# 2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 74 SEPTEMBER 2020 FINAL TOPLINE SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2020 N=10,093

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	U.S. adults		Sample size 10,093	coi	n of error at 9 nfidence level percentage po	
ASK A				nave you been	paying to each	n of the
		A lot of attention	Some <u>attention</u>	Only a little attention	No attention at all	No answer
a.	Issues of race and racial inequality Sept 8-13, 2020	43	35	15	6	*
b.	The presidential election	-				
	Sept 8-13, 2020	44	35	15	6	*
C.	What's been happening with the economy Sept 8-13, 2020	40	41	15	3	*
d.	The coronavirus outbreak	E2	24	12	3	*
e.	Sept 8-13, 2020 The return of professional	52	34	12	3	7.
c.	sports Sept 8-13, 2020	12	26	30	32	*

#### **ASK ALL:**

INEQATTN

Thinking about issues of race and racial inequality, in the past three months, would you say you have been paying... [RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Sept 8-13, 2020	
52	More attention to these issues than you did before
11	Less attention to these issues than you did before
37	About the same amount of attention to these issues
*	No answer

**RACECONV** 

In the past three months, when you have had conversations about race, how often, if ever, have you had these conversations with people who are not the same race as you?

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

- 9 All or most of the time 38 Some of the time
- 26 Rarely
- 14 Never
- 12 I haven't had conversations about race in the past three months
- \* No answer

#### **ASK ALL:**

**EDUCRACE** 

In the past three months, how much, if anything, have you done to educate yourself about the history of racial inequality in our country?

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

- 13 A lot 40 Some 28 Not much 19 Nothing at all
- \* No answer

#### **ASK ALL:**

**MINBUS** 

In the past three months, how often, if ever, would you say you've made efforts to support a business because it was owned by someone from a racial or ethnic minority group?

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

- 7 All or most of the time 29 Some of the time
- 24 Rarely 37 Never
- 2 No answer

#### **ASK ALL**

COMMDIV

When it comes to racial and ethnic diversity, would you describe the community where you live as...

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

- Very diverse
  Somewhat diverse
  Not too diverse
  Not at all diverse
- 1 No answer

#### **DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Thinking now about efforts to produce a vaccine for the coronavirus, COVID-19...

#### **ASK ALL:**

COVID\_SCI6E If a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 were available today, would you...

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u> Apr 29-May 5, 2020</u>
21	Definitely get the vaccine	42
30	Probably get the vaccine	30
25	Probably NOT get the vaccine	16
24	Definitely NOT get the vaccine	11
*	No answer	1

## ASK IF PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WOULD NOT GET VACCINE [COVID\_SCI6E=3,4]:

NOCVACC

How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you would [IF COVID\_SCI6E=3: probably; IF COVID\_SCI6E=4: definitely] NOT get a vaccine to prevent COVID-19? [RANDOMIZE]

		A major <u>reason</u>	A minor <u>reason</u>	Not a reason	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Concern about side effects Sept 8-13, 2020	76	14	9	*
b.	Do not think I need it Sept 8-13, 2020	31	24	45	1
c.	It would cost too much Sept 8-13, 2020	13	19	67	1
d.	Want to know more about how well it works Sept 8-13, 2020	72	12	15	1

#### ASK IF PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WOULD GET VACCINE [COVID\_SCI6E=1,2]:

VACCNCRN How much, if at all, would each of the following influence whether you, personally, would get a vaccine to prevent COVID-19? **[RANDOMIZE]** 

		Would make me A LOT less likely to get a <u>vaccine</u>	Would make me A LITTLE less likely to get a vaccine	Would not make a <u>difference</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	You had to pay out-of-pocket to get it Sept 8-13, 2020	21	36	42	*
b.	The vaccine was effective about 60% of the time Sept 8-13, 2020	15	40	45	*
C.	Many people experienced minor side effects Sept 8-13, 2020	14	43	42	1
d.	You needed to get the vaccine again every year or so Sept 8-13, 2020	10	20	70	*

#### **ASK ALL:**

**VACCNFDT** 

How much confidence, if any, do you have that the research and development process will produce a vaccine for COVID-19 in the U.S. that is safe and effective?

Sept 8-13, 2020	
19	A great deal of confidence
45	A fair amount of confidence

45 A fair amount of confidence 25 Not too much confidence

10 No confidence at all

\* No answer

#### ASK ALL:

**VACCDEV** 

Thinking about the development of a vaccine for COVID-19, which of the following concerns you more?

Approval of a vaccine will move... [RANDOMIZE]

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

78 Too fast without fully establishing it is safe and effective

20 Too slowly, creating unnecessary delays in providing access to a vaccine

2 No answer

ASK ALL:

VACCHAPPEN Once a vaccine for COVID-19 is approved in the U.S., how likely do you think it is that...

[RANDOMIZE]

		Very likely	Somewhat <u>likely</u>	Not too <u>likely</u>	Not at all <u>likely</u>	No answer
a.	Everyone who wants it will have quick and easy access to a coronavirus vaccine Sept 8-13, 2020	14	34	40	12	*
b.	Enough Americans will get vaccinated to stop the spread of the disease Sept 8-13, 2020	11	42	37	9	1
c.	A vaccine will be used before we fully understand whether it is safe and effective Sept 8-13, 2020	36	41	18	5	*

## DISPLAY TO ALL ON THE FIRST OF THE TWO RACESURV5 SCREENS. DO NOT SHOW 'ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC...' TEXT ON THE SECOND SCREEN:

On a different topic...

#### **ASK ALL:**

RACESURV5

Overall, how does each of the following affect people's ability to get ahead in our country these days? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 IN REVERSE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]

2	Being White <sup>1</sup>	Helps a <u>lot</u>	Helps a <u>little</u>	Hurts a <u>little</u>	Hurts a <u>lot</u>	Neither helps <u>nor hurts</u>	No answer
a.	Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019 <sup>2</sup>	40 38	19 21	7 7	3 4	29 28	1 1
b.	Being Black Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	8 7	10 10	25 30	33 25	24 26	1 1
с.	Being Hispanic Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	5 6	11 11	36 35	19 17	29 30	1 1
d.	Being Asian Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	6 8	21 26	26 18	6 3	41 44	1 1
NO	ITEMS e-h						
i.	Being a man Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	37 38	23 28	7 7	3 3	29 24	1 1
j.	Being a woman Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	6 8	15 15	39 41	11 10	28 25	1 1

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  In this survey, "White" and "Black" are capitalized in accordance with new Pew Research Center style. In past surveys, both words were lowercase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 2019 survey included additional items not asked in the 2020 survey.

RACESURV6 When it comes to racial discrimination, which do you think is the bigger problem for the country today? [RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

Sept 8-13, 2020		Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019
43	People seeing racial discrimination where it really does NOT exist	42
56	People NOT seeing racial discrimination where it really DOES exist	57
2	No answer	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

RACESURV12 When it comes to giving Black people equal rights with White people, do you think our country has... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u>Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019<sup>3</sup></u>
15	Gone too far	15
49	Not gone far enough	45
34	Been about right	39
2	No answer	1

#### ASK IF OUR COUNTRY HAS NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH (RACESURV12=2) [n=5,424]:

RACESURV13 How likely, if at all, is it that Black people in our country will eventually have equal rights with White people?

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u>Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019</u>
15	Very likely	19
45	Somewhat likely	46
31	Not too likely	28
8	Not at all likely	7
1	No answer	*

#### RACESURV12/RACESURV13 COMBO TABLE

#### **BASED ON TOTAL:**

Sept 8-13, 2020	
15	Gone too far
49	Not gone far enough
7	Very likely
22	Somewhat likely
15	Not too likely
4	Not at all likely
*	No answer to RACESURV13
34	Been about right
2	No answer to RACESURV12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the 2019 survey, the question wording was: "When it comes to giving black people equal rights with whites, do you think our country has..."

**RACATTN** 

In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days? [RANDOMIZE **OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]** 

Sept 8-13, 2020		Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019 <sup>4</sup>	Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017
41	Too much attention	41	45
36	Too little attention	37	34
21	About the right amount of attention	21	20
2	No answer	1	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

RACESURV28 In general in our country these days, would you say that [RANDOMIZE: (Black people are treated less fairly than White people), (White people are treated less fairly than Black people)], or both are treated about equally in each of the following situations? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

		Black people are treated less fairly than White people	White people are treated less fairly than Black people	Both are treated about <u>equally</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	In hiring, pay and promotions			<del></del>	
	Sept 8-13, 2020	52	7	39	2
	Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	52	6	41	2
b.	In stores or restaurants	4.4	2	F2	4
	Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	44 45	2 2	53 52	1 1
c.	When applying for a loan				
	or mortgage Sept 8-13, 2020	49	3	46	2
	Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	45	3 3	50	2
d.	In dealing with the police				
	Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	65 67	3 3	31 30	1 1
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f.	When voting in elections Sept 8-13, 2020	37	3	59	1
	Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	35	3 3	60	1
g.	When seeking medical treatment				
	Sept 8-13, 2020	42	3	54	1
	Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	33	3	63	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the 2017 and 2019 surveys, the response options were not randomized.

**ASK ALL:** IMPPEOPLE

How important, if at all, do you think it is for people in our country to do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 

a.	Educate themselves about	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too important	Not at all important	No answer
u.	the history of racial inequality in our country Sept 8-13, 2020	48	32	11	8	1
b.	Confront other people when they say or do something racist					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	42	35	12	9	1
c.	Support businesses that are owned by racial or ethnic minorities					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	29	38	17	16	1
d.	Attend protests or rallies focused on issues related to racial equality  Sept 8-13, 2020	14	28	26	31	1
e.	Choose to live in				-	
C.	communities that are racially and ethnically diverse Sept 8-13, 2020	22	34	24	19	1
f.	Have conversations about race with people who are not the same race as them Sept 8-13, 2020	36	36	15	11	1

ASK IF THINKS COUNTRY HAS NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH (RACESURV12=2) [n=5,424]:

REDRACIALINEQ
How much, if at all, do you think each of the following would do to reduce inequality between Black people and White people in our country? [RANDOMIZE]

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	TIEMSJ	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
a.	The U.S. government paying cash reparations to Black people in our country who are the descendants of slaves	important	important	important	important	No answer
	Sept 8-13, 2020	20	28	27	24	1
b.	Companies and organizations taking race and ethnicity into account in decisions about hiring and promotions  Sept 8-13, 2020	34	42	14	9	1
	Зерг 6-13, 2020	34	42	14	9	1
C.	Colleges and universities taking race and ethnicity into account in decisions about admissions Sept 8-13, 2020	27	44	18	9	1
d.	More people participating in training on diversity and inclusion					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	48	36	11	4	1
e.	Limiting the scope of policing to focus on serious and violent crimes Sept 8-13, 2020	40	37	16	7	1
f.	Redrawing school boundaries to create more racially and ethnically diverse schools Sept 8-13, 2020	43	38	12	5	1

#### ASK IF THINKS COUNTRY HAS NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH (RACESURV12=2) [n=5,424]:

REDRACIALINEQOTH

Are there any other measures that you think would do A LOT to reduce inequality between Black people and White people in our country that haven't already been mentioned? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

## BASED ON THINKS COUNTRY HAS NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH AND PROVIDED ANSWER TO REDRACIALINEQOTH [n=2,244]:

Sept 8-13, 2020	
17	Acknowledging history of racism in the U.S./accurate history education
16	Policies aimed at addressing systemic inequality
14	Not focusing on a person's race/Colorblindness
13	Police or criminal justice reform
13	Improving schools
9	Increasing racial diversity
6	New government/leaders/president
5	More diversity training
4	Improving housing
4	Voting laws
2	Reducing stereotypes/bias in media
2	Banning/regulating hate groups
15	Other

#### **ASK ALL:**

BLM

From what you've read and heard, how do you feel about the Black Lives Matter movement? [SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF RESPONDENTS]

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u>June 4-10, 2020</u>
29	Strongly support	38
26	Somewhat support	29
14	Somewhat oppose	13
30	Strongly oppose	17
1	No answer	2

#### **DISPLAY TO ALL:**

As you may know, there has been a lot of attention paid to issues related to race and racial inequality in our country in the past three months, sparked by the death of George Floyd, a Black man who was killed by a White police officer in Minneapolis.

#### **ASK ALL:**

**RACECHNG** 

Do you think the increased focus on issues of race and racial inequality in our country in the past three months represents a change in the way most Americans think about these issues?

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

34	Yes, a major change
42	Yes, a minor change
22	No, not a change
1	No answer

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [n=5,048]:**

**IMPLIVES** 

Do you think the increased focus on issues of race and racial inequality in our country in the past three months... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]** 

# Sept 8-13, 2020 52 Will lead to changes that will improve the lives of Black people 46 Will NOT lead to changes that will improve the lives of Black people 2 No answer

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [n=5,045]:**

POLICYCHNG Do you think the increased focus on issues of race and racial inequality in our country in the past three months... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]** 

Sept 8-13, 2020	
48	Will lead to major policy changes to address racial inequality
51	Will NOT lead to major policy changes to address racial inequality
2	No answer

#### ASK IF INTERNET USER (XTABLET=2) [N=9,925]:

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

Sept 8-13, 2020	
76	Yes, I use social media sites
24	No, I do not use social media sites
*	No answer

#### ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [n=7,453]:

POSTRACE In the past three months, how many of your friends or family members have expressed opposition to racism or racial inequality on social media?

Sept 8-13, 2020	
19	All or most
43	Some
19	Only a few
19	None
1	No answer

## ASK IF AT LEAST A FEW FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE POSTED (POSTRACE=1-3) [n=6,170]:

POSTMOTIVE Thinking about your friends or family members who have expressed opposition to racism or racial inequality on social media in the past three months, how many of them do you think were motivated by each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		All or most	Some	Only a few	None	No answer
a.	Genuine concern about the treatment of Black people in our country					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	36	39	18	6	*
b.	Social pressure to express their opposition to racism or racial inequality					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	19	39	23	19	1

#### **DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Now thinking about content people might post online that others might find offensive...

#### **ASK ALL:**

JOKE1 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE** 

**RESPONSE OPTIONS**]

Sept 8-13, 2020		Jan 9-23, 2017
42	Offensive content online is too often excused as not a big deal	44
55	Many people take offensive content they see online too seriously	54
3	No answer	2

#### **ASK ALL:**

CANCUL1

In general, when people publicly call out others on social media for posting content that might be considered offensive, are they more likely to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]** 

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

58	Hold people accountable for their actions
38	Punish people who didn't deserve it
5	No answer

#### ASK IF THINK IT HOLDS PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE (CANCUL1=1) [N=6,093]:

CCACCOUNT

Please explain why you think calling out offensive content on social media is more likely to hold people accountable for their actions. [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD

No answer

#### ASK IF THINK IT PUNISHES PEOPLE (CANCUL1=2) [N=3,518]:

CCPUNISH

Please explain why you think calling out offensive content on social media is more likely to punish people who didn't deserve it. [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

TBD TBD

TBD

TBD

TBD

TBD

TBD

No answer

CANCUL2 How much, if at all, have you heard about the phrase "cancel culture"?

Sept 8-13, 2020	
22	A great deal
22	A fair amount
18	Not too much
38	None at all
*	No answer

#### ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A FAIR AMOUNT ABOUT CANCEL CULTURE (CANCUL2=1-2) [N=X]:

CANCUL3 In your own words, what do you think cancel culture means? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
No answer

#### **ASK ALL:**

SMPOLAD1 Do you think social media companies should...

Sept 8-13, 2020	
26	Allow all political ads on their platforms
19	Only allow some political ads on their platforms
54	Not allow any political ads on their platforms
2	No answer

#### ASK ALL:

SMPOLAD2 How acceptable, if at all, do you think it is for social media companies to use data about their users' online activities to show them ads from political campaigns?

<u>Sept 8-13, 2020</u>	
4	Very acceptable
18	Somewhat acceptable
24	Not very acceptable
53	Not acceptable at all
1	No answer

### ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [N=7,453]:

AVOIDPT1 How often, if ever, do you post or share things about political or social issues on social media?

Sept 8-13, 2020	
9	Often
20	Sometimes
30	Rarely
40	Never
*	No answer

## ASK IF NEVER OR RARELY POST ABOUT POLITICAL OR SOCIAL ISSUES (AVOIDPT1=3-4) [N=5,066]:

AVOIDPT2

Please indicate if each of the following is a reason why you do not post about political or social issues on social media. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 

_	Doubt work to offered athere	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	No answer
a.	Don't want to offend others Sept 8-13, 2020	20	25	55	*
b.	Not something I pay close attention to Sept 8-13, 2020	21	24	54	1
c.	Don't have anything to add to the conversation Sept 8-13, 2020	23	24	52	1
d.	Don't want the things I post or share to be used against me Sept 8-13, 2020	33	23	44	*
e.	Don't want to be attacked for my views				
ACV /	Sept 8-13, 2020	32	23	45	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

PROB1a

Thinking of some experiences that might happen to people when they use the internet, how much of a problem, if at all, is people being harassed or bullied?<sup>5</sup>

Sept 8-13, 20	<u>20</u>	<u>Jan 9-23, 2017</u>
55	Major problem	62
37	Minor problem	33
7	Not a problem	4
2	No answer	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

SMSUEOH

In your opinion, should people who have been bullied or harassed by others on social media be able to sue the platforms where the harassment occurred? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 

#### Sept 8-13, 2020

Yes, they should be able to sue social media platforms
No, they should not be able to sue social media platforms
No answer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In the 2017 survey, this was part of a larger battery regarding how much of a problem, if at all, people thought various experiences that might happen to people when they use the internet might be.

OHCONS

How effective, if at all, do you think the following steps would be in helping to reduce harassment or bullying on social media? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 

		Very <u>effective</u>	Somewhat <u>effective</u>	Not too effective	Not at all effective	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Criminal charges for users who bully or harass Sept 8-13, 2020	43	32	14	10	1
b.	Users getting temporarily suspended if they bully or harass others					
	Sept 8-13, 2020	32	37	19	10	1
c.	Users getting permanently suspended if they bully or harass others Sept 8-13, 2020	51	29	12	7	1
d.	Social media companies proactively deleting bullying or harassing posts Sept 8-13, 2020	40	33	15	10	1
e.	Requiring users of these platforms to disclose their real identities Sept 8-13, 2020	48	29	13	9	1

### ASK ALL:

SMOH

In your opinion, how good of a job are social media companies doing when it comes to addressing online harassment or bullying on their platforms?

## Sept 8-13, 2020

2	Excellent
16	Good
47	Only fair
32	Poor
3	No answer

### ASK IF INTERNET USER (XTABLET=2) [N=9,925]:

ON7 Which, if any, of the following have happened to you, personally, ONLINE?<sup>6</sup> [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	Yes, this has happened to me online <sup>7</sup>	No, this has not happened to me online	No answer
a. Been called offensive names Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	32 30 27	67 70 73	1
b. Been physically threatened Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	14 10 8	85 90 92	1
c. Been harassed for a sustained period Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	11 8 7	88 92 92	1
d. Been stalked Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	12 8 8	87 92 92	1
e. Had someone try to purposefully embarrass you Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	28 25 22	72 75 78	1
NO ITEMS F OR G			
h. Been sexually harassed Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	12 7 6	87 93 94	1
Yes to any (NET) Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017 May 30-Jun 30, 2014	43 45 40		

<sup>6</sup> The question wording in the 2014 survey was "Which, if any, of the following have occurred to you, personally, ONLINE?" which differs from the wording used in the 2017 and current surveys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This battery in the 2017 and 2014 surveys was a checklist where people were instructed to "Check all that apply," which differs slightly from the response options in the current survey. As a result, not checking a box (i.e., not responding to an item) in the 2017 and 2014 surveys was coded as people not experiencing that type of harassment online.

### ASK IF YES TO ANY IN ON7 (ON7a-h=1) [N=3,893]:

**IDENTITY** 

Do you think any of these experiences were a result of your... [IF ONLY ONE SELECTED IN ON7 "Do you think this experience was a result of your..."] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	Condon	Yes, were [was] <u>a result of this<sup>8</sup></u>		No answer
a.	Gender Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	33 20	66 80	*
NO	ITEM B			
c.	Sexual orientation Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	16 8	83 92	1
d.	Political views Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	50 35	50 65	*
e.	Religion Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	19 12	81 88	*
f.	Race or ethnicity Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	29 19	71 81	*

NO ITEMS G - I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This battery in the 2017 survey was a checklist where people were instructed to "Check all that apply," which differs slightly from the response options in the current survey. As a result, not checking a box (i.e., not responding to an item) in the 2017 survey was coded as that characteristic not contributing to prior online harassment experiences.

### ASK IF YES TO MORE THAN 1 ITEM IN ON7 (MORE THAN 1 ON7a-h=1) [N=2,484]:

ON7REC

Still thinking about the behaviors you have experienced, which of the following were involved the MOST RECENT time something like this happened to you?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: ONLY INCLUDE SELECTED RESPONSES FROM ON7 AND DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER]

## NOTE: RESULTS ARE PRESENTED BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY ONLINE HARASSMENT (ON7A-H=1) [N=3,893]

		Yes, this was involved the most recent time <sup>9</sup>	No, this was not involved the most recent time	No answer
a.	Being called offensive names Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	54 50	46 50	1
b.	Being physically threatened Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	14 8	85 92	1
c.	Being harassed for a sustained period Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	12 7	88 93	*
d.	Being stalked Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	12 8	87 92	1
e.	Having someone try to purposefully embarrass you Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	39 36	60 64	1
NO	ITEMS F OR G			
h.	Being sexually harassed Sept 8-13, 2020 Jan 9-23, 2017	13 6	86 94	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This battery in the 2017 survey was a checklist where people were instructed to "Check all that apply," which differs slightly from the response options in the current survey. As a result, not checking a box (i.e., not responding to an item) in the 2017 survey was coded as that person not experiencing that type of harassment online in their most recent experience.

ASK IF YES TO ANY IN ON7 (ON7a-h=1) [N=3,893]:

ON10 Thinking about your most recent experience, how upsetting was this, if at all?<sup>10</sup>

[REVERSE SCALE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u>Jan 9-23, 2017</u>	May 30-Jun 30, 2014
10	Extremely upsetting	12	14
14	Very upsetting	14	14
28	Somewhat upsetting	25	21
27	A little upsetting	27	30
20	Not at all upsetting	23	22
*	No answer	*	*

<sup>10</sup> The question wording in the 2014 survey was "Overall, how upsetting was this, if at all?" which differs from the wording used in the 2017 and current surveys.

#### ASK IF YES TO ANY IN ON7 (ON7a-h=1) [N=3,893]:

ON12 In which of the following online environments did your most recent experience occur?<sup>11</sup> [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	Control mondio pitan 13	Yes, it happened in this online <u>environment</u> 12	No, it did not happen in this online environment	No answer
a.	Social media sites <sup>13</sup> Sept 8-13, 2020	75	25	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	58	42	
	May 30-Jun 30, 2014	66	34	
b.	Online dating sites or apps <sup>14</sup> Sept 8-13, 2020	10	88	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	5	95	-
	May 30-Jun 30, 2014	6	94	
NO ITEMS C OR D				
e.	Online gaming			
	Sept 8-13, 2020	16	83	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	10	90	
	May 30-Jun 30, 2014	16	84	
f.	Personal email account			
	Sept 8-13, 2020	11	88	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	10	90	
	May 30-Jun 30, 2014	16	84	
g.	Online forum or discussion site <sup>15</sup>			
	Sept 8-13, 2020	25	74	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	7	93	
	May 30-Jun 30, 2014	10	90	
h.	A text or messaging app			
	Sept 8-13, 2020	24	75	1
	Jan 9-23, 2017	14	86	

NO ITEM I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The question wording in the 2014 survey was "In which of the following online environments did this occur?" which differs from the wording used in the 2017 and current surveys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> This battery in the 2017 and 2014 surveys was a checklist where people were instructed to "Check all that apply," which differs slightly from the response options in the current survey. As a result, not checking a box (i.e., not responding to an item) in the 2017 and 2014 surveys was coded as the most recent experience of online harassment not occurring in that environment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> This item in the 2017 and 2014 surveys read "Social networking sites/apps," which differs slightly from the wording used in the current survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This item in the 2017 and 2014 surveys read "Online dating websites/apps," which differs slightly from the wording used in the current survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> This item in the 2017 and 2014 surveys read "Online discussion site such as Reddit," which differs slightly from the wording used in the current survey.

ASK IF YES TO ANY IN ON7 (ON7a-h=1) [N=3,893]:
YOU1 Still thinking about your most recent experience, do you consider what happened to you to be "online harassment"?

Sept 8-13, 2020		<u>Jan 9-23, 2017</u>
43	Yes, I consider it to be online harassment <sup>16</sup>	37
36	No, I do not consider it to be online harassment	35
21	Not sure	27
*	No answer	*

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

# ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING: PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>17</sup>

		S	omethin	ig No	Lean	Lean
<u>Republican</u>	<b>Democrat</b>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>else</u>	<u>answer</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
27	30	29	13	1	18	21

<sup>16</sup> The response options for this item in the 2017 survey read "Yes," "No" or "Not sure," which differ slightly from the wording used in the current survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.