

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL (ATP)
W70 JULY 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
JULY 13-19, 2020
N=10,211**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	10,211	+/- 1.5 percentage points

ASK ALL:

SPIRIT1 How often, if ever, do you do each of the following to help cope with the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Less than monthly</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Meditate July 13-19, 2020	16	10	5	12	57	1
b. Yoga July 13-19, 2020	2	6	3	9	79	1
c. Spend time outdoors July 13-19, 2020	57	27	4	6	6	*
d. Exercise July 13-19, 2020	34	30	7	14	16	*

ASK ALL:

SPIRIT2 How often, if ever, do you do each of the following to help cope with the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Less than monthly</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Pray July 13-19, 2020	43	12	4	9	31	*
b. Read scripture July 13-19, 2020	17	12	5	13	52	1
c. Talk on the phone or by videoconference with friends or family July 13-19, 2020	34	36	10	8	12	*
d. Watch TV or movies July 13-19, 2020	73	16	3	3	5	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDRF

Which comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

Houses of worship should be... **[RANDOMIZE]**July 13-19
2020

79	Required to follow the same rules about social distancing and large gatherings as other organizations or businesses in their local area
19	Allowed more flexibility with rules about social distancing and large gatherings than other organizations or businesses in their local area
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDVOL1

Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

	<u>Yes, have done this</u>	<u>No, have not done this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Helped friends or neighbors by delivering groceries, running errands or caring for their children July 13-19, 2020	39	61	*
b. Volunteered or made a donation through a RELIGIOUS organization July 13-19, 2020	18	81	*
c. Volunteered or made a donation through a NONRELIGIOUS charitable organization July 13-19, 2020	29	71	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDVOL2

Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

	<u>Yes, have done this</u>	<u>No, have not done this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Turned to family or friends for help with bills, housing or food July 13-19, 2020	17	83	*
b. Turned to a RELIGIOUS organization for help with bills, housing or food July 13-19, 2020	6	93	*
c. Turned to a NONRELIGIOUS charitable organization for help with bills, housing or food July 13-19, 2020	9	90	*

ASK ALL:

BRAND1

How important, if at all, do you think it is for companies and organizations to make public statements about political or social issues?

July 13-19, 2020

19	Very important
32	Somewhat important
23	Not too important
25	Not at all important
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

BRAND2

In the past few months, have you seen or heard companies and organizations making public statements about race or racial inequality?

July 13-19, 2020

80	Yes, I have seen or heard companies or organizations doing this
19	No, I have not seen or heard companies or organizations doing this
2	No answer

ASK IF SEEN OR HEARD STATEMENTS (BRAND2=1) [N=8,752]:

BRAND3

How much, if at all, do you think each of the following have contributed to companies' and organizations' recent public statements about race or racial inequality?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Genuine concerns about the treatment of Black people in the country					
July 13-19, 2020	19	43	26	12	*
b. Pressure from others to address the issue					
July 13-19, 2020	69	24	5	2	*

SHOW ATTENDMONTH AND ATTENDONLINE ON SAME PAGE; DO NOT RANDOMIZE ORDER**ASK ALL:**

ATTENDMONTH In the last month, did you attend religious services in person at a church, synagogue, mosque or other house of worship?

July 13-192020

12	Yes, attended religious services in person in the last month
88	No, did not attend religious services in person in the last month
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

ATTENDONLINE In the last month, have you watched religious services online or on TV?

July 13-19

2020

33

Yes, have watched religious services online or on TV in the last month

66

No, have not watched religious services online or on TV in the last month

*

No answer

ASK ALL:

ATTENDFUT1 When the coronavirus outbreak is over, how often do you think you will attend religious services in person? **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2 WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 13-19

2020

10

More often than you did before the outbreak

5

Less often than you did before the outbreak

42

About as often as before the outbreak

[SPACE]

43

I did not attend religious services in person before the outbreak and will not attend when the outbreak is over

*

No answer

ASK IF WATCHED RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONLINE IN LAST MONTH (ATTENDONLINE=1)

[N=3,740]:

ATTENDFUT2 When the coronavirus outbreak is over, do you think you will watch religious services online or on TV... **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2 IN SAME ORDER AS ATTENDFUT1 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 13-19

2020

19

More often than you did before the outbreak

28

Less often than you did before the outbreak

53

About as often as before the outbreak

*

No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN LAST MONTH (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=3,756]¹:

COVIDCONG2 Regardless of whether it is now open to the public, is the house of worship you attend most often CURRENTLY streaming or recording its services so that people can watch them online or on TV?

July 13-19

2020

79	Yes
20	No
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

ASK ALL:

COVIDCONG2 Is the congregation or house of worship you most often attend streaming or recording its services so that people can watch them online or on TV?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY [N=3,628]:

Apr 20-26

2020

82	Yes
12	No
5	I don't know/I don't attend
1	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN LAST MONTH (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=3,756]:

COVIDCONG3 Which of the following best describes the current operating status of the house of worship you attend most often?

July 13-19,

2020

6	It is open to the public and holding religious services in the same way that it did before the coronavirus outbreak
55	It is open to the public for religious services, but has made changes as a result of the coronavirus outbreak
31	It is NOT open to the public for in-person religious services
	[SPACE]
7	Not sure
*	No answer

¹ Respondents were asked about the frequency with which they attend religious services on a previous wave of the ATP, conducted Aug. 19-Nov. 30, 2019.

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN LAST MONTH (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=3,756]:

COVIDCONG4 Regardless of whether the house of worship you attend most often is currently open to the public, what do you think the operating status of your house of worship SHOULD be?

July 13-19,
2020

13	Should be open to the public and holding religious services in the same way that it did before the coronavirus outbreak
57	Should be open to the public and holding religious services, but with changes as a result of the coronavirus outbreak
28	Should NOT be open to the public for in-person religious services
2	No answer

ASK IF HOUSE OF WORSHIP IS OPEN TO PUBLIC WITH CHANGES (COVIDCONG3=2) [N=2,104]:

CONGRESTRIC1 Which of the following, if any, is the house of worship you attend most often CURRENTLY doing as a result of the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CONGRESTRIC2]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN LAST MONTH [N=3,756]:

	Yes, my house of worship is <u>doing this</u>	No, my house of worship is not <u>doing this</u>	Not sure	No answer	NET House of worship is open without restrictions/closed to the public/not sure/no answer in <u>COVIDCONG3</u>
a. Requiring people to stay at least 6 feet away from each other July 13-19, 2020	45	5	5	*	45
b. Requiring people to wear masks July 13-19, 2020	35	15	5	*	45
c. Restricting the number of people who can attend at any one time July 13-19, 2020	36	12	6	*	45
d. Limiting or prohibiting communal singing July 13-19, 2020	20	24	11	1	45

**ASK IF HOUSE OF WORSHIP SHOULD BE OPEN TO PUBLIC WITH CHANGES (COVIDCONG4=2)
[N=2,180]:**

CONGRESTRIC2 Regardless of what your house of worship is currently doing, do you think your house of worship SHOULD now be doing each of the following in response to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CONGRESTRIC1]**

	Yes, my house of worship should be <u>doing this</u>	No, my house of worship should not be <u>doing this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Requiring people to stay at least 6 feet away from each other July 13-19, 2020	90	9	1
b. Requiring people to wear masks July 13-19, 2020	78	22	1
c. Restricting the number of people who can attend at any one time July 13-19, 2020	73	26	1
d. Limiting or prohibiting communal singing July 13-19, 2020	51	48	2

**ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN
LAST MONTH (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=3,756]:**

ATTENDCONF Thinking about the modifications, if any, that are currently in place at your house of worship, how confident are you that you could safely attend in-person religious services right now without spreading or catching the coronavirus?

July 13-19,
2020

64	NET Very/somewhat confident
34	Very confident
29	Somewhat confident
35	NET Not too/not at all confident
19	Not too confident
16	Not at all confident
1	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY OR ATTENDED IN PERSON IN LAST MONTH (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=3,756]:

CONGDONATE Since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, how much money have you donated to the house of worship you attend most often?

July 13-19,
2020

8	More money than I normally would have
18	Less money than I normally would have
54	About the same amount of money as I normally would have
	[SPACE]
17	I do not donate
2	No answer

ASK IF WATCHED RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONLINE IN LAST MONTH (ATTENDONLINE=1) [N=3,740]:

ONLINESATIS Thinking about the religious services you have watched online or on TV in the last month, how satisfied have you been with the religious services you have watched?

July 13-19,
2020

91	NET Very/somewhat satisfied
54	Very satisfied
37	Somewhat satisfied
8	NET Not too/not at all satisfied
7	Not too satisfied
2	Not at all satisfied
1	No answer

ASK IF WATCHED RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONLINE IN LAST MONTH (ATTENDONLINE=1) [N=3,740]:

ONLINEOTH When you have watched religious services online or on TV, have you watched services that are offered by...

July 13-19,
2020

40	The house of worship you attend most often
29	Some other house of worship or religious organization
30	Both
1	No answer

ASK IF WATCHED RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONLINE IN LAST MONTH (ATTENDONLINE=1) [N=3,740]:

ONLINESERV When did you start watching religious services online or on TV?

July 13-19,
2020

46	Before the coronavirus outbreak
54	During the coronavirus outbreak
1	No answer

**ASK IF ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PERSON OR ONLINE IN LAST MONTH
(ATTENDONLINE=1 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=4,141]:**

SERMONISSUE In the past few months have you heard any sermons in person, online or on TV that expressed any of the following? **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER a-g FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE AND g-a FOR OTHER HALF]**

	Yes, have <u>heard this</u>	No, have not <u>heard this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Opposition to the recent Black Lives Matter protests July 13-19, 2020	25	74	1
b. Support for the recent Black Lives Matter protests July 13-19, 2020	41	57	1
c. The importance of taking steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus July 13-19, 2020	76	23	1
d. Opposition to government orders that prevented houses of worship from holding in-person religious services July 13-19, 2020	31	68	1
e. The importance of voting, protesting or other forms of political engagement July 13-19, 2020	40	59	1
f. Opposition to abortion July 13-19, 2020	35	63	1
g. Support for legal abortion July 13-19, 2020	11	87	2

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SERMONTRUMP AND SERMONBIDEN; SHOW ON SAME PAGE

**ASK IF ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PERSON OR ONLINE IN LAST MONTH
(ATTENDONLINE=1 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=4,141]:**

SERMONTRUMP In the past few months have you heard any sermons in person, online or on TV that expressed... **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2, WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 13-19,
2020

9	Support for Donald Trump
7	Opposition to Donald Trump
11	Both
72	Neither
1	No answer

**ASK IF ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PERSON OR ONLINE IN LAST MONTH
(ATTENDONLINE=1 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=4,141]:**

SERMONBIDEN In the past few months have you heard any sermons in person, online or on TV that expressed... **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2 IN SAME ORDER AS SERMONTRUMP, WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 13-19,
2020

6	Support for Joe Biden
4	Opposition to Joe Biden
9	Both
79	Neither
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDLESSON1 Do you believe there is a lesson or a set of lessons for humankind to learn from the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19,
2020

86	Yes, believe this
13	No, do not believe this
1	No answer

**ASK IF BELIEVE LESSON TO LEARN FROM CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK (COVIDLESSON1=1)
[N=9,070]:**

COVIDLESSON2 Do you believe any of the lessons that humankind should learn from the coronavirus outbreak were sent to us by God?

BASED ON TOTAL

July 13-19,
2020

86	Yes, believe there is a lesson or set of lessons for humankind to learn from the coronavirus outbreak
35	Yes, believe any of the lessons were sent to us by God
37	No, do not believe this
13	I do not believe in God
1	No answer
13	No, do not believe there is a lesson or set of lessons for humankind to learn from the coronavirus outbreak
1	No answer

**ASK IF BELIEVE LESSON TO LEARN FROM CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK (COVIDLESSON1=1) AND
RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE [N=4,554]:**

COVIDLESSONOE In your own words, what is the lesson or set of lessons that humankind should learn from the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19,
2020

77	Gave a response
23	Did not give a response

ASK ALL:COVIDTHREAT How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>A major threat</u>	<u>A minor threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The health of the U.S. population as whole				
July 13-19, 2020	67	28	5	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	64	31	4	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	66	31	2	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	47	45	8	*
b. Your personal health				
July 13-19, 2020	40	46	13	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	38	47	14	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	36	52	11	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	27	51	22	*
c. The U.S. economy				
July 13-19, 2020	86	12	2	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	88	10	2	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	88	10	1	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	70	25	4	1
d. Your personal financial situation				
July 13-19, 2020	38	43	19	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	41	42	17	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	49	40	11	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	34	43	23	*

ASK IF INTERNET USER (XTABLET=2) [N=9,998]:

SNSUSE Do you ever use social media sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram?

July 13-19, 2020

78	Yes, I use social media sites
22	No, I do not use social media sites
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

CONTACTTRAC1 When an unknown number calls your cellphone, do you generally...

July 13-19, 2020

19	Answer the phone to see who it is
67	Not answer the phone and check the voicemail message if one is left
14	Not answer the phone and ignore a voicemail message if one is left
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CONTACTTRAC2

How often, if at all, do you think people pretend to be someone else in order to try to steal people's personal information?

July 13-19, 2020

49	Often
42	Sometimes
8	Rarely
2	Never
*	No answer

ASK IF FORM 1 (FORM=1) [N=5,071]:

CONTACTPHONEF1

How likely, if at all, would you be to speak with a public health official if they contacted you by phone or text message to speak with you about the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19, 2020

25	Very likely
33	Somewhat likely
24	Not too likely
17	Not at all likely
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM 2 (FORM=2) [N=5,140]:

CONTACTHOMEF2

How likely, if at all, would you be to speak with a public health official if they showed up at your residence to speak with you about the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19, 2020

25	Very likely
34	Somewhat likely
22	Not too likely
17	Not at all likely
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CTKNOW1

How much, if at all, have you seen or heard about public health officials using a process called "contact tracing" to gather information to try to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19?

July 13-19, 2020

29	A great deal
41	Some
15	Not too much
14	Not at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

SECUR1

Compared with five years ago, do you feel your personal information is...
[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

July 13-19, 2020

5 More secure
 68 Less secure
 27 About the same
 * No answer

June 3-17, 2019

6
 70
 24
 *

In "contact tracing," public health officials interview people who have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in order to identify everyone who has had contact with them, and who are therefore at risk of getting COVID-19.

ASK ALL:

SHAREINFO1

How comfortable, if at all, would you be sharing the following with a public health official during the coronavirus outbreak?

		<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Places you have recently visited					
	July 13-19, 2020	49	28	11	11	*
b.	The names of people you might have been in physical contact with					
	July 13-19, 2020	43	29	15	13	*
c.	Location data from your cellphone					
	July 13-19, 2020	26	23	21	29	1

ASK IF FORM 1 (FORM=1) [N=5,071]:

HEALTHRECF1

If a public health official told you that you should quarantine yourself for at least 14 days because you had the coronavirus, would you act on that advice?

July 13-19, 2020

73 Definitely would
 20 Probably would
 5 Probably would not
 2 Definitely would not
 * No answer

ASK IF PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WOULD NOT QUARANTINE (HEALTHRECF1=3-4) [N=247]:

WHYNOTQUARF1 Please indicate if any of the following is a reason you would not quarantine yourself for at least 14 days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Unable to miss work July 13-19, 2020	35	17	47	1
b.	Unable to arrange childcare July 13-19, 2020	11	11	77	1
c.	Too many other obligations July 13-19, 2020	23	38	39	*
d.	Just don't think it's necessary July 13-19, 2020	44	35	19	2
e.	Concern about being isolated from others July 13-19, 2020	15	24	58	2

ASK IF FORM 2 (FORM=2) [N=5,140]:

HEALTHRECF2 If a public health official told you that you should quarantine yourself for at least 14 days because you had the coronavirus, how difficult would it be for you to be able to act on that advice?

July 13-19, 2020

10	Very difficult
22	Somewhat difficult
32	Not too difficult
36	Not at all difficult
*	No answer

ASK IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO QUARANTINE (HEALTHREC2=1-2) [N=1,447]:

WHYDIFFICULTF2 Please indicate if any of the following is a reason it would be difficult for you to quarantine yourself for at least 14 days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Unable to miss work July 13-19, 2020	39	18	42	1
b. Unable to arrange childcare July 13-19, 2020	22	11	67	1
c. Too many other obligations July 13-19, 2020	40	34	25	1
d. Just don't think it's necessary July 13-19, 2020	21	25	53	*
e. Concern about being isolated from others July 13-19, 2020	23	33	43	*

ASK ALL:

RECSAFE

How confident, if at all, are you that the following groups will keep your personal records safe from hackers or unauthorized users? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK ALL: a. Public health organizations July 13-19, 2020	12	47	26	15	*
ASK ALL: b. Your medical doctors or health care providers July 13-19, 2020	32	49	12	6	*

ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

c. The social media sites you use July 13-19, 2020	2	16	37	44	*
ASK ALL: d. The federal government July 13-19, 2020	8	41	29	21	*
ASK ALL: e. Your credit card company July 13-19, 2020	14	49	23	14	*

ASK ALL:

CVDATAACCEPT

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for the personal information that may be collected by public health officials during the coronavirus outbreak to be available for use by... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Very acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat unacceptable</u>	<u>Very unacceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Researchers who study infectious diseases July 13-19, 2020	35	40	13	12	*
b.	Health insurance companies July 13-19, 2020	10	30	24	36	1
c.	Pharmaceutical companies July 13-19, 2020	9	31	24	35	1
d.	State and local elected officials July 13-19, 2020	8	29	24	38	1

ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

SOCIALPOL

How much of what you see on social media is related to politics?

July 13-19, 2020

49	A lot
36	Some
12	A little
3	None
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

SNSRATE

Overall, what effect would you say social media has on the way things are going in this country today?

July 13-19, 2020

10	Mostly positive effect
64	Mostly negative effect
25	Neither positive nor negative effect
1	No answer

ASK IF SAID MOSTLY POSITIVE (SNSRATE=1) [N=859]:

SNSRATEPOS What is the main reason you think social media has a mostly positive effect on the way things are going in this country today? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

July 13-19, 2020

25	Helping people stay informed and aware
12	Communication/connection/community
8	Visibility for marginalized groups
7	Activism and social movements
7	Exposure to different opinions or viewpoints
6	Holding people or institutions accountable
4	Access to news
11	Other
35	Refused

ASK IF SAID MOSTLY NEGATIVE (SNSRATE=2) [N=6,934]:

SNSRATENEG What is the main reason you think social media has a mostly negative effect on the way things are going in this country today? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

July 13-19, 2020

28	Misinformation/made up news
16	Hate/harassment/extremism
11	People believing everything/not knowing what to believe
9	Censorship/bias
7	Too much negativity
6	Partisanship/polarization/division
5	Echo chambers/people getting one point of view
4	Anti-Trump or anti-conservative views
4	Sensationalism/exaggeration/clickbait
3	Vanity/drama/impacts on mental health
2	Privacy or data collection concerns/bad actors
9	Other
21	Refused

ASK ALL:

CHOICE1 Which do you think is more important? [RANDOMIZE]

July 13-19, 2020

45	People being able to speak their minds freely online
53	People being able to feel welcome and safe online
2	No answer

Jan 9-23, 2017

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ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

QCHANGE1 In the past year, have you changed your views about a political or social issue because of something you saw on social media?

July 13-19, 2020

23	Yes, I have done this
76	No, I have not done this
1	No answer

May 29-June 11, 2018²

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ASK IF CHANGED VIEW BECAUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (QCHANGE1=1) [N=1,693]:

QCHANGE2 Please describe a recent instance where you changed your views on a political or social issue because of something you saw on social media. [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

July 13-19, 2020

12	Black Lives Matter movement
12	Police brutality and the need for police reform
11	Political parties, ideologies and politicians
11	Race relations in general
9	Social issues in general
8	Coronavirus
7	President Trump
10	Other
34	No answer

² The Center question wording on social media use has changed over the years. In the 2020 survey respondents were asked "Do you ever use social media sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram?" The 2018 survey presented respondents with a list of these sites and allowed them to select the ones they use. In order to make these items from the 2018 survey comparable, YouTube was removed from the filter. Additionally, the response options for this question in the 2018 survey were "Have changed my views" and "Have not changed my views," which differ slightly from the response options in the current survey.

ASK ALL:

SOCEFF1

In general, how effective, if at all, do you think social media is as a way to...
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Very effective</u>	<u>Somewhat effective</u>	<u>Somewhat ineffective</u>	<u>Very ineffective</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Influence policy decisions					
	July 13-19, 2020	15	48	25	11	1
b.	Get elected officials to pay attention to issues					
	July 13-19, 2020	17	48	22	12	1
c.	Create sustained social movements					
	July 13-19, 2020	27	50	15	6	1
d.	Change people's minds about political or social issues					
	July 13-19, 2020	16	42	26	15	1
e.	Raise public awareness about political or social issues					
	July 13-19, 2020	31	49	13	6	1

ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

ELECTFTGSNSINT

Thinking about the posts and discussions you see on social media about politics and the 2020 election, which comes closer to your view?

<u>July 13-19, 2020</u>		<u>June 3-17, 2019</u>	<u>July 12-Aug 8, 2016³</u>
15	I like seeing lots of political posts and discussions on social media	15	20
55	I am worn out by how many political posts and discussions I see on social media	46	37
29	I don't feel strongly about these posts one way or the other	38	41
1	No answer	1	2

ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

TALKDISASNSINT

In your experience, when you talk about politics with people on social media who you DISagree with, do you generally find it to be... **[RANDOMIZE]**

<u>July 13-19, 2020</u>		<u>June 3-17, 2019</u>	<u>July 12-Aug 8, 2016</u>
26	Interesting and informative	27	35
70	Stressful and frustrating	68	59
4	No answer	5	6

³ The Center question wording on social media use has changed over the years. In the 2020 survey respondents were asked "Do you ever use social media sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram?" The 2019 survey required respondents to provide an explicit response for whether or not they use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other social media sites. The 2016 survey presented respondents with a list of these sites and allowed them to select the ones they use.

ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,774]:

TALKCMNSNSINT In your experience, when you talk about politics with people on social media who you DISagree with, do you generally find that... **[RANDOMIZE]**

<u>July 13-19, 2020</u>		<u>June 3-17, 2019</u>	<u>July 12-Aug 8, 2016</u>
22	You have more in common politically than you thought	26	29
72	You have less in common politically than you thought	67	64
6	No answer	7	7

ASK ALL:

SM9 How well do you think each of the following statements describes social media? Do you think social media... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Helps give a voice to underrepresented groups					
	July 13-19, 2020	18	46	24	11	1
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	17	48	25	9	1
b.	Distracts people from issues that are truly important					
	July 13-19, 2020	38	41	15	5	2
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	35	42	16	5	1
c.	Highlights important issues that might not get a lot of attention otherwise					
	July 13-19, 2020	18	48	24	9	1
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	16	48	26	9	1
d.	Makes it easier to hold powerful people accountable for their actions					
	July 13-19, 2020	13	38	31	17	1
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	15	42	28	14	1
e.	Makes people think they are making a difference when they really aren't					
	July 13-19, 2020	32	44	17	5	2
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	28	43	21	6	2

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
July 13-19, 2020	28	29	27	15	1	17	21

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2) [N=6,379]:

PARTYSTR Do you identify with the [IF PARTY=1:Republican; IF PARTY=2:Democratic] Party...

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49	The Republican Party
37	Strongly
11	Not strongly
*	No answer
51	The Democratic Party
35	Strongly
16	Not strongly
*	No answer