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Hello, my name is _____ (**first and last name**). I'm calling from the Monmouth University Polling Institute and I'm taking a public opinion survey of American adults for the university.

CELL: I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news across the country. To start with, are you 18 years of age or older, or are you under 18?

LANDLINE: I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST MALE age 18 or older, who is now at home. **(IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:** Then, may I speak with the YOUNGEST FEMALE age 18 or older who is now at home?) **WHEN RESPONDENT ON PHONE:** I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news across the country.

--Your participation is very important because only 800 people have been randomly selected for this survey and your views will represent many people throughout the nation. We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential

-- There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else's.

-- Please help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

TRUMP

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?
 1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 9. (VOL) Neither/Don't know/Refused
2. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?
 1. Right direction
 2. Wrong track
 3. (VOL) Depends
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
3. Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now? [**DO NOT READ LIST. PROBE FOR SINGLE ANSWER.**]
 1. Job security, unemployment
 2. Health care costs
 3. Everyday bills, food, groceries
 4. College tuition, school costs
 5. Housing, mortgage, rent
 6. Saving for retirement
 7. Social Security, seniors
 8. Taxes

9. Family illness, health
 10. Safety, crime
 11. Terrorism, national security
 12. Immigration
 13. The economy
 14. Trump as president
 15. Education policy
 16. Climate change, environment
 17. Quality of government
 18. Civil rights
 19. Guns, gun ownership
 20. Coronavirus/COVID-19
 28. Other, specify: _____
 29. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
 30. (VOL) Nothing, no concerns
4. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?
1. Very concerned
 2. Somewhat concerned
 3. Not too concerned
 4. Not at all concerned
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
5. How confident are you that the country will be able to limit the impact of the outbreak over the next few weeks – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?
1. Very confident
 2. Somewhat confident
 3. Not too confident
 4. Not at all confident
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
6. Please tell me if each of the following has done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. **[READ AND ROTATE ITEMS]**
- A. Health agencies in the federal government
 - B. President Trump
 - C. Your state's governor
 - D. The media reporting about the outbreak
 - E. The American public
 - F. Congress
1. Good job
 2. Bad job
 3. (VOL) Mixed, depends
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

[ROTATE Q7/8]

7. Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?
1. Appropriate
 2. Gone too far
 3. Not gone far enough
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
8. Have the measures taken by your state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?
1. Appropriate
 2. Gone too far
 3. Not gone far enough
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
9. Thinking about you personally, has the coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?
1. Major impact >>> **ASK Q9A**
 2. Minor impact
 3. No impact
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
- 9A. What have been the biggest changes to your life? **[OPEN END. RECORD VERBATIM]**
1. Gave response: _____
 9. Don't know/Refused
10. Have you personally done any of the following or had any of the following happen because of the coronavirus outbreak? **[READ AND ROTATE ITEMS]**
- A. Started to work from home for the first time
 - B. Lost income due to a decrease in work hours or less business
 - C. Had problems finding child care
 - D. Started getting your groceries delivered
 - E. Spent more time shopping online
 - F. Spent more time watching TV and movies
 - G. Have not gone out to stores and businesses as often as you usually do
1. Yes, have done/has happened
 2. No, have not done/has not happened
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

2020 PRESIDENT

D1. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register?

1. Yes, at this address
2. Not registered at current address for any reason >>> **SKIP TO Q13**
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q13**

11. How likely is it that you will vote in the November election – are you certain to vote, likely to vote, are you not sure, or are you unlikely to vote?

1. Certain to vote
2. Likely to vote
3. Not sure
4. Unlikely to vote
5. (VOL) Definitely won't vote >>> **SKIP TO Q13**
9. (VOL) Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q13**

12. If the election for President was today, would you vote for ... **[ROTATE NAMES]** Donald Trump the Republican or Joe Biden the Democrat?

1. Donald Trump the Republican
2. Joe Biden the Democrat
6. (VOL) Other candidate >> **ASK Q12B**
7. (VOL) Will not vote for president >> **ASK Q12B**
8. (VOL) Undecided / Not sure >> **ASK Q12B**
9. (VOL) Refused >> **ASK Q12B**

[IF Q12=6/7/8/9, ASK:]

12B. If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Donald Trump or Joe Biden? **[ROTATE NAMES]**

1. Donald Trump
2. Joe Biden
3. (VOL) Neither/Other
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

[ASK EVERYONE:]

[ROTATE Q13/14]

13. Is your general impression of Donald Trump very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?

1. Very favorable
2. Somewhat favorable
3. Somewhat unfavorable
4. Very unfavorable
5. No opinion
9. (VOL) Refused

14. Is your general impression of Joe Biden very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or do you have no opinion?
1. Very favorable
 2. Somewhat favorable
 3. Somewhat unfavorable
 4. Very unfavorable
 5. No opinion
 9. (VOL) Refused
15. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? [**PROBE:** Is that very or somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)]?
1. Very optimistic
 2. Somewhat optimistic
 3. Somewhat pessimistic
 4. Very pessimistic
 5. (VOL) Neither, don't care
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
16. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?
1. More enthusiastic
 2. Less enthusiastic
 3. About the same
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
17. Thinking about your current financial situation, would you say you are struggling to remain where you are financially, basically stable in your current financial situation, or is your financial situation improving?
1. Struggling
 2. Stable
 3. Improving
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
18. Have the actions of the federal government over the past three years helped, hurt, or had no real impact on your financial situation?
1. Helped
 2. Hurt
 3. No real impact
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
19. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with President Trump, has he been giving enough attention to the issues that are most important to your family or do you wish he would give more attention to issues that are important to your family?
1. Giving enough attention
 2. Wish he'd give more attention
 9. (VOL) Don't know / Refused

DEMOS

Now a few classification questions to complete our survey.

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent >>> **ASK D2A**
4. Something else >>> **ASK D2A**
9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused >>> **ASK D2A**

D2A. Do you lean more toward the Republican Party or more toward the Democratic Party?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Neither
9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D3. In general, would you describe your political views as liberal, moderate, or conservative? [**IF LIB/CON ASK:** Is that very or somewhat liberal/conservative?]

1. Very liberal
2. Somewhat liberal
3. Moderate
4. Somewhat conservative
5. Very conservative
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D4. What was the last grade in school you completed?

1. 8th grade or less
2. High School incomplete (Grades 9, 10 and 11)
3. High School Complete (Grade 12)
4. Vocational/Technical School
5. Some College
6. Junior College Graduate (2 year, Associate Degree)
7. 4 year College Graduate (Bachelor's Degree)
8. Graduate School (Masters, Law/Medical School, etc.)
9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D5. What was your age on your last birthday?

_____ [ENTER NUMBER. 98 = 98 or more; 99 = Don't Know/Refused]

D5A. [**IF DK/REFUSED IN D5, ASK:**] Is it from ... [READ LIST]?

1. 18 to 34,
2. 35 to 54, or
3. 55 or over?
9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

D6. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

1. Yes
2. No
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

- D7. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused
- D8. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?
1. White
 2. Black
 3. Asian
 4. (VOL) Hispanic, but won't specify race
 5. (VOL) Other, specify: _____
 9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused
- D9. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under \$25,000; from \$25,000 to just under \$50,000; from \$50,000 to just under \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more? Your best estimate is fine. **[IF REFUSE, PROBE ONCE: "We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially."]**
1. Under \$25,000
 2. \$25,000 to just under \$50,000
 3. \$50,000 to just under \$100,000
 4. \$100,000 or more
 8. (VOL) Don't know
 9. (VOL) Refused
- D10. **RECORD RESPONDENT GENDER** from observation:
1. Male
 2. Female
- D11. Record STATE of residence from landline area code. If CELL PHONE interview, verbally CONFIRM state of residence: "Which state do you live in?" / _____/

Thank you very much for your help.