

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 78 November 2020  
FINAL TOPLINE  
NOVEMBER 12-17 2020  
N=11,818**

**ASK ALL:**

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
July 27-August 2, 2020	12	87	1
June 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>2</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 <sup>3</sup>	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

**ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=11,366]:**

VOTED Which of the following statements best describes you?

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Nov 7-16, <u>2018</u> <sup>4</sup>	Nov 29-Dec 12, <u>2016</u> <sup>5</sup>
22	I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election	23	14
9	I planned to vote but wasn't able to	22	8
67	I definitely voted in the 2020 presidential election	55	77
2	No Answer	1	1

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED=3) [N=10,399]:**

VOTEGEN\_POST In the 2020 presidential election, who did you vote for? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>	
47	Donald Trump, the Republican
51	Joe Biden, the Democrat
1	Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Party candidate
*	Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate
*	Another candidate
*	No Answer

<sup>1</sup> In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

<sup>2</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<sup>3</sup> SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

<sup>4</sup> In 2018, the question asked about the 2018 congressional elections.

<sup>5</sup> In 2016, the question asked about the 2016 presidential election.

**ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED=1-2) [N=903]:**

VOTEGEN\_POSTNON If you had voted in the election, would you have voted for... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTIONS 5 AND 6 ALWAYS LAST]

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>	
37	Donald Trump, the Republican
44	Joe Biden, the Democrat
11	Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Party candidate
3	Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate
3	Another candidate
2	No Answer

**ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED=1-2) [N=903]:**

WISH\_VOTED Do you wish that you had voted in the election?

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Nov 7-16, <u>2018</u>	Nov 17- Dec 15, <u>2014</u>
45	Yes	61	55
54	No	38	43
1	No answer	1	1

**ASK IF VOTED TRUMP (VOTEGEN\_POST=1) [N=3,829]:**

DTFORAGNST\_POST Would you say that your vote for Trump was more a vote...

**ASK IF VOTED BIDEN (VOTEGEN\_POST=2) [N=6,185]:**

JBFORAGNST\_POST Would you say that your vote for Biden was more a vote...

**BASED ON VOTERS [N=10,399]:***Based on registered voters*

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Sep 30-Oct 5, <u>2020<sup>6</sup></u>	June 16-22, <u>2020</u>
47	Trump	42	44
36	For Trump	30	33
11	Against Biden	12	10
51	Biden	52	54
24	For Biden	19	18
28	Against Trump	33	36
1	Vote for Jorgensen/Hawkins/Another candidate	-	-
*	No answer	*	-

<sup>6</sup> Trend for DTFORAGNST and JBFORAGNST asked prior to election combined those who said they were voting for the candidate or leaning toward the candidate. Post-election versions of these questions asked those who said they voted for Trump or Biden.

**ASK IF VOTED FOR A CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN\_POST=1-5) [N=10,300]:**

VOTEDECTIME As far as you can remember, when did you make up your mind about who you were going to vote for in the presidential election?

Nov 12-17, 2020		Nov 29- Dec 12 2016 <sup>7</sup>
3	Last few days before Election Day	9
2	The last week before Election Day	4
5	In October	9
5	In September	11
84	Before September	67
*	No Answer	*

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

When did you make up your mind definitely to vote for "Hillary Clinton;" "Donald Trump;" "Gary Johnson;" "Jill Stein," "The candidate of your choice"?

	Nov 10-14 2016	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992	Nov 1988
On Election Day	4	4	4	5	6	9	6
On Monday (day before the election)	*	1	1	2	3	4	3
Over the last weekend	*	1	1	2	2	4	2
In the last week	2	2	3	5	6	8	4
In the last few weeks	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
During or just after the Presidential debates	10	10	11	17	--	12	--
Before debates/after the Conventions	10	9	6	9	12	6	16
Convention period (NET)	22	10	7	7	8	12	15
<i>During or after the Republican convention</i>	13	9	1	4	--	--	--
<i>During or after the Democratic convention</i>	9	1	6	3	--	--	--
This year, before the conventions	22	16	23	21	13	18	19
Before 2016	20	41	38	20	39	12	9
Other	--	0	0	--	*	8	--
Don't remember	2	1	4	6	6	5	4
Don't know/Refused	1	4	2	3	2	1	2

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED=3) [N=10,399]:**

CONG\_POST In the 2020 election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for... [RANDOMIZE  
OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY 3 AND 4 IN ORDER, WITH SPACE BETWEEN 3 AND 4 ]

Nov 12-17, 2020	
45	The Republican Party's candidate
49	The Democratic Party's candidate
1	Another candidate
4	I did not cast a vote for the House of Representatives in the election
1	No answer

<sup>7</sup> In 2016, people who said "another candidate" were not asked this question; question read "As far as you can remember, when did you make up your mind definitely to vote for "Donald Trump;" "Hillary Clinton;" "Gary Johnson;" "Jill Stein,"?

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN\_POST\_COM AND VTADMIN\_POST\_US]****ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_POST\_COM [S]

Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY were run and administered...

Nov 12-17, 2020		Nov 7-16, 2018		<i>Trend for comparison<sup>8</sup></i> Sep 30- Oct 5 2020		Sep 24- Oct 7 2018
53	Very well	49		36		41
32	Somewhat well	38		48		46
9	Not too well	8		11		9
6	Not at all well	4		4		3
1	No answer	1		*		1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN\_POST\_COM AND VTADMIN\_POST\_US]****ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_POST\_US [S]

Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES were run and administered...

Nov 12-17, 2020		Nov 7-16, 2018		<i>Trend for comparison<sup>9</sup></i> Sep 30- Oct 5 2020		Sep 24- Oct 7 2018
33	Very well	21		12		20
25	Somewhat well	53		46		57
20	Not too well	18		30		18
22	Not at all well	7		12		4
1	No answer	1		1		1

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED=3) [N=10,399]:**VTEASY\_POST Overall, was voting in the election this November for you personally... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF]**

Nov 12-17, 2020		Sep 30- Oct 5 2020		<i>Trend for comparison<sup>10</sup></i> July 27- Aug 2 2020		Sep 24- Oct 7 2018
77	Very easy	29		23		46
17	Somewhat easy	36		28		39
5	Somewhat difficult	29		38		13
1	Very difficult	6		11		2
*	No answer	*		1		*

<sup>8</sup> In pre-election surveys in 2020 and 2018, question read "Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be..."

<sup>9</sup> In pre-election surveys in 2020 and 2018, question read "Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be..."

<sup>10</sup> Surveys asked if respondents "expect" voting to be very easy, somewhat easy, etc.

**ASK IF VOTING WAS DIFFICULT (VTEASY\_POST=3,4) [N=522]:**

WHYHARD\_POST Why was voting in the November election difficult for you personally? [OPEN-END]

Nov 12-17,  
2020

<b>51</b>	<b>NET Logistical issues while voting</b>
20	Long lines
16	Concerns/issues with mail ballots
7	COVID safety concerns
5	Lack of polling places/access
5	Issues with poll workers
3	Travel or moving
<b>27</b>	<b>NET Political environment</b>
16	Unhappy with choices
6	Too hard to choose
	Hard/time consuming to get information about who or what to
3	vote for
2	Divisive political landscape
<b>12</b>	<b>NET General concerns about voting</b>
5	Distrust of mail voting
2	Vote count corrupt
1	Misinformation about process for voting
1	Accusations that one party is tampering with ballots
<b>2</b>	<b>Other/Uncodeable</b>
<b>12</b>	No answer

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses***ASK ALL:**

ECON1 Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	5	31	44	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	4	29	42	25	*
June 16-22, 2020	4	22	44	30	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	4	19	38	38	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	16	42	33	9	*
Sep 16-29, 2019	10	46	35	8	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1B

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	About the same as <u>now</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	42	32	24	2
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	52	17	30	1
June 16-22, 2020	50	22	27	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	55	22	22	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	29	26	45	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	20	32	48	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>11</sup>	28	28	44	*

**ASK ALL:**

SATCAND\_POST

Now that the campaign is over, how satisfied were you with the choice of presidential candidates? Would you say that you were...

**BASED ON VOTERS [N=10,399]:**

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		July 27- Aug 2, <u>2020</u>	June 16-22, <u>2020</u> <sup>12</sup>
30	Very satisfied	15	16
26	Fairly satisfied	31	31
24	Not too satisfied	35	34
19	Not at all satisfied	19	19
*	No answer	1	1

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Now that the campaign is over, how satisfied were you with the choice of presidential candidates?*

**BASED ON THOSE WHO VOTED:**

Nov 10-14 <u>2016</u>		Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>	Nov <u>1988</u>
19	Very satisfied	37	39	33	24	18	24	26
25	Fairly satisfied	33	28	33	44	33	37	36
26	Not very satisfied	16	17	16	18	24	21	20
29	Not at all satisfied	12	14	16	9	22	16	17
1	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	3	2	2	5	3	2	1

<sup>11</sup> In the survey conducted from July 22- August 4, 2019, response options for this question were not randomized.

<sup>12</sup> In the surveys asked in June 2020 and July 2020, the question was worded "What's your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are..." Trends for these questions based on registered voters.

**ASK ALL:**

CMPGNTRAIT\_POST For each of the following, please select which is a better description of the 2020 presidential election campaign. **[RANDOMIZE PAIRS, KEEP STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR IN THIS ORDER; KEEP ON SAME SCREEN]**

**BASED ON VOTERS [N=10,399]:**

## CMPGNTRAIT\_POST\_INT

	<u>Interesting</u>	<u>Dull</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	64	34	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020 <sup>13</sup>	39	59	2

## CMPGNTRAIT\_POST\_NEG

	<u>Too negative</u>	<u>Not too negative</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	76	23	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	61	37	2

## CMPGNTRAIT\_POST\_POLCY

	<u>Focused on important policy debates</u>	<u>Not focused on important policy debates</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	27	72	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	25	73	2

<sup>13</sup> CMPGNTRAIT July trends based on registered voters.

**[RANDOMIZE FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD ON SAME PAGE]**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel... *[Please select one item from each pair]*.

**FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR [DISPLAY RESPONSES IN ORDER]**

	<u>Fearful</u>	Not <u>fearful</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	61	37	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	63	36	*
June 16-22, 2020	66	33	*

**FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL**

	<u>Hopeful</u>	Not <u>hopeful</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	54	45	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	44	55	*
June 16-22, 2020	46	53	*

**FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY**

	<u>Angry</u>	Not <u>angry</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	54	45	2
June 16-22, 2020	71	29	*

**FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD**

	<u>Proud</u>	Not <u>proud</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2020	24	74	2
June 16-22, 2020	17	83	1

**[RANDOMIZE POSTELEC\_BIDE AND POSTELEC\_TRMP AND SHOW ON SAME PAGE]**

**ASK ALL:**

POSTELEC\_BIDE      How would you rate Joe Biden's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>	
33	Excellent
27	Good
21	Only fair
18	Poor
1	No answer



**ASK ALL:**

POSTELEC\_TRMP

How would you rate Donald Trump's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

Nov 12-17,  
2020

11	Excellent
17	Good
18	Only fair
53	Poor
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CHALLENGE\_CT

As you may know, nearly all the votes have been counted and Joe Biden is projected to be the winner of the 2020 presidential election. At the same time, the Trump campaign is mounting legal challenges to the voting and ballot counting process in several states.

Which comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right? The Trump campaign...**[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 12-17,  
2020

40	Should continue these legal challenges
59	Should not continue these legal challenges
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

ELECTNTFOL

How closely, if at all, did you follow the results of the presidential election after polls closed on Election Day?

Nov 12-17,  
2020

36	Followed them almost constantly
34	Checked in fairly often
22	Checked in occasionally
7	Tuned them out entirely
*	No answer

**ASK IF FOLLOWED ELECTION RETURNS(ELECTNTFOL=1-3) [N=11,264]:**

ELECTRESULTPLAT

Which of these ways of getting news did you USE THE MOST to follow the results of the presidential election after polls closed on Election Day? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 12-17,  
2020

23	National network TV news, such as ABC, CBS, NBC, or PBS
32	Cable TV news, such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC
10	My social media feed(s)
26	News website or app
2	Directly from a presidential candidate or their campaign
7	Something else
*	No answer

**ASK IF FOLLOWED ELECTION RETURNS (ELECTNTFOL=1-3) [N=11,264]:**

ELCTRSLTCOVER How well did the news sources YOU USED THE MOST after polls closed on Election Day help you understand the results as they came in?

Nov 12-17,

2020

41	Very well
43	Somewhat well
12	Not too well
4	Not at all well
1	No answer

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED=3):**

VOTE\_HOW\_POST How did you vote in the election? [RANDOMIZE]

**ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=1) [N=5,106]:**

VOTEINPWHEN When did you vote?

**BASED ON VOTERS [N=10,399]:**

Nov 12-17,

2020

54	In person at a polling place
27	<i>On Election Day</i>
27	<i>Before Election Day</i>
*	<i>Refused</i>
46	By absentee or mail-in ballot
*	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*When did you vote in the elections this November?*

*How did you vote in the November election?*

Nov 7-16,

2018

55	On election day
45	Before election day
19	<i>Voted in person</i>
25	<i>Mailed in ballot</i>
*	No answer
*	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Did you vote ON Election Day or BEFORE Election DAY?*

*Did you vote in person or did you mail your ballot in?*

Nov 10-14 <u>2016</u>		Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>	Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>
59	On Election Day	71	63	66	80	80	85
41	Before Election Day	29	37	34	20	20	15
22	<i>Voted in person</i>	12	19	19	--	--	--
18	<i>Mailed in ballot</i>	16	17	14	--	--	--
1	Other way/DK/Ref (VOL.)	1	*	1	--	--	--
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	0	*	*	*	*

**ASK IF VOTED BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=2)**

VOTEMAIL

How did you return your absentee or mail-in ballot? **[RANDOMIZE]****BASED ON ABSENTEE OR MAIL VOTERS [N=5,282]:**

Nov 12-17,

2020

15	In person to an election official or poll worker
41	At a designated dropbox
44	By mail
*	No answer

**ASK IF VOTED BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=2)**

MAILWHEN

When did you mail or return your absentee or mail-in ballot?

**BASED ON ABSENTEE OR MAIL VOTERS [N=5,282]:**

Nov 12-17,

2020

23	In the week leading up to Election Day
76	Before that
*	No answer

**ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=1) [N=5,106]:**

WAITVOTE

When you went to vote, approximately how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

Nov 12-17,

2020

35	Not at all
27	Less than 10 minutes
20	10-30 minutes
11	31 minutes – 1 hour
6	More than 1 hour
*	No answer

Nov 7-16,

2018

47
33
14
5
1
*

Nov 17-

Dec 15,

2014

53
30
13
3
*
*

**ASK IF WAITED MORE THAN ONE HOUR TO VOTE (WAITVOTE=5) [N=359]:**

WAITVOTE0E

Approximately how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

Nov 12-17,

2020

57	1 hour – less than 2 hours
30	2 hours – less than 3 hours
13	3+ hours
*	No answer

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED=3) [N=10,399]:**

VOTEWAY How much of a reason, if at all, were each of the following for why you voted the way you did (in-person early, in-person on Election Day, or by mail or absentee ballot)?  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
VOTEWAY_USL	It is how I usually vote Nov 12-17, 2020	54	12	34	*
VOTEWAY_COVID	I had concerns about catching or spreading the coronavirus Nov 12-17, 2020	24	20	55	*
VOTEWAY_TRUST	I was encouraged to vote that way by someone I trust Nov 12-17, 2020	11	9	80	*
VOTEWAY_CONVTE	I thought it would be the most convenient way for me to vote Nov 12-17, 2020	66	15	19	*

**ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=1) [N=5,106]:**

VOTEWAY_BLLTACC	I had concerns about voting by mail Nov 12-17, 2020	53	16	31	*
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**ASK IF VOTED BY MAIL OR ABSENTEE (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=2) [N=5,282]:**

MAILFIRST Is this the first time you have ever voted by mail or absentee ballot?

Nov 12-17,

2020

39 Yes, this is the first time I have ever voted by mail or absentee ballot

61 No, I have voted by mail or absentee ballot before

\* No answer

**ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=11,366]:**PLANELEC Did you do any of the following in the days or weeks leading up to the November presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

		Yes, <u>I did this</u>	No, <u>I did not do this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
PLANELEC_RESCH	Research your options for how to vote in person or by mail this year Nov 12-17, 2020	38	61	*
PLANELEC_REG	Check your voter registration status Nov 12-17, 2020	41	59	*

**ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=1) [N=5,106]**

PLANELEC_WAIT	Check wait times at an in-person polling place before going to vote Nov 12-17, 2020	17	83	*
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**ASK IF VOTED BY ABSENTEE/MAIL (VOTE\_HOW\_POST=2) [N=5,282]:**

PLANELEC_TRAK	Track the status of your absentee or mail-in ballot through a website or app Nov 12-17, 2020	52	48	*
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**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 <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>Answer</u>	<i>Mean rating</i>
THERMTRUMP	Donald Trump							
	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							

	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
THERMPENCE	Mike Pence							
	Nov 12-17, 2020	44	8	16	7	25	*	41
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	43	7	17	7	25	1	41
	Apr 7-12, 2020	38	10	17	9	25	1	43
	Sep 3-15, 2019	41	9	22	8	19	1	39
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	44	7	21	8	19	1	38
THERMHARRIS	Kamala Harris							
	Nov 12-17, 2020	40	7	13	11	29	*	44
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	41	7	18	12	22	1	41

**ASK ALL:**

JBCONF Thinking about JOE BIDEN's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Joe Biden can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak					
Nov 12-17, 2020	26	32	18	24	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	23	31	20	25	1
June 16-22, 2020	15	37	21	26	1
c. Make good decisions about economic policy					
Nov 12-17, 2020	21	31	19	28	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	17	33	19	30	1
June 16-22, 2020	12	35	23	29	1

**ASK ALL:**

DTCONF Thinking about DONALD TRUMP's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak					
Nov 12-17, 2020	19	21	16	44	*
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	17	22	16	45	1
June 16-22, 2020	18	22	16	43	1
c. Make good decisions about economic policy					
Nov 12-17, 2020	32	21	17	29	*
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	28	22	18	31	1
June 16-22, 2020	29	21	16	33	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	32	21	18	29	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_2ASSISTLD As you may know, Congress and President Trump passed a \$2 trillion economic assistance package in March in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Do you think another economic assistance package is...

**ASK IF NECESSARY (COVID\_2ASSISTLD=1) [N=9,515]:**

COVID\_2ASSISTLD2 Do you think another economic assistance package should be passed...

Nov 12-17,  
2020

80	Necessary
68	<i>As soon as possible, by the current Congress and President Trump</i>
11	<i>After the presidential inauguration in January</i>
*	<i>Refused</i>
19	Not necessary
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass an additional economic package?*

	June 16-22, 2020	Apr 7-12, 2020 <sup>14</sup>
Yes, another economic assistance package will be necessary	71	77
No, another economic assistance package will NOT be necessary	28	22
No answer	2	1

**ASK ALL:**

CIVENG\_POST Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities over the past 6 months. **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

		Yes, in the <u>past 6 months</u>	No, not in the <u>past 6 months</u>	No <u>answer</u>
RALLY	Attended a political rally or campaign event in person (including in a vehicle) Nov 12-17, 2020	5	94	*
ONLRLY	Attended a VIRTUAL political rally or ONLINE campaign event Nov 12-17, 2020	9	91	*
CONTR	Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate Nov 12-17, 2020	18	81	1
DISPL	Displayed a poster, sign, or bumper-sticker, or wore a piece of clothing or a button in support of a political campaign Nov 12-17, 2020	19	80	1

<sup>14</sup> In the survey asked Apr 7-12, 2020, the question was asked as: "Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass another bill to provide more economic assistance?"

VOLUNT.	Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign			
	Nov 12-17, 2020	5	94	*
SM.	Showed your support for a political campaign or candidate on social media			
	Nov 12-17, 2020	30	70	*

See [here](#) for trend on previous question about civic engagement.

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVENG\_POST\_CONTR=1) [N=3,313]:**

CONTRHOWMUCH\_POST Thinking about the contributions you have made to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate in the past 6 months, would you say all of those contributions added up to...

Nov 12-17, 2020	
48	Less than \$100
33	\$100 to less than \$250
18	More than \$250
*	No Answer

**ASK ALL:**

POL12 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 12-17, 2020		Nov 7-13, 2018	Nov 17- Dec 15, 2014
21	Get better	9	11
37	Get worse	44	34
41	Stay the same	46	55
1	No answer	*	1

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?*

	(RVs) Nov 10- 14, 2016	(GP) Nov 6- 9, 2014	(GP) Jan 15- 19, 2014	(RVs) Nov 8- 11, 2012	(RVs) Nov 4- 7, 2010	(RVs) Nov 2008	(GP) Jan 2007	(GP) Nov 2006
Get better	27	18	15	31	22	37	28	29
Get worse	27	26	22	14	28	18	19	20
Stay the same	45	55	59	52	48	42	49	46
Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)	1	2	4	3	3	3	4	5



**ASK ALL:**

NEWADMIN

How confident, if at all, are you that a transition from the Trump administration to the Biden administration would go smoothly?

Nov 12-17,

2020

6	Very confident
20	Somewhat confident
39	Not too confident
33	Not at all confident
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_OPENMORE

Thinking about restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak IN YOUR AREA, do you think there should be... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Nov 12-17,

2020

44	MORE restrictions right now
21	FEWER restrictions right now
35	About the same number of restrictions right not
1	No answer

Apr 29-

May 5

2020

27
24
48
1

**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTREP

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

Nov 12-17,

2020

47	NET well
16	Very well
31	Somewhat well
51	NET NOT well
25	Not too well
26	Not at all well
2	No Answer

Nov 29-  
Dec 122016

46
10
36
53
27
26
1

Aug 16-  
Sept 122016

39
8
31
60
29
31
2

Apr 5-  
May 22016

40
7
33
57
29
28
3

**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTDEM

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

Nov 12-17,

2020

47	NET well
11	Very well
35	Somewhat well
51	NET NOT well
21	Not too well
29	Not at all well
2	No Answer

Nov 29-  
Dec 122016

51
14
37
48
24
24
1

Aug 16-  
Sept 122016

49
13
36
50
24
26
2

Apr 5-  
May 22016

52
14
38
46
24
22
3

**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (VOTED=3) [N=10,399]:**

VTCOUNT\_OWN How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted?

Nov 12-17,

2020

59	Very confident
26	Somewhat confident
9	Not too confident
6	Not at all confident
*	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Nov 10-14 <u>2016</u>	Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>	Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
Very confident	71	68	68	64	73	70	68
Somewhat confident	19	21	22	26	22	23	24
Not too confident	4	5	5	4	3	3	4
Not at all confident	5	4	3	3	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	1	1	1	3	*	2	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTCOUNT\_POST\_INP How confident are you that votes cast IN PERSON AT POLLING PLACES across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

*Trend for comparison<sup>15</sup>*

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5, <u>2020</u>
42	Very confident	42
35	Somewhat confident	44
13	Not too confident	10
8	Not at all confident	4
1	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTCOUNT\_POST\_ABS How confident are you that votes cast BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5 <u>2020</u> <sup>16</sup>
30	Very confident	17
27	Somewhat confident	38
19	Not too confident	28
23	Not at all confident	16
1	No answer	1

<sup>15</sup> In the survey asked Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020, the question was asked as: How confident are you that votes cast IN PERSON AT POLLING PLACES across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

<sup>16</sup> In the survey asked Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020, the question was asked as: How confident are you that votes cast BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

**ASK ALL:**

DIVISIONSRD Do you think divisions between Republicans and Democrats in this country today are...

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Apr 7-12 <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
69	Increasing	65	78
8	Decreasing	7	6
23	Staying about the same	28	16
*	No answer	*	*

**ASK ALL:**

DIVISIONSCONC How concerned, if at all, are you about divisions between Republicans and Democrats?

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
43	Very concerned	46
37	Somewhat concerned	36
13	Not too concerned	13
6	Not at all concerned	5
1	No answer	*

**ASK ALL:**CITIZ\_INFL Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018<sup>17</sup></u>	Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12 <u>2016</u>
51	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort	52	52	58
47	There's not much ordinary citizens can do influence the government in Washington	47	47	40
1	No Answer	1	1	2

<sup>17</sup>

In Sep 24 – Oct 7, 2018 survey, first response option was worded "Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington."

**ASK ALL:**VOTELIST\_US Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**Nov 12-17,  
2020

78	The country <u>would</u> be better off if more Americans voted
20	The country <u>would not</u> be better off if more Americans voted
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**VOTELIST\_GUILT Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**Nov 12-17,  
2020

61	I <u>would</u> feel very guilty if I did not vote in a presidential election
37	I <u>would not</u> feel very guilty if I were not able to vote in a presidential election
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**VOTELIST\_INFORM Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**Nov 12-17,  
2020

27	<u>It can</u> be a big hassle to learn what I need to know about candidates and issues each election
72	<u>It's not</u> too difficult for me to learn what I need to know about candidates and issues each election
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

PRSCONTACT\_POST Thinking about the month leading up to the 2020 presidential election in November, did you get any of the following from a candidate's campaign or a group supporting a candidate?

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
PRNT.	PRINTED mail or flyers Nov 12-17, 2020	67	33	*
HOME.	A personal visit at home from someone representing a campaign or other group Nov 12-17, 2020	11	89	*
ROBO.	A PRE-RECORDED telephone call Nov 12-17, 2020	41	59	*
LIVE.	A telephone call from a LIVE PERSON Nov 12-17, 2020	27	73	1
SMS.	A text message Nov 12-17, 2020	54	46	*

EMAIL.	Email	Nov 12-17, 2020	51	48	1
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**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

PRSCONTACT Thinking about the 2016 presidential election campaign so far, have you received any of the following from a candidate's campaign or a group supporting a candidate?  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-f]** *[Check all that apply]*

		<u>Selected</u>	<u>Not selected /No Answer</u>
PRNT.	PRINTED mail or flyers		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	38	62
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	18	82
HOME.	A personal visit at home from someone representing a campaign or other group		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	6	94
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	3	97
ROBO.	A PRE-RECORDED telephone call		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	22	78
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	14	86
LIVE.	A telephone call from a LIVE PERSON		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	15	85
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	8	92
SMS.	A text message		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	9	91
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	5	95
EMAIL.	Email		
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	29	71
	Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	25	75

**ASK REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN ONLY (XPARTYSUM=1):**

GOPDIRECT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS/LEAN REP [N=4,802]:**

Nov 12-17, <u>2020</u>		Jan 6-19, <u>2020</u>	Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Sept 14- Sept 28, <u>2017</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>
23	Very optimistic	25	27	23	12	28	12
51	Somewhat optimistic	54	56	51	47	51	49
20	Somewhat pessimistic	17	13	19	29	16	29
5	Very pessimistic	4	3	5	10	4	9
1	No answer	1	1	2	2	2	1

**ASK DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT ONLY (XPARTYSUM=2):**

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are...

**BASED ON DEM/LEAN DEM [N=6,740]:**

Nov 12-17, 2020		Jan 6-19 2020	Nov 7-13, 2018	Sep 24- Oct 7, 2018	Sept 14- Sept 28, 2017	Nov 29- Dec 12, 2016	Oct 25- Nov 8, 2016
25	Very optimistic	15	24	19	13	14	22
58	Somewhat optimistic	60	57	58	51	47	55
12	Somewhat pessimistic	20	14	16	28	29	15
5	Very pessimistic	4	3	5	6	10	6
1	No answer	1	1	2	1	1	2

**ASK IF VOTED TRUMP (VOTEGEN\_POST=1) OR WOULD HAVE (VOTEGEN\_POSTNON=1):**

JBVTUND\_DTVT As you know, tens of millions of Americans supported a different candidate for president than you did in this past election. Thinking about the ordinary Americans who voted for Joe Biden, how well, if at all, do you think they understand people like you?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO VOTED TRUMP OR WOULD HAVE VOTED TRUMP [N=4,183]:**

Nov 12-17, 2020	
2	Very well
15	Somewhat well
44	Not too well
38	Not at all well
1	No answer

**ASK IF SOMEWHAT OR LESS WELL (JBVTUND\_DTVT=2,3,4) [N=4,085]:**JBVTUND\_OE What is something you would like Biden supporters to know about you so they might understand you better? *This can be about politics, but it doesn't have to be.*  
[OPEN-END]**ASK IF VOTED BIDEN (VOTEGEN\_POST=2) OR WOULD HAVE (VOTEGEN\_POSTNON=2):**

DTVTUND\_JBVT As you know, tens of millions of Americans supported a different candidate for president than you did in this past election. Thinking about the ordinary Americans who voted for Donald Trump, how well, if at all, do you think they understand people like you?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO VOTED BIDEN OR WOULD HAVE VOTED BIDEN [N=6,578]:**

Nov 12-17, 2020	
3	Very well
16	Somewhat well
47	Not too well
34	Not at all well
*	No answer

**ASK IF SOMEWHAT OR LESS WELL (DTVTUND\_JBVT=2,3,4) [N=6,470]:**DTVTUND\_OE What is something you would like Trump supporters to know about you so they might understand you better? *This can be about politics, but it doesn't have to be.*  
[OPEN-END]

**ASK ALL:**

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>18</sup>

<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>
27	29	28	15	2	19	20

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<sup>18</sup> Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.