never	29%
Don't know	2%

160. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	31%
No	69%



161. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day .....	30%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	17%
Never .....	17%
Don't know .....	2%

162. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	37%
Roman Catholic .....	16%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	22%
Something else .....	9%

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 4 - 6, 2020
<b>Target population</b>	US Registered Voters
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2016 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.11 to 7.18, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.488.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	28 questions not reported.