

1. American Government System

Which of these statements comes closest to your feelings about the American system of government?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes	6%	9%	4%	3%	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	9%
Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement	38%	48%	29%	19%	32%	41%	48%	39%	28%	34%	44%
Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements	25%	19%	30%	39%	22%	25%	20%	27%	18%	24%	20%
Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	24%	22%	27%	24%	31%	23%	21%	23%	37%	23%	24%
Not sure	7%	2%	11%	15%	10%	3%	4%	5%	12%	13%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(999)	(457)	(542)	(143)	(214)	(380)	(262)	(750)	(116)	(80)	(53)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes	6%	5%	6%	9%	6%	7%	6%	8%	6%	10%	6%	6%	5%
Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement	38%	36%	41%	35%	36%	42%	34%	48%	38%	38%	37%	34%	43%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements	25%	31%	21%	22%	31%	20%	21%	26%	36%	20%	29%	22%	31%
Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	24%	24%	24%	26%	22%	24%	30%	16%	15%	24%	22%	30%	17%
Not sure	7%	4%	8%	8%	5%	7%	9%	2%	4%	7%	6%	8%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(400)	(325)	(274)	(365)	(322)	(421)	(268)	(179)	(157)	(247)	(379)	(216)

2. Confidence in American People

In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the wisdom of the American people when it comes to making political decisions?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A very great deal	7%	9%	6%	11%	5%	7%	6%	7%	11%	2%	9%
A good deal	25%	25%	25%	18%	20%	28%	29%	25%	26%	24%	19%
Not very much	48%	52%	45%	44%	52%	47%	48%	48%	41%	49%	65%
None at all	11%	10%	12%	11%	13%	11%	9%	12%	8%	12%	1%
Not sure	9%	4%	12%	16%	9%	6%	8%	8%	13%	12%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(457)	(543)	(143)	(214)	(381)	(262)	(750)	(117)	(80)	(53)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A very great deal	7%	6%	2%	14%	6%	10%	6%	7%	11%	5%	7%	9%	6%
A good deal	25%	25%	27%	21%	23%	26%	27%	22%	24%	23%	22%	28%	23%
Not very much	48%	48%	51%	46%	52%	46%	41%	58%	56%	46%	54%	42%	54%
None at all	11%	14%	6%	14%	10%	12%	15%	9%	3%	18%	9%	10%	9%
Not sure	9%	7%	14%	6%	8%	7%	11%	5%	6%	8%	8%	10%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(401)	(325)	(274)	(366)	(322)	(422)	(268)	(179)	(157)	(248)	(379)	(216)

3. Winning or Losing

Thinking about the way things are going in politics today, on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Winning more often than losing	18%	25%	13%	21%	26%	17%	12%	19%	19%	18%	14%
Losing more often than winning	33%	37%	30%	28%	30%	38%	33%	32%	26%	36%	57%
Winning and losing about equally often	22%	24%	20%	16%	20%	19%	32%	23%	21%	24%	13%
Not sure	26%	14%	36%	35%	24%	26%	24%	26%	34%	22%	16%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(456)	(543)	(143)	(213)	(381)	(262)	(750)	(116)	(80)	(53)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Winning more often than losing	18%	15%	12%	30%	15%	26%	19%	11%	31%	25%	11%	22%	16%
Losing more often than winning	33%	36%	33%	31%	34%	34%	31%	36%	27%	36%	30%	34%	33%
Winning and losing about equally often	22%	25%	28%	12%	27%	15%	20%	31%	20%	16%	26%	18%	30%
Not sure	26%	25%	27%	27%	24%	25%	29%	22%	23%	23%	34%	26%	20%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(999)	(401)	(324)	(274)	(366)	(322)	(421)	(268)	(179)	(157)	(248)	(378)	(216)

4. Politics Right and Wrong

In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong, or don't you think about politics in this way?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	51%	55%	47%	54%	45%	53%	51%	51%	43%	58%	55%
Don't think about politics in this way	35%	37%	32%	25%	34%	35%	41%	35%	35%	23%	41%
Not sure	15%	7%	21%	21%	21%	13%	9%	14%	21%	20%	5%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(996)	(457)	(539)	(141)	(212)	(381)	(262)	(749)	(116)	(78)	(53)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	51%	56%	38%	59%	53%	57%	50%	51%	57%	56%	49%	49%	52%
Don't think about politics in this way	35%	31%	48%	24%	35%	29%	36%	36%	29%	29%	32%	37%	37%
Not sure	15%	14%	14%	16%	13%	14%	14%	13%	14%	15%	18%	14%	11%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(399)	(323)	(274)	(366)	(322)	(419)	(267)	(179)	(157)	(248)	(376)	(215)

5. Difference Between Democrats and Republicans

How much of a difference do you think there is between Republicans and Democrats?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot of difference	53%	49%	56%	29%	30%	65%	71%	58%	40%	25%	69%
Some difference	27%	28%	27%	32%	38%	23%	22%	27%	28%	34%	17%
Only a little difference	8%	10%	6%	15%	12%	4%	5%	6%	9%	21%	5%
Not much of a difference at all	6%	8%	4%	11%	7%	6%	1%	4%	10%	10%	6%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	13%	13%	2%	1%	5%	13%	10%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
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A lot of difference	53%	52%	42%	67%	52%	63%	50%	57%	49%	46%	51%	59%	52%
Some difference	27%	29%	30%	22%	30%	24%	26%	28%	38%	35%	27%	24%	28%
Only a little difference	8%	10%	10%	3%	10%	4%	9%	9%	6%	8%	8%	5%	11%
Not much of a difference at all	6%	7%	8%	2%	3%	5%	7%	3%	3%	8%	7%	4%	6%
Not sure	6%	3%	10%	6%	5%	4%	8%	2%	4%	4%	7%	8%	4%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%
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December 21 - 25, 2020 - 1000 US Registered Voters



Interviewing Dates	December 21 - 25, 2020
Target population	U.S. Registered Voters, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.202 to 6.562, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.31.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	59 questions not reported.