

HuffPost: Keeping Up With 2020 Politics

October 7 - 11, 2020 - 1000 US Registered Voters

1. Keep Up With Politics

Do you or do you not generally try to keep up with what's happening in politics?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I do	69%	71%	67%	38%	70%	69%	86%	70%	68%	70%	55%
I do not	25%	22%	27%	45%	23%	26%	12%	25%	25%	25%	23%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	17%	6%	5%	2%	5%	7%	5%	22%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(447)	(540)	(129)	(222)	(376)	(260)	(762)	(92)	(76)	(57)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I do	69%	74%	60%	73%	75%	71%	68%	74%	76%	64%	65%	72%	71%
I do not	25%	25%	27%	23%	22%	23%	25%	23%	18%	28%	31%	20%	24%
Not sure	6%	1%	13%	4%	3%	6%	7%	3%	6%	8%	4%	8%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(374)	(350)	(263)	(364)	(316)	(379)	(284)	(212)	(169)	(241)	(336)	(241)

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2. Ease of Keeping Up with 2020

Thinking about the year 2020 so far, how easy has it been for you to keep up with what's happening in politics?

Asked of those who generally keep up with politics

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very easy	32%	35%	30%	14%	30%	32%	40%	33%	37%	21%	32%
Somewhat easy	39%	39%	38%	45%	46%	37%	34%	41%	34%	30%	36%
Not very easy	19%	17%	22%	30%	20%	17%	19%	17%	23%	28%	31%
Not easy at all	8%	8%	7%	2%	4%	12%	6%	7%	4%	21%	1%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	9%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(825)	(396)	(429)	(70)	(175)	(331)	(249)	(660)	(65)	(52)	(48)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very easy	32%	32%	22%	42%	28%	39%	26%	33%	48%	32%	36%	37%	22%
Somewhat easy	39%	38%	38%	40%	34%	42%	40%	43%	34%	36%	38%	36%	45%
Not very easy	19%	19%	25%	14%	23%	15%	25%	16%	12%	19%	21%	20%	17%
Not easy at all	8%	11%	10%	1%	13%	2%	9%	4%	5%	13%	3%	6%	10%
Not sure	2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	2%	0%	5%	0%	0%	2%	1%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(825)	(315)	(282)	(228)	(329)	(285)	(294)	(250)	(195)	(138)	(197)	(277)	(213)

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3. Stress of Keeping Up with 2020

Thinking about the year 2020 so far, how stressful has it been for you to keep up with what's happening in politics?

Asked of those who generally keep up with politics

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very stressful	30%	24%	36%	32%	32%	34%	24%	32%	18%	33%	21%
Somewhat stressful	45%	46%	44%	48%	42%	40%	50%	40%	50%	60%	65%
Not very stressful	13%	17%	10%	12%	14%	13%	14%	15%	13%	4%	13%
Not at all stressful	10%	13%	8%	3%	12%	9%	12%	10%	18%	3%	1%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	4%	0%	4%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(822)	(395)	(427)	(70)	(175)	(332)	(245)	(657)	(65)	(52)	(48)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very stressful	30%	39%	28%	22%	43%	18%	29%	26%	36%	35%	32%	26%	32%
Somewhat stressful	45%	44%	50%	40%	40%	44%	48%	43%	37%	44%	38%	48%	46%
Not very stressful	13%	9%	14%	17%	8%	21%	10%	17%	15%	14%	19%	12%	10%
Not at all stressful	10%	8%	4%	19%	6%	16%	13%	9%	11%	6%	10%	15%	7%
Not sure	2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	0%	0%	2%	0%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(822)	(315)	(282)	(225)	(329)	(283)	(290)	(251)	(195)	(139)	(197)	(274)	(212)

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4. Harder to Keep Up with 2020

Thinking about the year 2020 so far, would you say that:

Asked of those who generally keep up with politics

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It's harder to keep up with politics than in past years	35%	34%	37%	22%	32%	38%	38%	35%	32%	51%	20%
It's easier to keep up with politics than in past years	26%	28%	24%	18%	42%	18%	25%	25%	46%	11%	11%
It's not any harder or easier to keep up with politics than in past years	31%	32%	30%	33%	20%	35%	34%	33%	16%	29%	50%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	27%	6%	8%	4%	7%	6%	10%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(825)	(396)	(429)	(70)	(175)	(332)	(248)	(660)	(65)	(52)	(48)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It's harder to keep up with politics than in past years	35%	42%	42%	21%	47%	25%	40%	32%	28%	40%	33%	32%	40%
It's easier to keep up with politics than in past years	26%	30%	16%	31%	24%	29%	24%	26%	30%	25%	31%	25%	23%
It's not any harder or easier to keep up with politics than in past years	31%	21%	32%	42%	21%	42%	24%	35%	39%	30%	29%	36%	25%

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	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Not sure	8%	8%	10%	6%	8%	5%	11%	7%	3%	5%	7%	6%	12%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(825)	(315)	(282)	(228)	(329)	(285)	(294)	(250)	(195)	(139)	(197)	(277)	(212)

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5. 2020 News Too Fast

Which statement do you agree with more?

Asked of those who generally keep up with politics

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I feel like the political news is changing so quickly that I can't keep up	38%	35%	41%	51%	48%	38%	28%	37%	50%	40%	27%
I don't have any problem keeping up with political news	53%	60%	46%	36%	45%	52%	63%	53%	50%	53%	48%
Not sure	9%	4%	13%	13%	8%	10%	9%	10%	1%	6%	25%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(824)	(395)	(429)	(69)	(175)	(331)	(249)	(659)	(65)	(52)	(48)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I feel like the political news is changing so quickly that I can't keep up	38%	48%	36%	30%	48%	28%	46%	38%	24%	46%	41%	34%	38%
I don't have any problem keeping up with political news	53%	44%	52%	63%	43%	64%	45%	53%	68%	49%	54%	58%	44%
Not sure	9%	8%	12%	8%	9%	7%	10%	9%	8%	5%	5%	8%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(824)	(315)	(282)	(227)	(328)	(285)	(293)	(251)	(195)	(138)	(197)	(277)	(212)

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6. Comparative Interest of 2020 Election

Thinking about this year's presidential election cycle in comparison with other elections you remember, would you say that:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
This election is more interesting than past elections	54%	54%	54%	39%	44%	56%	71%	53%	53%	51%	79%
This election is less interesting than past elections	10%	10%	9%	9%	20%	7%	4%	9%	17%	7%	3%
This election is about as interesting as past elections	24%	25%	22%	31%	22%	27%	16%	25%	17%	29%	6%
Not sure	13%	11%	14%	22%	13%	10%	10%	13%	13%	13%	11%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(992)	(452)	(540)	(132)	(225)	(376)	(259)	(763)	(94)	(79)	(56)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
This election is more interesting than past elections	54%	56%	53%	54%	58%	56%	55%	54%	62%	57%	58%	54%	49%
This election is less interesting than past elections	10%	11%	8%	10%	9%	9%	9%	11%	14%	12%	4%	11%	11%
This election is about as interesting as past elections	24%	20%	24%	27%	17%	29%	24%	19%	22%	14%	24%	27%	26%
Not sure	13%	13%	15%	9%	15%	6%	12%	15%	2%	18%	14%	8%	14%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%

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	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Unweighted N	(992)	(374)	(351)	(267)	(361)	(318)	(378)	(287)	(213)	(170)	(242)	(337)	(243)

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7. Comparative Focus on Issues of 2020 Election

Would you say that:

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
This election is more focused on the issues than past elections	22%	23%	21%	16%	25%	22%	22%	21%	21%	23%	26%
This election is less focused on the issues than past elections	46%	47%	44%	29%	37%	50%	55%	47%	40%	41%	40%
This election is about as focused on the issues as past elections	18%	18%	17%	23%	20%	15%	16%	18%	21%	12%	18%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	32%	18%	12%	7%	13%	18%	24%	17%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(994)	(451)	(543)	(129)	(225)	(378)	(262)	(766)	(92)	(78)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
This election is more focused on the issues than past elections	22%	19%	17%	31%	17%	30%	21%	18%	33%	26%	24%	23%	15%
This election is less focused on the issues than past elections	46%	46%	52%	37%	52%	41%	45%	46%	52%	50%	44%	43%	48%
This election is about as focused on the issues as past elections	18%	16%	15%	22%	13%	19%	18%	19%	12%	8%	21%	20%	16%
Not sure	15%	19%	16%	10%	18%	10%	15%	16%	3%	16%	11%	14%	21%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Unweighted N	(994)	(376)	(352)	(266)	(365)	(317)	(382)	(284)	(213)	(170)	(242)	(339)	(243)

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8. Comparative Divisiveness of 2020 Election

Would you say that:

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
This election is more divisive than past elections	60%	62%	58%	40%	50%	63%	73%	60%	45%	71%	72%
This election is less divisive than past elections	9%	6%	11%	10%	15%	5%	7%	8%	14%	8%	6%
This election is about as divisive as past elections	17%	22%	13%	20%	17%	17%	14%	17%	20%	13%	7%
Not sure	15%	11%	19%	30%	18%	15%	5%	15%	21%	8%	15%
Totals	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(450)	(544)	(132)	(223)	(378)	(261)	(765)	(93)	(78)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
This election is more divisive than past elections	60%	59%	62%	58%	63%	56%	56%	59%	72%	56%	58%	57%	68%
This election is less divisive than past elections	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%	11%	7%	11%	11%	14%	9%	8%	5%
This election is about as divisive as past elections	17%	13%	17%	20%	12%	22%	21%	16%	13%	7%	20%	23%	11%
Not sure	15%	19%	14%	12%	17%	11%	16%	15%	4%	23%	13%	12%	16%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Unweighted N	(994)	(375)	(351)	(268)	(365)	(317)	(381)	(284)	(214)	(170)	(243)	(338)	(243)

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9. Comparative Weirdness of 2020 Election

Would you say that:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
This election is weirder than past elections	67%	62%	72%	48%	63%	68%	81%	66%	65%	66%	91%
This election is less weird than past elections	4%	6%	3%	5%	12%	2%	0%	4%	9%	5%	1%
This election is about as weird as past elections	16%	21%	12%	19%	14%	16%	15%	16%	12%	20%	5%
Not sure	13%	11%	14%	28%	11%	14%	4%	14%	14%	8%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(993)	(450)	(543)	(129)	(225)	(378)	(261)	(764)	(93)	(78)	(58)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
This election is weirder than past elections	67%	73%	66%	62%	77%	62%	69%	62%	79%	58%	73%	64%	73%
This election is less weird than past elections	4%	3%	2%	8%	3%	4%	4%	4%	8%	7%	2%	5%	4%
This election is about as weird as past elections	16%	12%	17%	19%	8%	23%	17%	19%	13%	20%	12%	20%	9%
Not sure	13%	12%	15%	11%	13%	11%	10%	15%	1%	16%	13%	11%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(993)	(376)	(351)	(266)	(365)	(317)	(380)	(285)	(213)	(170)	(242)	(338)	(243)

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Interviewing Dates	October 7 - 11, 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 0.207 to 6.716, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.358.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	58 questions not reported.