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**POLLING INSTITUTE**  
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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 on the coronavirus outbreak and other issues.

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 850 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.

**COVID**

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
  5. (VOL) Has already happened
  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
- [ROTATE Q6/7]**
6. 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
7. 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

8. Please tell me if each of the following has done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**
- A. President Trump
  - B. Your state's governor
  - C. The American public
  - D. Health agencies in the federal government
- 1. Good job
  - 2. Bad job
  - 3. (VOL) Mixed, depends
  - 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
9. Do you think the United States is handling the pandemic better, worse, or about the same as other countries?
- 1. Better
  - 2. Worse
  - 3. About the same
  - 4. (VOL) Depends
  - 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
10. Are you more concerned that states are lifting restrictions too quickly or that states are not lifting restrictions quickly enough?
- 1. Too quickly
  - 2. Not quickly enough
  - 3. (VOL) Not concerned either way
  - 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
11. How much has your daily stress level changed during the outbreak – has it gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same? **[PROBE: Has it gone (up/down) a lot or a little?]**
- 1. Gone up a lot
  - 2. Gone up a little
  - 3. Stayed about the same
  - 4. Gone down a little
  - 5. Gone down a lot
  - 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
12. And are you very hopeful, somewhat hopeful, not too hopeful, or not at all hopeful that you and your family will be able to get your lives back to normal after the outbreak is over?
- 1. Very hopeful
  - 2. Somewhat hopeful
  - 3. Not too hopeful
  - 4. Not at all hopeful
  - 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

## 2020 PRESIDENT

Turning to a different topic...

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 D2**
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused >>> **SKIP TO D2**

13. 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 Q17**
9. (VOL) Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q17**

14. If the election for President was today, would you vote for ... [**ROTATE NAMES 1/2/3/4**]  
Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party, or another candidate?

1. Donald Trump the Republican >> **ASK Q14A**
2. Joe Biden the Democrat >> **ASK Q14A**
3. Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian >> **ASK Q14A/B**
4. Howie Hawkins of the Green Party >> **ASK Q14A/B**
6. Other candidate >> **ASK Q14A/B**
7. (VOL) Will not vote for president >> **ASK Q14B**
8. (VOL) Undecided / Not sure >> **ASK Q14B**
9. (VOL) Refused >> **ASK Q14B**

[**IF Q14=1/2/3/4/6, ASK:**]

14A. Are you certain about your vote choice, or might you change your mind before election day?

1. Certain
2. Might change mind
9. (VOL) Don't know/refused

[**IF Q14=3/4/6/7/8/9, ASK:**]

14B. 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

**[ROTATE Q15/16]**

***[IF Q14=1 and Q14A=1 (Certain Trump), Skip Q15.]***

15. What is the likelihood that you might vote for Donald Trump in November – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not too likely
4. Not at all likely
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

***[IF Q14=2 and Q14A=1 (Certain Biden), Skip Q16.]***

16. What is the likelihood that you might vote for Joe Biden in November – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not too likely
4. Not at all likely
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

**[ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:]**

**[ROTATE Q17/18]**

17. 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

18. 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

**[ROTATE Q19/20]**

19. How confident are you that Donald Trump can put the country on the road to recovery from the pandemic – 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

20. How confident are you that Joe Biden can put the country on the road to recovery from the pandemic – 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
21. 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
22. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for president – very motivated, somewhat motivated, or not that motivated?
1. Very motivated
  2. Somewhat motivated
  3. Not that motivated
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
23. 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
24. How likely are you to cast your vote by mail in the November election rather than in person – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?
1. Very likely
  2. Somewhat likely
  3. Not too likely
  4. Not at all likely
  5. (VOL) Won't vote at all
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
25. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to make it easier for more voters to cast their ballots by mail this year?
1. Good idea
  2. Bad idea
  3. (VOL) Depends
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

26. Overall, how confident are you that the November election will be conducted fairly and accurately – 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
27. And how concerned are you about the possibility that election meddling could undermine the integrity of the results – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?
1. Very concerned >>> **ASK Q27A**
  2. Somewhat concerned >>> **ASK Q27A**
  3. Not too concerned
  4. Not at all concerned
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
- 27A. Who do you think is most likely to be the source of any election meddling? [**OPEN END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE.**]
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## 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 >> **ASK D2B**
  2. Democrat >> **ASK D2B**
  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
- D2B. Do you consider yourself a strong [Republican/Democrat] or not so strong?
1. Strong
  2. Not so strong
  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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*