

# The Covid-19 Pandemic and its Effects on the 2020 U.S. Presidential Elections



Thank you for choosing to participate in this voluntary survey. Your answers will help researchers understand the impact of Covid-19 on voting behavior during the 2020 Presidential elections. The survey questions will exclude any self-identification markers and will strictly be utilized for analysis purposes only. The answers you provide here will not impact future voting eligibility.



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## Rules and Instructions

- Please complete the following survey to the best of your ability and with accuracy. The survey should take only 10 to 15 minutes. Once you have finished, please put the paper survey back into the paid mail envelope provided in your packet. If you have any questions or need assistance over the phone, please call 123-456-7890. Phone assistance is available Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Central Time. Participants who successfully complete the survey will receive a \$50 gift card for their establishment of choice.
- Please review the following criteria before completing the survey: you must be at least 18 years or older, not currently in high school, and a resident of this household. If you do not meet the criteria, please call us toll-free at 123-456-7890 to inform our administrators.
- Please confirm your first and last name here: \_\_\_\_\_
- No one else in the household should fill out the survey.
- To answer a question, simply mark X or fill-in the circle based on the question's format.
- Please use a black or blue pen, if available, to complete this survey.

## Section One: Demographics

### 1: Please indicate your gender.



Mark one ☐ only.

☐

Cisgender Male: A person who identifies with the male gender they were assigned at birth.

☐

Cisgender Female: A person who identifies with the female gender they were assigned at birth.

☐

Transgender: A person whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.

☐

Other

### 2: Please indicate your age.



Mark one ☐ only.

☐

18-24 years old

☐

25-34 years old

☐

35-44 years old

☐

45-54 years old

☐

55-64 years old

☐

65+ years old

### 3: Please indicate your race.



Mark any ☐ that applies.

☐

Hispanic

☐

White alone, non-Hispanic

☐

Black or African American alone, non-Hispanic

☐

Asian alone, non-Hispanic

☐

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone, non-Hispanic

☐

Middle Eastern or North African alone, non-Hispanic

☐

Some Other Race alone, non-Hispanic [race not listed here]

☐


Multiracial [more than one race]

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**4: Please indicate your primary home's 5-digit zip code.**


[A primary address is the place of residence where you live for more than 6 months out of the year]

 List 5 digits here

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**5: Please indicate the total number of individuals who live in the same household for more than 6 months out of the year.**


[Please include yourself]

 Mark one ☐ only

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2-3
- ☐ 4-5
- ☐ 5-6
- ☐ 7+

**6: A major city is defined as a local administrative area with more than 500,000 residents.**

**Based on this information, please indicate (in miles) the distance between your primary home to the nearest major city.**

 Mark one ☐ only

- ☐ 0-5 Miles (within the major city)
- ☐ 6-10 Miles
- ☐ 11-30 Miles
- ☐ 12-50 Miles
- ☐ 51+ Miles
- ☐ Unknown

*One mile is equal to approximately 1.60 kilometers.*

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## Section Two: Voting Behavior

7: Please indicate your voting status in the 2020 Presidential elections.



Mark one ☐ X only

☐

I voted, and I am eligible to vote

☐

I did not vote, and I am eligible to vote

☐

I did not vote, and I am not eligible to vote

☐

I do not wish to answer

8: Please indicate how you voted in the 2020 Presidential elections.



Mark one ☐ X only

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In-Person Voting on Tuesday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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Early In-Person Voting Before Tuesday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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Vote-By-Mail (in-state resident)

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Absentee Vote (out-of-state resident)

☐

Did Not Vote



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9: Please indicate which political party you voted for in the 2020 Presidential elections.



Mark one ☐ X only

☐

Republican Party (Donald Trump Incumbent)

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Democratic Party (Joe Biden)

☐

Other (Green Party or Independent)

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10: **Please indicate which political party you voted for in the 2016 Presidential elections.**



Mark one ☐ only

☐

Republican Party (Donald Trump)

☐

Democratic Party (Hillary Clinton)

☐

Other (Green Party or Independent)

☐

Did Not Vote

*In the following four questions: 11-14, please fill-in the bubble that best matches your answer on the scale – with the first choice being “not at all” and the last choice being “extremely influential.”*

11: *U.S. economic conditions refer to the overall state of the U.S. economy, as measured by various economic indicators such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment rate, inflation rate, consumer spending, business investment, and trade balances.*

**Based on this information, how much did the U.S. economic conditions influence your vote in the 2020 Presidential elections?**



Fill-in one ☒ only

☐

Not at all influential

☐

Slightly influential

☐

Moderately influential

☐

Very influential

☐

Extremely influential

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12: *The U.S. healthcare system refers to the collection of organizations, institutions, and resources involved in providing medical care and public health services to the population of the United States. The system includes a range of healthcare providers such as doctors, nurses, hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, government agencies, insurance companies, and other private sector firms that finance and coordinate the delivery of medical services.*

**Based on this information, how much did the U.S. healthcare system influence your vote in the 2020 Presidential elections?**



Fill-in one ☒ only

☐

Not at all influential

☐

Slightly influential

☐

Moderately influential

☐

Very influential

☐

Extremely influential

13: *The U.S. public education system refers to the formal system of education in the U.S., which includes primary, secondary, and post-secondary education.*

**Based on this information, how much did the U.S. public education system influence your vote in the 2020?**



Fill-in one ☒ only

☐

Not at all influential

☐

Slightly influential

☐

Moderately influential

☐

Very influential

☐

Extremely influential

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**14: How much did Donald Trump's response or policy plans towards the Covid-19 pandemic influence your vote in the 2020 Presidential elections.**



Fill-in one ☒ only

☐

Not at all influential

☐

Slightly influential

☐

Moderately influential

☐

Very influential

☐

Extremely influential

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### Section Three: Pandemic Effects

15: **Please indicate your employment status on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**



Mark one ☒ only

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Employed full-time

☐

Employed part-time

☐

Self-employed (contract work)

☐

Unemployed (seeking work)

☐

Student (not seeking work)

☐

Retired (not seeking work)

☐

Not in the job market (not seeking work)

16: *The 2020 U.S. Presidential elections coincided with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic from Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020<sup>th</sup>*

**During this timeframe if you were unemployed and actively seeking work, how long did your unemployment last**



Mark one ☒ only

☐

1-30 Days (1 Month)

☐

31-60 Days (2 Months)

☐

61-90 Days (3 Months)

☐

91-120 Days (4 Months)

☐

121+ Days (More than 4 Months)

☐

I was working (Any Employment)

☐

I was not seeking work

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*In the next four questions, 17-20 please answer the questions based on the timeline from January 10<sup>th</sup> until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.*

**17: Please indicate if you or someone else in your household tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.**

[The test could have been either self-administrated at home or at a professional Covid-19 testing facility or health clinic]



Fill-in one ☐ X only

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Uncertain

☐

I do not wish to answer

**18: Please indicate if someone in your household passed away as a direct result of the Covid-19 virus.**



Fill-in one ☐ X only

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Uncertain

☐

I do not wish to answer

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**19: Please indicate if any of the following scenarios interrupted your daily routine or regular daily activities.**

[Please fill-in one ☐ for each yes or no option]

Please mark:	YES	NO
School Shutdowns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational Area Shutdowns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quarantine Mandates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work from Home Mandates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mask and Social-Distancing Mandates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the Above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**20: Please indicate your satisfaction with the Donald Trump's response towards the Covid-19 pandemic.**



Fill-in one ☒ only

- ☐ Highly Satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Highly Dissatisfied

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