

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 92 JULY 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
JULY 8-18, 2021
N=10,221**

ASK ALL:

POL1JB

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

July 8-18 2021		Apr 5-11 <u>2021</u>	Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u>
55	Approve	59	54
43	Disapprove	39	42
2	No answer	2	4

ASK ALL:

LIFE50TY

In general, would you say life in America today is better, worse, or about the same as it was 50 years ago for people like you?

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

July 8-18 2021		Jun 27-Jul 9 <u>2017</u>	Aug 9-16 <u>2016</u>	Mar 17-26 <u>2016</u>
36	Better	37	36	35
43	Worse	41	44	43
20	About the same	18	16	15
1	No answer	4	4	7

ASK ALL:

BIGHOUSES

Imagine for a moment that you are moving to another community.

Would you prefer to live in a community where the houses are... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
60	Larger and farther apart, but schools, stores, and restaurants are several miles away	53
39	Smaller and closer to each other, but schools, stores, and restaurants are within walking distance	47
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

INSTN

Are each of the following having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

ASK ALL:

INSTN_CHR

Churches and religious organizations

July 8-18, 2021

July 22-Aug 4, 2019

Positive effectNegative effectNo answer

62

35

3

58

39

3

Phone trend for comparison:

(VOL.)

Neither/

No influence/

Mixed**(VOL.)**DK/Ref

July 10-15, 2019

52

29

15

4

Jun 8-18, 2017

59

26

10

5

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016

57

27

11

5

Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015

61

28

8

3

Feb 8-12, 2012

57

26

8

9

Mar 11-21, 2010

63

22

7

8

ASK ALL:

INSTN_CLGS

Colleges and universities

July 8-18, 2021

July 22-Aug 4, 2019

Positive effectNegative effectNo answer

57

41

2

56

42

2

Phone trend for comparison:

(VOL.)

Neither/

No influence/

Mixed**(VOL.)**No answer

July 10-15, 2019

50

38

8

5

Jun 8-18, 2017

55

36

4

4

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016

57

30

7

5

Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015

63

28

6

3

Feb 8-12, 2012

60

26

5

8

Mar 11-21, 2010

61

26

4

9

INSTN CONTINUED:**ASK ALL:**

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_LGECRP	Large corporations			
	July 8-18, 2021	29	68	3
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	36	61	3

Phone trend for comparison:

parison:

			(VOL.) Neither/ No influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	32	53	9	6
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	28	56	10	6
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	33	56	7	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	57	7	7
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	64	4	8

ASK ALL:

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_MSCENT	The entertainment industry			
	July 8-18, 2021	34	64	2

Phone trend for comparison:

Comparison:

			(VOL.) Neither/ No influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	56	9	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	50	10	7
Mar 11-21, 2010	33	51	8	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,122]:

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_LBRUN	Labor unions			
	July 8-18, 2021	55	41	4
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	55	41	4

Phone trend for comparison:

<i>Comparison:</i>			(VOL.) Neither/ No influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	45	28	13	14
Jun 8-18, 2017	47	32	8	13
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	43	36	10	10
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	45	40	7	8
Feb 8-12, 2012	37	45	5	14
Mar 11-21, 2010	32	49	4	14

INSTN CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,122]:**

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_K12	K-12 public schools			
	July 8-18, 2021	61	38	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,099]:

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_BNKS	Banks and other financial institutions			
	July 8-18, 2021	49	48	3
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	49	48	3

Phone trend for comparison:

arison:

			(VOL.) Neither/ No influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	39	39	15	8
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	46	8	7
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	34	50	9	6
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	40	47	8	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	22	68	5	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	22	69	4	6

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,099]:

		<u>Positive effect</u>	<u>Negative effect</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSTN_TECHCMP	Technology companies			
	July 8-18, 2021	52	46	2
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	58	40	2

Phone trend for comparison:

parison:

			(VOL.) Neither/ No influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	50	33	13	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	71	17	7	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	70	18	5	7
Mar 11-21, 2010	68	18	4	10

ASK ALL:

DIFFPARTY Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is...

	<u>A great deal of difference in what they stand for</u>	<u>A fair amount of difference in what they stand for</u>	<u>Hardly any difference at all in what they stand for</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	59	31	9	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	37	7	*

ASK ALL:
NATPROBS

How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]

	<u>A</u> <u>very big</u> <u>problem</u>	<u>A</u> <u>moderately</u> <u>big problem</u>	<u>A small</u> <u>problem</u>	<u>Not a</u> <u>problem</u> <u>at all</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>
NO ITEMS a-b					
c. The federal budget deficit					
July 8-18, 2021	50	34	11	3	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	49	33	14	3	1
June 16-22, 2020	47	38	12	3	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	53	38	8	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1
NO ITEM d					
e. Racism					
July 8-18, 2021	45	28	21	6	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	45	27	20	7	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1
NO ITEM f					
g. Illegal immigration					
July 8-18, 2021	43	29	23	5	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	48	29	19	3	*
June 16-22, 2020	28	29	33	9	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	27	24	6	*
Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	38	28	28	6	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1
NO ITEM h					
i. Climate change					
July 8-18, 2021	47	23	18	11	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	40	25	22	12	*
June 16-22, 2020	40	26	21	13	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	24	17	10	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1
j. Violent crime					
July 8-18, 2021	61	29	9	1	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	48	36	15	1	*
June 16-22, 2020	41	38	20	2	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	49	37	13	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	33	13	1	*
NO ITEMS k-l					

NATPROBS CONTINUED...

	A very big problem	A moderately big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	No answer
m. Economic inequality					
July 8-18, 2021	44	31	18	6	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	43	31	19	7	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	44	31	18	6	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019 ¹	51	30	14	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1

ASK IF SAID "A VERY BIG PROBLEM" (NATPROBS_c-m=1) TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN NATPROBS (NATPROBS_c-m=1) [N=8,473]:

NATPROBS_1 Of these, which would you say is the BIGGEST problem in the country today? **[ONLY DISPLAY "VERY BIG PROBLEM" RESPONSES FROM NATPROBS (NATPROBS_c-m=1) IN SAME ORDER AS IN NATPROBS]**

July 8-18

2021

- 20 Violent crime
- 17 Illegal immigration
- 16 Climate change
- 14 Racism
- 12 The federal budget deficit
- 14 Economic inequality

7 No biggest issue/No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SMALLER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=1) [N=5,176]:

GOVSIZE2 When you say you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF BIGGER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=2) [N=4,873]:

GOVSIZE3 When you say you favor a bigger government providing more services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 2021		July 27- Aug 2 2020	Mar 18- Apr 1 2019
48	A smaller government providing fewer services	45	48
	<i>Eliminate most current government</i>		
12	<i>services</i>		
	<i>Modestly reduce current government</i>		
35	<i>services</i>		
1	<i>No answer</i>		
50	A bigger government providing more services	52	50
	<i>Modestly expand on current government</i>		
29	<i>services</i>		
	<i>Greatly expand on current government</i>		
21	<i>services</i>		
*	<i>No answer</i>		
2	No answer	2	2

¹ February 2019 and prior, question asked about "The gap between the rich and poor."

ASK ALL:
USEXCEPT

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]

	The U.S. stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along <u>with some others</u>	There are other countries that are <u>better than the U.S.</u>	No answer
July 8-18, 2021	23	52	23	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	24	55	21	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>				
Sep 5-16, 2019	29	52	17	2
Jun 8-18, 2017	29	56	14	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

DISPLAY WOMENOBBS, ECONFAIR, OPENIDEN, VTPRGHTPRIV1, ALLIES, PEACESTR, GOVWASTE, COMPROMISEVAL ON TWO PAGES WITH A VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].**

[SCREEN 1]:**ASK ALL:**

WOMENOBBS

	The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead <u>are now largely gone</u>	There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women <u>to get ahead than men</u>	No answer
July 8-18, 2021	46	53	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	55	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	57	1
Feb 26, Mar 11, 2018	42	56	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	45	53	3

ASK ALL:

ECONFAIR

	The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	71	28	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	70	29	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	71	28	1

Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	60	37	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	63	34	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	63	33	4
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	32	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	66	31	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	65	31	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

ASK ALL:

OPENIDEN

	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who <u>we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our <u>identity as a nation</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	67	32	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	64	34	2

ASK ALL:

VTRGHTPRIV1

	Voting is a fundamental right for every adult U.S. citizen and should not be <u>restricted in any way</u>	Voting is a privilege that comes with responsibilities and can be limited if adult U.S. citizens don't meet <u>some requirements</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	57	42	1

[SCREEN 2]:**ASK ALL:**

ALLIES

	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Feb 1-7, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	68	31	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	65	33	2

ALLIES CONTINUED...

	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	36	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	54	40	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	55	38	7
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	51	42	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 ²	53	36	11
December, 2004	53	37	10

**ASK ALL:
PEACESTR**

	The best way to ensure peace is through <u>military strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	29	69	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	26	73	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ³	33	65	2
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	28	62	10
Jun 8-18, 2017	30	61	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	36	57	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	56	9
Jul 14-20, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	62	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	31	57	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	58	11
October, 2006	28	57	15
December, 2004	30	55	15
August, 1999	33	55	12
October, 1996	36	53	11
October, 1995	36	59	5
April, 1995	35	58	7
October, 1994	40	52	8
July, 1994	36	58	6

² In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.

³ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK ALL:

GOVWASTE

	Government is almost always <u>wasteful and inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	No answer
July 8-18, 2021	53	44	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	56	42	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁴	62	37	1
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	39	6
Jun 8-18, 2017	56	40	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	54	40	6
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	39	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	40	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7
October, 2008	57	35	8
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3

ASK ALL:

COMPROMISEVAL

	Compromise in politics is really just selling out on <u>what you believe in</u>	Compromise is how things get done in politics, even though it sometimes means <u>sacrificing your beliefs</u>	No answer
July 8-18, 2021	26	71	3

ASK ALL:

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
38	Should provide more assistance	40
32	Should provide less assistance	26
29	Is providing about the right amount of assistance [anchor]	33
1	No answer	1

⁴ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only

ASK ALL:**THERMO**

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. **[RANDOMIZE]**

		Rating of 0 to 24	Rating of 25 to 49	Rating of 50	Rating of 51 to 75	Rating of 76 to 100	No answer	Mean rating
THERMTRUMP	Donald Trump							
	July 8-18, 2021	50	7	11	10	22	*	37
	Mar 1-7, 2021	51	6	9	9	23	*	36
	Nov 12-17, 2020	50	7	9	8	26	*	38
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	51	6	7	10	25	1	37
	Apr 7-12, 2020	45	7	7	10	30	*	42
	Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8	9	9	25	1	38
	Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
	Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
THERMBIDEN	Joe Biden							
	July 8-18, 2021	33	9	14	15	28	*	48
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	9	13	15	31	*	50
	Nov 12-17, 2020	35	9	12	14	29	1	47
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	38	10	12	15	24	1	43
	Apr 7-12, 2020	37	14	16	15	17	*	40

ASK ALL:**PAR2CHILD**

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

ASK IF "CHILDREN WITH TWO PARENTS ARE BETTER OFF" (PAR2CHILD=1) [N=5,654]:**PAR2CHILDa**

If one parent is able to stay home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 8-18 2021		June 7- July 5 2016
56	Children with two parents are better off when a parent stays home to focus on the family	59
20	Mother	26
1	Father	1
35	It doesn't matter which parent stays home	31
*	No answer	*
43	Children with two parents are just as well off when their parents work outside the home	39
1	No answer	2

ASK ALL:

POLICY3MOD In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...
[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

July 8-18

2021

61 Usually BETTER at making good policy decisions
 about that subject than other people
 5 Usually WORSE at making good policy decisions
 about that subject than other people
 32 NEITHER BETTER NOR WORSE at making good policy decisions
 about that subject than other people
 1 No answer

ASK ALL:

WHADVANT In general, how much do White people benefit from advantages in society that Black people
 do not have?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	Not <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	31	27	24	17	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	33	26	23	15	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	29	23	18	1
Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 ⁵	30	28	25	16	2
Aug 8-Aug 21, 2017	26	29	28	16	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	24	29	25	19	2

ASK ALL:

SUPERPWR In the future, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military superpower	It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	60	36	4
Sep 3-15, 2019	61	36	3
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	60	33	7
April 12-19, 2016	55	36	9

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, OR would it be acceptable if China, another country or the European Union became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

	U.S. policies should keep U.S. as the only superpower	OK if China, another country, or the EU became as powerful	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	56	32	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	57	29	14
Late October, 2005	50	35	15

⁵ In Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 and prior, question was worded: "How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?"

ASK ALL:

IL_IMM_PRI What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS SHOW 3 LAST]**

July 8-18

2021

- 29 Better border security and stronger enforcement
of our immigration laws
- 29 Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally
to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
- 42 Both should be given equal priority **[ANCHOR]**
- 1 No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our <u>immigration laws</u>	Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet <u>certain requirements</u> ⁶	Both should be given equal priority	(VOL.) None of <u>these</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	19	33	46	1	1
Aug 9-16, 2016	24	29	45	*	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	23	41	1	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

ASK ALL:

BILLION Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

July 8-18

2021

- 15 A good thing for the country
- 29 A bad thing for the country
- 55 Neither a good thing or a bad thing
- 1 No answer

Jan 6-19

2020

- 19
- 23
- 58
- 1

⁶ In August 2014 and earlier surveys, response option was worded "(two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements."

ASK ALL:

GLBLZE

Thinking about increased trade of goods and services between the U.S. and other nations in recent decades... **[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF BY FORM]**

Some say the U.S. has lost out from increased trade because it has cost jobs in manufacturing and other industries and lowered wages for some U.S. workers.

Others say the U.S. has gained from increased trade because it has helped lower prices and increased the competitiveness of some U.S. businesses.

All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

July 8-18

2021

56	Lost more than it has gained from increased trade
41	Gained more than it has lost from increased trade
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

FP_AUTH

In foreign policy, the U.S. should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18

2021

48	Work with any country to achieve U.S. goals, even if that sometimes means working closely with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values
49	Not work with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values, even if that sometimes makes it harder to achieve U.S. goals
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVTHC

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage?

ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1) [N=6,030]:

SNGLPYER

Should health insurance... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2) [N=4,122]:

NOGOVTHC

Should the government... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18

2021

62

Yes, it is

Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government

32

Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs

29

1 No answer

37

No, it is not

Not be involved in providing health insurance at all

7

Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor

30

* No answer

1

No answer

July 27-

Aug 2

2020

63

Sep 3-15

2019

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July 22-

Aug 4,

2019

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ASK ALL:

FREECOLL

Would you favor or oppose making tuition at public colleges and universities free for all American students?

July 8-18

2021

34 Strongly favor
29 Somewhat favor
16 Somewhat oppose
20 Strongly oppose
* No answer

Jan 6-19

2020

37
26
15
21
1

ASK ALL:

CRIM_SENT2

Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 OR 2-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

July 8-18

2021

28 Too much time in prison
32 Too little time in prison
37 About the right amount of time in prison **[ANCHOR]**
3 No answer

ASK ALL:

USMILSIZ

Thinking about the size of America's military, do you think it should be...

[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]

July 8-18

2021

6 Reduced a great deal
13 Reduced somewhat
43 Kept about as is
25 Increased somewhat
12 Increased a great deal
2 No answer

On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

PROG_RRETRO

How much progress, if any, do you think the country has made over the last 50 years toward ensuring equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

July 8-18

2021

48 A lot
45 A little
7 None at all
1 No answer

ASK ALL:

PROG_RNEED How much more, if anything, needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

ASK IF A LOT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE (PROG_RNEED=1) [N=5,145]:

PROG_RNEED2b Which comes closer to your view about what needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds -- even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18

2021

50

A lot

25 *Most U.S. laws and major institutions need to be completely rebuilt because they are fundamentally biased against some racial and ethnic groups*

24 *While there are many inequities in U.S. laws and institutions, necessary changes can be made by working within the current systems*

1 *No answer*

34

A little

15

Nothing at all

1

No answer

ASK ALL:

ELITEUNDMOD

In general, do you think people in influential and powerful positions throughout our society understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives...

July 8-18

2021

3

Very well

20

Somewhat well

44

Not too well

33

Not at all well

1

No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Thinking about people in top leadership positions in business and technology. In general, do you think they understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives...

Sep 3-15

2019

4

Very well

27

Somewhat well

46

Not too well

22

Not at all well

*

No answer

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF POLINTOL2_a AND POLINTOL2_b]**ASK ALL:**

POLINTOL2_a In general, how comfortable do you think REPUBLICANS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

	Very <u>comfortable</u>	Somewhat <u>comfortable</u>	Not too <u>comfortable</u>	Not at all <u>comfortable</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	35	30	21	11	2
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	36	35	21	6	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF POLINTOL2_a AND POLINTOL2_b]**ASK ALL:**

POLINTOL2_b. In general, how comfortable do you think DEMOCRATS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

	Very <u>comfortable</u>	Somewhat <u>comfortable</u>	Not too <u>comfortable</u>	Not at all <u>comfortable</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	48	36	10	4	2
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	48	36	12	3	1

ASK ALL:

CANQUALPOL In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for political office in the last several years has been...

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
2	Very good	7
32	Somewhat good	40
42	Somewhat bad	36
22	Very bad	16
1	No answer	*

ASK ALL:

CANMTCHPOL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right?

I usually feel like... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
60	There is at least one candidate who shares most of my views	63
38	None of the candidates represent my views well	36
3	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:
SOCIETY**

Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society?

**[SHOW ITEMS ON TWO PAGES AS SET BELOW; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN PAGES
AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAGES; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

		<u>Very good for society</u>	<u>Somewhat good for society</u>	<u>Neither good nor bad for society</u>	<u>Somewhat bad for society</u>	<u>Very bad for society</u>	<u>No answer</u>
[PAGE 1]							
SOCIETY_TRANS	Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth) July 8-18, 2021	23	15	29	14	18	1
SOCIETY_RHIST	Increased public attention to the history of slavery and racism in America July 8-18, 2021	30	23	21	14	11	1
SOCIETY_JBCLL	Good-paying jobs requiring a college degree more often than they used to July 8-18, 2021	8	22	30	30	9	1
SOCIETY_RELG	A decline in the share of Americans belonging to an organized religion July 8-18, 2021	11	11	35	24	18	2
[PAGE 2]							
SOCIETY_WHT	White people declining as a share of the U.S. population July 8-18, 2021	7	8	61	13	9	1
SOCIETY_GUNS	An increase in the number of guns in the U.S. July 8-18, 2021	9	11	26	20	33	1
SOCIETY_SSM	Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S. July 8-18, 2021	25	10	34	11	19	1

ASK ALL:

PROBOFF

How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today?
[ALWAYS ASK ITEMS IN THIS ORDER ON SAME PAGE]

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. People being too easily offended by things others say July 8-18, 2021	65	28	6	1
b. People saying things that are very offensive to others July 8-18, 2021	53	38	9	1

**DISPLAY BUSPROFIT, CNTRYFAIR, GOVPROTCT, GOVAID, RELIG_GOV, MARRFAM, GOODEVIL AND
PPLRESP ON TWO PAGES WITH A VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS**

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

**[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS. RANDOMIZE
ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2].**

[SCREEN 1]:**ASK ALL:**

BUSPROFIT

	<u>Business corporations make too much profit</u>	<u>Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	64	35	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁷	63	35	2
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	56	38	6
Mar 20-25, 2019	56	39	5
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	58	37	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	38	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	39	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7

⁷ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

BUSPROFIT CONTINUED...

	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable <u>amount of profit</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5

ASK ALL:

CNTRYFAIR	Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly <u>as we treat them</u>	Other countries often take unfair advantage of the <u>United States</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	46	52	2

ASK ALL:

GOVPROTCT	It's not the government's job to protect people <u>from themselves</u>	Sometimes laws to protect people from themselves <u>are necessary</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	38	60	2

ASK ALL:

MARRFAM	Society is better off if people make marriage and <u>having children a priority</u>	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other <u>than marriage and children</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	34	64	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	34	63	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	40	57	3
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	39	57	4

[SCREEN 2]:**ASK ALL:**

GOVAID	Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on <u>government assistance</u>	Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until <u>their basic needs are met</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	45	53	2

ASK ALL:

RELIG_GOV

July 8-18, 2021

Religion should be kept
separate from
government policies

72

Government policies
should support
religious values and beliefs

27

No
answer
1

ASK ALL:

GOODEVIL

July 8-18, 2021

Most things in society
can be pretty clearly divided
into good and evil

48

Most things in society
are too complicated
to be clearly divided
between good and evil

50

No
answer
2

ASK ALL:

PPLRESP

July 8-18, 2021

People like me just don't
get the respect we
deserve in this country

40

People like me generally
get the respect we
deserve in this country

57

No
answer
3

ASK ALL:

RACESURV52MOD

How much, if at all, would it bother you to regularly hear people speak a
language other than English in public places in your community?

July 8-18
2021

15	A lot
20	Some
26	Not much
38	Not at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

WHYRICHSCALE

Some say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF BY FORM]

July 8-18

2021

23	1	Rich people had more advantages in life than other people
16	2	
22	3	
21	4	
10	5	
6	6	Rich people worked harder than other people
1		No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich?

Jan 6-19

2020

33	They have worked harder than most other people
65	They have had more advantages in life than most other people
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

ELECT_IMPT3

Thinking about elections in the country, how important, if at all, is each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
PRVFR	People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot July 8-18, 2021	59	22	11	6	2
PRVSUP	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot July 8-18, 2021	82	12	3	1	2

ASK ALL:

ELECT_CONF3 Still thinking about elections in the country, how confident, if at all, are you that...
[MATCH ORDER OF ITEMS TO ELECT_IMPT3]

		Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer</u>
PRVFR	People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot July 8-18, 2021	25	31	24	18	2
PRVSUP	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot July 8-18, 2021	40	36	17	5	2

ASK ALL:

CANDEXP How important is it, if at all, that candidates running for high levels of political office have prior government experience?

July 8-18

2021

28	Very important
39	Somewhat important
22	Not too important
10	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

LEGALIMMIGAMT Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants the U.S. admits should...
[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]

July 8-18

2021

11	Increase a lot
17	Increase a little
44	Stay about the same
13	Decrease a little
13	Decrease a lot
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

UNIMMIGCOMM

When it comes to people who have immigrated to the U.S. ILLEGALLY, do you think they generally make the communities they live in...

[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-4 OR 4-1]

July 8-18

2021

11	A lot better
36	A little better
31	A little worse
17	A lot worse
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

GODMORALIMP

Regardless of your own religious beliefs, how important, if at all, do you think it is for a person to believe in God in order to be considered good and moral?

July 8-18

2021

20	Essential
34	Important, but not essential
16	Not too important
28	Not at all important
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTREP How well does the REPUBLICAN PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

July 8-18,

2021

41	NET well
9	<i>Very well</i>
33	<i>Somewhat well</i>
56	NET NOT well
27	<i>Not too well</i>
29	<i>Not at all well</i>
3	No Answer

Nov 12-17,

2020

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Nov 29-

Dec 12

2016

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Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

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Apr 5-

May 2

2016

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTDEM How well does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

July 8-18, <u>2021</u>		Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12 <u>2016</u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>
46	NET well	47	51	49	52
10	Very well	11	14	13	14
36	Somewhat well	35	37	36	38
51	NET NOT well	51	48	50	46
23	Not too well	21	24	24	24
28	Not at all well	29	24	26	22
3	No Answer	2	1	2	3

ASK ALL:

VTRS_VALS Thinking for a moment about people who supported a different candidate than you did in the 2020 presidential election, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

They may feel differently than I do about politics... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>	
44	But they probably SHARE many of my other values and goals
54	And they probably DON'T SHARE many of my other values and goals, either
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=4,104]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁸

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
25	31	28	15	2	19	20

⁸ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.