

1. American Government Change

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	7%	9%	5%	3%	7%	8%	9%	6%	5%	11%	9%
Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement	30%	37%	25%	26%	28%	29%	39%	31%	28%	31%	28%
Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements	26%	25%	27%	34%	28%	28%	16%	26%	29%	23%	31%
Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	26%	21%	31%	25%	24%	27%	28%	28%	25%	22%	18%
Not sure	10%	8%	12%	12%	13%	8%	9%	9%	14%	13%	14%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(995)	(493)	(502)	(212)	(207)	(360)	(216)	(659)	(133)	(114)	(89)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes	7%	4%	6%	11%	5%	14%	5%	7%	9%	11%	7%	5%	8%
Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement	30%	37%	27%	27%	38%	28%	26%	31%	43%	31%	25%	34%	30%

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	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements	26%	31%	24%	23%	33%	21%	24%	31%	28%	27%	22%	26%	31%
Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes	26%	19%	29%	31%	16%	31%	29%	28%	18%	21%	35%	27%	20%
Not sure	10%	8%	13%	7%	8%	6%	15%	2%	3%	10%	12%	9%	12%
Totals	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(325)	(459)	(211)	(402)	(227)	(439)	(255)	(168)	(188)	(209)	(354)	(244)

2. Trust 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	9%	14%	3%	9%	9%	7%	10%	9%	10%	7%	2%
A good deal	23%	21%	25%	20%	17%	23%	33%	24%	21%	20%	29%
Not very much	43%	42%	44%	49%	44%	39%	42%	41%	44%	50%	48%
None at all	12%	12%	12%	10%	13%	16%	7%	14%	13%	5%	7%
Not sure	13%	11%	15%	11%	16%	15%	8%	12%	12%	17%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(491)	(503)	(211)	(206)	(361)	(216)	(659)	(134)	(114)	(87)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A very great deal	9%	6%	9%	10%	6%	11%	10%	4%	12%	12%	9%	9%	5%
A good deal	23%	29%	17%	27%	27%	24%	19%	30%	25%	18%	19%	26%	26%
Not very much	43%	49%	43%	37%	50%	38%	41%	46%	47%	43%	44%	40%	47%
None at all	12%	7%	15%	14%	5%	16%	13%	11%	11%	8%	15%	14%	10%
Not sure	13%	9%	16%	12%	12%	10%	17%	9%	4%	19%	13%	10%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(325)	(458)	(211)	(403)	(227)	(440)	(255)	(166)	(189)	(208)	(353)	(244)

3. Your Side Winning

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	12%	15%	10%	16%	13%	9%	12%	11%	18%	14%	13%
Losing more often than winning	38%	40%	36%	28%	35%	41%	45%	40%	36%	37%	22%
Winning and losing about equally often	23%	22%	24%	19%	23%	26%	21%	24%	17%	21%	27%
Not sure	27%	23%	31%	37%	29%	24%	21%	25%	29%	28%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(493)	(503)	(213)	(206)	(362)	(215)	(659)	(134)	(113)	(90)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Winning more often than losing	12%	21%	6%	12%	19%	8%	8%	16%	21%	14%	6%	13%	15%
Losing more often than winning	38%	28%	40%	47%	27%	57%	35%	42%	44%	37%	38%	41%	33%
Winning and losing about equally often	23%	29%	20%	20%	34%	17%	23%	21%	25%	30%	23%	22%	18%
Not sure	27%	22%	35%	21%	19%	19%	34%	21%	10%	19%	32%	23%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(327)	(458)	(211)	(403)	(226)	(440)	(255)	(168)	(188)	(210)	(354)	(244)

4. Politics Moral Struggle

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	40%	43%	38%	32%	42%	40%	46%	39%	45%	47%	26%
Don't think about politics in this way	41%	41%	41%	41%	34%	44%	43%	43%	30%	35%	54%
Not sure	19%	16%	21%	27%	24%	16%	10%	18%	25%	18%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(490)	(502)	(211)	(205)	(360)	(216)	(657)	(134)	(114)	(87)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	40%	40%	37%	45%	44%	50%	39%	42%	46%	46%	32%	43%	38%
Don't think about politics in this way	41%	43%	39%	42%	43%	39%	38%	43%	50%	37%	50%	35%	44%
Not sure	19%	17%	24%	13%	13%	11%	23%	15%	5%	16%	18%	22%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(992)	(325)	(457)	(210)	(402)	(227)	(439)	(254)	(166)	(189)	(206)	(353)	(244)

5. Difference Republicans vs. Democrats

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	48%	44%	51%	39%	41%	51%	56%	51%	47%	42%	29%
Some difference	26%	27%	25%	33%	26%	23%	26%	27%	24%	28%	26%
Only a little difference	9%	12%	6%	11%	10%	9%	6%	7%	10%	11%	16%
Not much of a difference at all	6%	8%	5%	4%	5%	9%	5%	6%	7%	6%	9%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	13%	17%	8%	7%	9%	12%	13%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(996)	(493)	(503)	(212)	(207)	(361)	(216)	(660)	(134)	(111)	(91)

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A lot of difference	48%	55%	35%	59%	54%	57%	43%	56%	50%	41%	52%	49%	46%
Some difference	26%	25%	28%	24%	32%	21%	24%	26%	34%	31%	21%	25%	30%
Only a little difference	9%	7%	11%	7%	5%	10%	9%	7%	10%	15%	6%	7%	9%
Not much of a difference at all	6%	5%	10%	2%	3%	6%	10%	4%	4%	5%	9%	6%	6%
Not sure	11%	8%	15%	7%	6%	5%	14%	7%	2%	8%	11%	13%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%
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Interviewing Dates	January 14 - 18, 2021
Target population	U.S. Citizens, 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 (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.2 to 6.496, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.986.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.