**Survey of the Performance of American Elections,**

**Pennsylvania Primary, 2018**

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**Decision to Vote and Reasons for Not Voting**

The next several questions deal with your experiences voting during the June 2, 2020 primary in Pennsylvania. It is important for the rest of the survey to know whether you voted. Your answer is anonymous.

**Q1**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Voted

Which of the following statements best describes you?

1. I did not vote in the Pennsylvania primary held on June 2, 2020
2. I thought about voting this time, but didn’t
3. I usually vote in primaries, but didn’t this time
4. I tried to vote, but was not allowed to when I tried
5. I tried to vote, but it ended up being too much trouble
6. I definitely voted in the June 2, 2020 primary

**Q1A**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Party primary

*If Q1 in [4,5,6]*

Which party’s primary did you vote in?

Please rotate

1. Democratic
2. Republican
3. Other {don’t rotate}
4. Don’t remember

**Q2**

SINGLE CHOICE

Reason for not voting

*IF Q1! = 6.*

What was the main reason you did not vote?

*Please rotate items*

1 I forgot

2 I'm not interested

3 Too busy

4 Did not like the candidates

5 I am not registered

6 I did not have the correct form of identification

7 Out of town

8 Sick or disabled

9 Transportation

10 Bad weather

11 The line at the polls was too long

12 I was not allowed to vote at the polls, even though I tried

13 I requested but did not receive an absentee ballot

14 I did not know where to vote

15 I did not feel that I knew enough about the choices

16 I was worried about the COVID-19 virus

17 I was worried about unrest associated with protests

18 Other (OPEN TEXTBOX [Q2\_t]) Not randomized

55 Don't know Not randomized

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**Q3**

SINGLE CHOICE

Reason for not voting

*IF Q1! = 6 & Q2 != 55*

Was there any other reason you did not vote?

*Please rotate items*

1 I forgot

2 I'm not interested

3 Too busy

4 Did not like the candidates

5 I am not registered

6 I did not have the correct form of identification

7 Out of town

8 Sick or disabled

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**Q4**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

First time voting

*If Q1 in [4, 5, 6]; please rotate row items*

Was this your first time voting, or have you voted in elections before?

1. I am a first time voter
2. I have voted in elections before
3. {FIXED} I don’t know

**Q4A**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Past voting mode

*If Q4 == 2*

When you have voted in the past, what method have you tended to use to cast a ballot the most often?

1. Voted in person, on Election Day
2. Voted in person, before Election Day
3. Voted by absentee or mail ballot
4. Don’t know

**Q5**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Mode of voting

*If Q1 in [4, 5, 6]*

How did you vote in **this** election?

1. Voted in person on Primary Day (at a polling place or precinct)
2. Voted in person **before** Primary Day
3. Voted by mail or absentee ballot by mail
4. I don’t know

**In-Person Voting**

**Q6**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Difficulty finding polling place

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

How difficult was it to find your polling place to vote?

1. Very difficult
2. Somewhat difficult
3. Fairly easy
4. Very easy
5. I don’t know

**Q7**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Polling place type

*If Q5 in [1, 2]; Please rotate the response items*

How would you describe the place where you voted?

1. Private business
2. School building
3. Church
4. Police/Fire Station
5. A store or shopping mall
6. Senior center
7. Community center
8. Library
9. {FIXED} Other government office (court house, municipal building, city hall, etc.)
10. {FIXED} Other (please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
11. {FIXED} I don’t remember

**Q8**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Personally knew person who checked you in

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

Did you personally know the person who checked you in when you arrived to vote?

1. Yes
2. No
3. {FIXED} I don’t know
4. {FIXED} I don’t remember

**Q9**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

How well the polling place was run

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

How well were things run at the polling place where you voted?

1. Very well — I did not see any problems at the polling place
2. Okay — I saw some minor problems, but nothing that interfered with people voting
3. Not well — I saw some minor problems that affected the ability of a few people to vote
4. Terrible — I saw some major problems that affected the ability of many people to vote
5. I don’t know

**Q10**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Problem with voter registration

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

Was there a problem with your voter registration when you tried to vote?

1. Yes (please specify what problem, or problems, you had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
2. No
3. {FIXED} I don’t know

**Q11**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Voting Time of day

*If Q5 in [1,2]*

What time was it when you went to vote, that is, when you first arrived at the polling place and got in line?

1 Before 5:00 am

2 5:00 am – 5:59 am

3 6:00 am – 6:59 am

4 7:00 am – 7:59 am

5 8:00 am – 8:59 am

6 9:00 am – 9:59 am

7 10:00 am – 10:59 am

8 11:00 am – 11:59 noon

9 12:00 noon – 12:59 pm

10 1:00 pm – 1:59 pm

11 2:00 pm – 2:59 pm

12 3:00 pm – 3:59 pm

13 4:00 pm – 4:59 pm

14 5:00 pm – 5:59 pm

15 6:00 pm – 6:59 pm

16 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

99 Don’t know

**Q12**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Polling place open

*If Q5 in [1,2]*

When you arrived at the polling place and got in line to vote, was the polling place open to voters, or was it closed?

1 It was open

2 It was closed

9 Don’t know

**Q13**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Line length

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

Approximately, how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

1. Not at all
2. Less than 10 minutes
3. 10-30 minutes
4. 31minutes – 1 hour
5. More than 1 hour (please specify how long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
6. I don’t know

**Q14**

Source of line

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

*If Q13 != 1*

Was your wait in line mostly when you first arrived to check in at the registration table, or after you checked in and were waiting to gain access to a place to cast your ballot?

1. Most of my wait was to check in to vote.
2. Most of my wait was after I had checked in, and I was waiting to gain access to a voting machine or other place to vote.
3. My wait in line was fairly evenly divided between checking in and waiting to cast my ballot.
4. Don’t know

**Q15**

Regulating entry

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

*If Q13 ~= 1*

Were you kept waiting to enter the polling place, because the poll workers were limiting the number of people in the polling place at one time?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know

**Q16**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Picture ID

*If Q5 in [1,2]; Please rotate response categories*

When you first checked in at the polling place to vote, which of the following statements most closely describes **how you were asked** to identify yourself?

1. I gave my name and address, but did not show any identification of any kind.
2. I showed a letter, a bill, or something else with my name and address on it, but it **was not** an identification card of any sort.
3. I showed my voter registration card.
4. I showed my driver’s license or state-issued photo ID.
5. I showed my passport.
6. I showed a military ID card.
7. {FIXED} I showed some other form of identification. (Please indicate what you showed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)
8. {FIXED} I don’t remember.

**Q17**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Picture ID follow-up

*If Q16 in [4, 5, 6]*

Did you show picture identification because you were asked for it specifically, or because a picture ID was the most convenient form of identification for you to show?

1. I was asked specifically for an ID card with a picture on it
2. I showed a picture ID card because it was convenient for me; I could have shown another form of ID if I had wanted to
3. I don’t remember.

**Q18**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Voting equipment problems

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

Did you encounter any problems with the voting equipment or the ballot that may have interfered with your ability to cast your vote as intended?

1. Yes (please specify what problem, or problems, you had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
2. No
3. {FIXED} I don’t know

**Q19**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Poll worker performance

*If Q5 in [1, 2]*

Please rate the job performance of the poll workers at the polling place where you voted.

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. I don’t know

**Absentee Voting**

**Q20**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Reason for absentee ballot

*If Q5==3; please rotate items*

Which of the following statements most closely describes why you voted by mail or absentee?

1. I was worried about the COVID-19 virus
2. I was out of town for this primary
3. I have a physical disability that makes it difficult for me to get to the polls
4. I could not get to the polls on Primary Day because of my work or school schedule
5. I am in the armed forces
6. I was an election official or poll worker
7. Religious observances would have interfered with my going to the polls
8. Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

**Q21**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Problems getting mail ballot

*If Q5==3*

Were there any problems getting your absentee or mail-in ballot sent to you?

1. Yes (Please specify what problem, or problems, you had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
2. No
3. {FIXED} I don’t know

**Q22**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Problem marking mail ballot

*If Q5==3*

Did you encounter any problems marking or completing your ballot that may have interfered with your ability to cast your vote as intended?

1. Yes (please specify what problem, or problems, you had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
2. No
3. {FIXED} I don’t know

**Q23**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

How returned mail ballot

*If Q5==3*

To the best of your memory, how was your ballot returned?

1. Taken to an official election location (such as a polling place, early voting center, or dropbox).
2. Mailed back
3. I don’t remember

**Q24**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Who returned ballot?

*If Q5==3*

Did you personally return or mail back your ballot, or did someone else?

1. I did, personally.
2. Someone else did.
3. I don’t remember

**Q25**

SINGLE CHOICE WITH TEXT, SOFT REQUIRED

Where absentee ballot returned

*If Q5==3*

Which of the following statements most accurately describes where your ballot was returned?

1. Post office box at a U.S. Postal Service location.
2. Official post office box **not** at a U.S. Postal Service location.
3. Picked up by the postal worker who delivers mail to my home.
4. Drop box used only for ballots, not located at an election office or polling place.
5. Main election office.
6. Neighborhood polling place.
7. Voting center, not a neighborhood polling place.
8. Other (please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
9. I don’t know

**Q26**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

How long it took to return mail ballot

*If Q24==1 & Q25 in [1,2,4,5,6,7]*

Once you got to where you dropped off your ballot, how long did you have to wait before you could deposit your ballot and leave?

1. Not at all
2. Less than 10 minutes
3. 10-30 minutes
4. 31minutes – 1 hour
5. More than 1 hour (please specify how long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
6. I don’t know

**Q27**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Convenience of drop-off location

*If Q24==1 & Q25 in [1,2,4,5,6,7]*

Select the statement that best applies to why you decided to deposit your ballot where you did.

1. It was convenient to my work or school.
2. It was close to my home.
3. It was close, or on my way, to where I had errands to run.
4. I don’t know.

**Q28**

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Why mail ballot dropped off

*If Q24==1 & Q25 in [1,2,4,5,6,7]*

Earlier you answered that you personally dropped off your ballot at an official location. Why did you decide to do that, rather than mail the ballot back in?

**Q29**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Ease filling out absentee ballot

*If Q5==3*

Overall, how easy was it to follow all the instructions necessary to cast your ballot and return it to be counted?

1. Very easy
2. Somewhat easy
3. Somewhat hard
4. Very hard
5. I don’t remember

**Voter Confidence**

**Q30**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Confidence (your vote)

*If Q1==6*

How confident are you that **your vote** in the Primary was counted as you intended?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. I don’t know

**Q31**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Confidence (county)

Think about vote counting throughout **your county or city,** and not just your own personal situation. How confident are you that primary votes in your county or city were counted as voters intended?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. I don’t know

**Q32**

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Confidence (state)

Now, think about vote counting throughout Pennsylvania. How confident are you that votes in Pennsylvania were counted as voters intended?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. I don’t know

**Voting Plans in November**

**Q33**

SINGLE CHOICE; SOFT REQUIRED

November vote intention

Do you intend to vote in the 2020 general election?

1. Yes, definitely
2. Probably
3. No
4. Undecided
5. Skipped
6. Not Asked

**Q34**

SINGLE CHOICE; SOFT REQUIRED

November vote mode intention

*If Q33 in (1,2)*

When you vote in November, how likely is it that you will vote by absentee or mail-in ballot?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely

**Q36**

SINGLE CHOICE; SOFT REQUIRED

How confident are you that your county will be well prepared for voting in November, in light of changes that may be necessary because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. I don’t know

**Q37**

SINGLE CHOICE; SOFT REQUIRED

How confident are you that Pennsylvania will be well prepared for voting in November, in light of changes that may be necessary because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. I don’t know

**Attitudes Regarding Voter Fraud**

**Q38**

GRID

*Please rotate the row items*

The following is a list of activities that are usually against the law. Please indicate how often you think these activities occur **in your county or city.**

Rows

Q38A People voting more than once in an election

Q38B People stealing or tampering with ballots that have been voted

Q38C People pretending to be someone else when going to vote

Q38D People voting who are not U.S. citizens

Q38E People voting an absentee ballot intended for another person

Q38F Officials changing the reported vote count in a way that is not a true reflection of the ballots that were actually counted

Columns

1. It is very common
2. It occurs occasionally
3. It occurs infrequently
4. It almost never occurs
5. I’m not sure

**Attitudes toward Election Reform**

**Q39A–Q39K**

GRID

Reform proposals

*Please rotate the row items*

Do you support or oppose any of the following proposals for new ways of voting or conducting elections?

Rows:

Q39A Allow absentee voting over the Internet

Q39B Voting using cell phones

Q39C Run all elections by mail

Q39D Automatically register all citizens over 18 to vote

Q39E Allow people to register on Election Day at the polls

Q39F Require all people to show government issued photo ID when they vote

Q39G Require electronic voting machines to print a paper backup of the ballot

Q39H Move Election Day to a weekend

Q39I Make Election Day a national holiday

Q39J Only select election officials on a non-partisan basis

Q39K Make it so that when a registered voter moves, he or she is automatically registered to vote at the new home

Columns:

1. Support strongly
2. Support somewhat
3. Oppose somewhat
4. Oppose strongly

**Demographic Information**

**Q40**

Disability

SINGLE CHOICE, SOFT REQUIRED

Does a health problem, disability, or handicap CURRENTLY keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

1. Yes
2. No

Age

Income

Education

Party identification

Ideology

Years in current residence

Race

County of residence

ZIP code of residence