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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. 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

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
1. Good job
  2. Bad job
  3. (VOL) Mixed, depends
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

9. Are you more concerned that states are starting to lift 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

10. Have you or someone in your household been laid off from work because of the outbreak? [**IF YES: Is this you or someone else?**]

1. Yes, self >>> **ASK Q10A/B**
2. Yes, other person >>> **ASK Q10A/B**
3. Yes, self and other >>> **ASK Q10A/B**
4. No, no one
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

[**For Q10A/B. If Q10=1/3, ask "you." If Q10=2, ask "this person":**]

10A. Will [you/this person] be able to return to the same job or have to get a new job?

1. Be able to return to the same job
2. Have to get a new job
8. (VOL) Other/neither
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

10B. When do you expect that [you/this person] will be back at work? Are [you/they] already back, will be back within the next few weeks, before the end of the summer, before the end of the year, sometime later, or never?

1. Already back
2. Within the next few weeks
3. Before the end of the summer
4. Before the end of the year
5. Sometime later
6. Never
8. (VOL) Mixed/other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
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 Q22**
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q22**

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 Q15**
9. (VOL) Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q15**

**[SPLIT-HALF Q12 - ASK VERSION 1 of HALF SAMPLE A:]**

12\_1. If the election for President was today, would you vote for ... **[ROTATE NAMES 1/2]** Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, or another candidate?

1. Donald Trump the Republican >> **ASK Q12A**
2. Joe Biden the Democrat >> **ASK Q12A**
6. Other candidate >> **ASK Q12A/B**
7. (VOL) Will not vote for president >> **ASK Q12B**
8. (VOL) Undecided / Not sure >> **ASK Q12B**
9. (VOL) Refused >> **ASK Q12B**

**[SPLIT-HALF Q12 - ASK VERSION 2 of HALF SAMPLE B:]**

12\_2. 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 Q12A**
2. Joe Biden the Democrat >> **ASK Q12A**
3. Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian >> **ASK Q12A/B**
4. Howie Hawkins of the Green Party >> **ASK Q12A/B**
6. (VOL) Other candidate >> **ASK Q12A/B**
7. (VOL) Will not vote for president >> **ASK Q12B**
8. (VOL) Undecided / Not sure >> **ASK Q12B**
9. (VOL) Refused >> **ASK Q12B**

**[IF Q12=1/2/3/4/6, ASK:]**

12A. 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 Q12=3/4/6/7/8/9, 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

**[ROTATE Q13A/B]**

**[IF Q12=1 and Q12A=1 (Certain Trump), Skip Q13A.]**

13A. 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 Q12=2 and Q12A=1 (Certain Biden), Skip Q13B.]**

13B. 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

14. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives was held today, would you vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate in your Congressional district? **[ROTATE 1/2]**

1. Republican
2. Democratic
6. (VOL) Other candidate >>> **ASK Q14A**
7. (VOL) Will not vote for House >>> **ASK Q14A**
8. (VOL) Undecided / Not sure >> **ASK Q14A**
9. (VOL) Refused >>> **ASK Q14A**

14A. At this time do you lean more toward the Republican or more toward the Democratic candidate? **[ROTATE 1/2]**

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

**[ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:]**

**[ROTATE Q15/16]**

15. 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

16. 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 Q17/18]**

17. How confident are you that Donald Trump has the mental and physical stamina necessary to carry out the job of president – 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

18. How confident are you that Joe Biden has the mental and physical stamina necessary to carry out the job of president – 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

## **RACE RELATIONS**

### **[ASK EVERYONE:]**

Thinking now about the entire country...

22. Which statement comes closer to your view: **[ROTATE]** Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values OR Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values?
1. Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values
  2. Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
23. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Trump took office?
1. More united
  2. More divided
  3. Not really changed
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
24. Do you think that racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States is a problem or not a problem? **[IF PROBLEM: Is it a big problem or a small problem?]**
1. Yes, big problem
  2. Yes, small problem
  3. Yes, but not sure if big or small
  4. No, not a problem
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
25. Do you agree or disagree that the Black Lives Matters movement has brought attention to real racial disparities in American society?
1. Agree
  2. Disagree
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
26. Has the Black Lives Matters movement made racial issues in America better or worse, or has it not really changed things either way?
1. Better
  2. Worse
  3. Not changed either way
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

27. As you know, there have been recent protests about incidents involving police and the deaths of Black civilians. Given what happened, do you think the actions of the protestors were fully justified, partially justified, or not at all justified?
1. Fully justified
  2. Partially justified
  3. Not at all justified
  4. (VOL) Depends on which protests
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
28. Regardless of the actual actions taken, do you think the anger that led to these protests was fully justified, partially justified, or not at all justified?
1. Fully justified
  2. Partially justified
  3. Not at all justified
  4. (VOL) Depends on which protests
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
29. Do you think there is more racism, less racism, or about the same amount of racism among police officers than among other groups in society?
1. More racism among police
  2. Less racism among police
  3. Same amount of racism
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
30. Has Donald Trump's handling of the protests made the current situation better or made it worse?
1. Better
  2. Worse
  3. (VOL) Neither, no impact
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
31. Do you think the movement sparked by these recent events will have a long-term impact on race relations in the United States, a short-term impact, or no impact at all?
1. Long-term impact
  2. Short-term impact
  3. No impact at all
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
32. Do you think race relations in the United States will improve, get worse, or not really change as a result of the current movement? **[PROBE: Will they (improve/get worse) by a lot or just a little?]**
1. Improve by a lot
  2. Improve by a little
  3. Get worse by a lot
  4. Get worse by a little
  5. Not really change
  9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused



33. When thinking about the future of race relations in America, do you feel very hopeful, somewhat hopeful, not too hopeful, or not at all hopeful?

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

34. When you hear people say they want to "Defund the Police" – do you think most of them really want to get rid of police departments or do you think most of them just want to change the way police departments operate?

1. Get rid of police
2. Change the way police operate
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

35. Has a family member, friend or coworker expressed an opinion about these recent incidents that really upset you? [**IF NEEDED:** Incidents involving police and the deaths of Black civilians as well as the protests.]

1. Yes >>> ASK Q35A/B
2. No >> **SKIP TO D2**
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused >> **SKIP TO D2**

35A. Was this person the same race as you or a different race?

1. Same race
2. Different race
3. (VOL) Both same and different races
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

35B. Was this opinion expressed in person or on social media?

1. In person
2. Social media
3. (VOL) Both
4. (VOL) Neither/other
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 >> **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.*