2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 75 October 2020 SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5, 2020 N=11,929

ASK ALL:

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

	<u>Satisfied</u>	Dissatisfied	No answer
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 ¹	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016³	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

[RANDOMIZE FEEL_COUNTRY_FEAR, FEEL_COUNTRY_HOPEFUL ON SAME PAGE]

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

FEEL_COUNTRY_FEAR Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel...[DISPLAY RESPONSES IN ORDER]

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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

FEEL_COUNTRY_HOPEFUL Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel...
[DISPLAY RESPONSES IN ORDER]

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

ASK ALL:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2020?

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	No answer
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	56	27	11	5	*
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	29	16	8	1
June 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*

In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

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

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

PRZCMPGN CONTINUED...

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	Not much	None at all	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sept 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-June 6, 2016	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ⁴	26	40	23	11	*

ASK ALL:

MATTERS

Thinking about how you feel about the 2020 presidential election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS $1 \rightarrow 4$]

	1 Really matters <u>who wins</u>	2	3	4 Doesn't really <u>matter who wins</u>	No <u>answer</u>
2020 election	c=	4.5	•		_
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	67	16	9	8	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	14	8	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	64	17	9	8	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	19	10	9	*
2016 election					
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 ⁵	62	19	8	10	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	64	18	8	10	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	61	19	9	10	1
June 7-July 5, 2016	62	20	9	9	0
Apr 5-May, 2016	57	22	10	9	1
Mar 2-Mar 28, 2016	65	18	8	9	1
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	58	22	10	8	1

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W10 (March 10 – April 6, 2014) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

In 2015 and 2016, question read: "Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?"

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=11,479]:

VOTEGEN20 If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]

ASK IF CITIZEN AND NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN20 (VOTEGEN20=5 OR REFUSED) [N=904]:

VOTEGEN20_LEAN As of TODAY, do you... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN20]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=10,543]:

Sep 30-Oct 5 2020	
42	Donald Trump/lean Trump, the Republican
52	Joe Biden/lean Biden, the Democrat
4	Jo Jorgensen /lean Jorgensen, the Libertarian candidate
1	Howie Hawkins/lean Hawkins ⁶ , the Green Party candidate
1	None/other
*	No Answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

July 27-		June	
Aug 2,		16-22	Apr 8-12
2020		<u>2020</u>	2020 ⁷
45	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump	44	45
53	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden	54	47
2	Vote for neither/Other	2	8
*	No Answer	*	*

2016 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Oct 25-		Sept 27-	Aug 16-	July 12-	June 7-
Nov 8		Oct 10	Sept 12	Aug 8	July 5
<u> 2016</u>		<u>2016</u>	2016	<u>2016</u> 8	2016
42	Donald Trump/Lean Trump	39	38	46	45
46	Hillary Clinton/Lean Clinton	46	45	50	51
6	Gary Johnson/Lean Johnson	10	10	n/a	n/a
4	Jill Stein/Lean Stein	4	4	n/a	n/a
1	None/Other	1	2	3	3
*	No Answer	0	1	1	1

⁶ Hawkins only asked in the 33 states and the District of Columbia where he is on the ballot.

Only W65 respondents who completed the survey on or after April 8, the day Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign for the Democratic nomination, were asked VOTEGENA or VOTEGENB.

Surveys conducted July 12 – August 8 and June 7- July 5 asked only about Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Later waves included Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

ASK IF SELECTED [TRUMP, BIDEN, JORGENSEN, HAWKINS] IN VOTEGEN20 (VOTEGEN20=1,2,3,4) [N=10,575]:

VOTEGEN20CERT And would you say...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,932]:

Sep 30-Oct 5 2020

Among Trump supporters (VOTEGEN20=1) [N=3,657]

- 92 You are certain you will vote for Donald Trump 8 There is a chance you might change your mind
- * No answer

Among Biden supporters (VOTEGEN20=2) [N=5,994]

- 93 You are certain you will vote for Joe Biden
 6 There is a chance you might change your mind
- No answer

Among Jorgensen supporters (VOTEGEN20=3) [N=223]

- You are certain you will vote for Jo Jorgensen
 There is a chance you might change your mind
 No answer
- Among Hawkins supporters (VOTEGEN20=4) [N=58]
 - You are certain you will vote for Howie Hawkins
 There is a chance you might change your mind
 - 2 No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):

VOTEGEN2 And would you say ...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

July 27-Aug 2 2020

Among Trump supporters (VOTEGEN=1)

- 95 You are certain you will vote for Donald Trump over Joe Biden
- 5 There is a chance you might change your mind
- * No answer

Among Biden supporters (VOTEGEN=2)

- 94 You are certain you will vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump
- 5 There is a chance you might change your mind
- * No answer

2016 TREND FOR COMPARISON: ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):

VOTEGEN2 And would you say ...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>		Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	July 12- Aug 8, <u>2016</u>	June 7- July 5, <u>2016</u>
	rump supporters	2010	2010	2010	2010
91	You are certain to vote for Trump	90	85	91	92
9	There is a chance you might change your mind	10	15	8	8
0	No Answer	0	0	0	0
Among Cl	inton supporters				
93	You are certain to vote for Clinton	88	85	90	91
6	There is a chance you might change your mind	12	14	9	7
*	No Answer	0	1	1	2

ASK IF JORGENSEN/HAWKINS IN VOTEGEN20 OR VOTEGEN20_LEAN (VOTEGEN20 OR VOTEGEN20_LEAN=3,4) [N=515]:

VOTEGEN20_2CAND And even though you don't plan to support Donald Trump or Joe Biden, if you had to choose, would you say you... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN20]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=381]:

Sep 30-Oct 5

2020
54 Lean more toward Donald Trump
42 Lean more toward Joe Biden
4 No Answer

ASK IF CHOSE A CANDIDATE IN VOTEGEN20 (VOTEGEN20=1,2,3,4) [N=10,575]:

VOTESTRONG_4 Do you support [Donald Trump/Joe Biden/Jo Jorgensen/Howie Hawkins]...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,932]:

Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020		July 27-Aug 2, 2020
42	Trump/Lean Trump	45
29	Strongly	30
13	Moderately/Lean	15
52	Biden/Lean Biden	53
30	Strongly	24
23	Moderately/Lean	29
4	Jorgensen/Lean Jorgensen ⁹	
1	Hawkins/Lean Hawkins	
1	None/other	
*	No Answer	*

Surveys conducted before September 30-October 5, 2020 did not list Jo Jorgensen or Howie Hawkins as response options.

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PRIOR ELECTION PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Jun 15-26, 2016	<u>Trump</u> 42	Strongly 19	Only <u>mod</u> 22	<u>DK</u> 1	Clinton 51	Strongly 23	Only <u>mod</u> 27	<u>DK</u> 1	Other/ DK/Ref		
2012	Romnev	<u>Strongly</u>	Only <u>mod</u>	DK	Obama	<u>Strongly</u>	Only mod	DK	Johnson	<u>Stein</u>	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	42	30	12	*	49	37	12	*	3	1	5
Oct 24-28, 2012	45	30	15	*	47	32	15	*	2	1	5
Oct 4-7, 2012	46	31	14	*	46	32	15	*	n/a	n/a	8
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	24	18	*	51	35	16	*	n/a	n/a	7
Jul 16-26, 2012 ¹⁰	41				51				n/a	n/a	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	43	15	28	1	50	32	18	*	n/a	n/a	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	46	17	27	1	50 40	30	20	*	n/a	n/a	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42 45				49 49				n/a	n/a	9 6
Apr 4-15, 2012 Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				n/a n/a	n/a n/a	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52				n/a	n/a	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50				n/a	n/a	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49				n/a	n/a	4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48				48				n/a	n/a	4
•			Only				Only				Other/
2008	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Strongly</u>			<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	_	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	DK/Ref
November, 2008	39	21	18	*	50	35	14	1	1	1	9
Late October, 2008	36	20	15	1	52	39	12	1	3	1	8
Mid-October, 2008	38	21	16	1	52	36	16	*	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40	21	18	<i>1</i> *	50	<i>36</i>	14	*	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 200		23 25	19 19	*	49 46	33 30	15 15	1 1	n/a	n/a	9 10
Mid-September, 2008 August, 2008	43	25 17	19 26	*	46 46	27	15 19	*	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	11
July, 2008	42	17 17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	12
Julie, 2000	10	- '	Only		10	20	Only	-	11/ 4	11, 4	Other/
2008	McCain	Strongly	,	DK	Obama	Strongly		DK	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	DK/Ref
Late May, 2008	44				47				n/a	n/a	9
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	6
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
Late February, 2008	43				50				n/a	n/a	7
2004		C1 1	Only	54	1.7	C1 1	Only	54			Other/
2004	Bush	<u>Strongly</u>		<u>DK</u> *	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>			<u>Nader</u>		DK/Ref
November, 2004	45 45	<i>34</i>	11	*	46 45	29 20	16	1	1		8
Mid-October, 2004 Early October, 2004	45 48	32 35	13 12	1	45 41	28 24	16 17	1 *	1 2		9 9
September, 2004	49	<i>33</i>	15	1	43	22	20	1	1		7
August, 2004	45	<i>32</i>	13	*	47	28	19	*	2		6
July, 2004	44	J_			46				3		7
June, 2004	46				42				6		6
May, 2004	43				46				6		5
Late March, 2004	44				43				6		7
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4		5

After July 2012, August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED:

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2004 <u>E</u> Two-way trial heats:	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	Other,	DK/Ref
June, 2004	48				46				n/a		6
May, 2004	45				50				n/a		5
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a		7
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a		5
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a		8
Early February, 2004	47 52				47 41				n/a		6 7
Early January, 2004	52 50				41 42				n/a n/a		8
October, 2003	30		Only		42		Only		II/a		Other/
2000 E	<u>Bush</u>	Strongly	٠.	DK	Gore	Strongly		<u>DK</u>	Nader B	uchanan .	
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	2	1	9
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10
January, 2000 September, 1999	51 49				39 35				n/a n/a	4 10	6 6
Two-way trial heats:	43				33				11/ a	10	U
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	n/a	n/a	9
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
February, 2000	46	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	n/a	n/a	9
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7
September, 1999	54				39 43				n/a	n/a	7
July, 1999	53 54				42 41				n/a	n/a	5 5
March, 1999 January, 1999	50				44				n/a n/a	n/a n/a	6
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7
Early September, 1996	33		Only		.0		Only		11, 4	11, 4	Other/
1996 <u>J</u>	<u>Dole</u>	Strongly		DK	Clinton	Strongly		<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>		DK/Ref
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9		8
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8		7
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7		7
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8		6
July, 1996	34 35				44 44				16		6
March, 1996 September, 1995	36				44				16 19		5 3
July, 1994	36				39				20		5
Two-way trial heats:	50				33				20		3
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a		5
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a		5
April, 1996	40				54				•		6
March, 1996	41				53						6
February, 1996	44				52						4
January, 1996	41				53						6
July, 1994	49				46						5

PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED:

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		Only				Only				Other/	
1992	Bush Sr.	Strongly	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	Clinton	Strongly	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	_	DK/Ref
Late October, 1992	34	20	14		44	26	18		19		3
Early October, 1992	35	14	21		48	23	25		8		9
June, 1992	31				27				36		6
Two-way trial heat	ts:										
September, 1992	38	14	21		53	25	28		n/a		9
August, 1992	37	14	23		57	24	33		n/a		6
June, 1992	46	13	33		41	9	32		n/a		13
May, 1992	46	15	31		43	10	33		n/a		11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31		43	9	34		n/a		7
			Only				Only				Other/
1988	Bush Sr.	Strongly	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Dukakis</u>	Strongly	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>			DK/Ref
October, 1988	50	24	26		42	20	22				8
September, 1988	50	26	24		44	19	25				6
May, 1988	40	12	28		53	14	39				7

ASK IF CHOSE TRUMP OR LEAN TRUMP (VOTEGEN20=1 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=1):

DTFORAGNST

Would you say that your choice of Trump is more a vote...

ASK IF CHOSE BIDEN OR LEAN BIDEN (VOTEGEN20=2 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=2):

JBFORAGNST

Would you say that your choice of Biden is more a vote...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=10,543]:

Sep 30-Oct		June 16-22,
<u>5, 2020</u>		<u>2020</u>
42	Trump/Lean Trump	44
30	For Trump	<i>33</i>
12	Against Biden	10
*	Refused	*
52	Biden/Lean Biden	54
19	For Biden	18
<i>33</i>	Against Trump	36
*	Refused	*
4	Jorgensen/Lean Jorgensen	
1	Hawkins/Lean Hawkins	
1	Vote for none/other	2
*	No answer	

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESBIDEN ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

EMTPRESTRUMP How would you feel if Donald Trump was reelected in the November 2020 election? [SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE; USE SAME ORDER FOR EMTPRESBIDEN]

Sep 30-Oct		July 27-Aug 2,	Jan 6-19	Sep 3-15
5 <u>, 2020</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
12	Excited	13	15	14
29	Relieved	27	24	24
33	Disappointed	27	35	34
25	Angry	31	23	26
1	No Answer	2	3	2

EMTPRESTRUMP CONTINUED...

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How do you feel about Donald Trump winning the presidential election?

Nov 29-		Oct 25-	Aug 16-	Apr 5-
Dec 12		Nov 8	Sept 12	May 2
<u>2016</u>		<u>2016¹¹</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
18	Excited	12	10	14
25	Relieved	26	25	16
41	Disappointed	37	37	37
15	Angry	23	24	29
2	No Answer	2	4	4

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRSEBIDEN ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

EMTPRESBIDEN How would you feel if Joe Biden was elected in the November 2020 election? [SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE; USE SAME ORDER FOR EMTPRESTRUMP]

Sep 30-		July 27-
Oct 5,		Aug 2,
<u>2020</u>		<u>2020</u>
10	Excited	8
42	Relieved	43
34	Disappointed	32
12	Angry	16
2	No answer	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How would you feel if Hillary Clinton won the presidential election in November 2016?

Oct 25-		Aug 16-	Apr 5-
Nov 8		Sept 12	May 2
<u> 2016</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u> 2016</u>
11	Excited	13	15
36	Relieved	36	25
31	Disappointed	29	34
20	Angry	19	22
2	No Answer	4	4

Prior to the November 2016 survey, this question was asked as a hypothetical, "How would you feel if Donald Trump won the presidential election?"

RANDOMIZE BIDENWINFEEL AND TRUMPWINFEEL ASK FORM 2 AND CHOSE TRUMP OR LEAN TRUMP (VOTEGEN20=1 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=1): [N=2,117]:

BIDENWINFEEL Which comes closer to how you would feel about the direction of the country if Joe Biden was elected president in the upcoming election? [SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE; USE SAME ORDER FOR TRUMPWINFEEL]

BASED ON TRUMP/LEAN TRUMP REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,933]:

Sep 30-Oct 5,	
<u>2020</u>	
4	I would not be very concerned about the country's direction.
8	I would be very concerned about the country's direction, but think Biden's
	election WOULDN'T lead to lasting harm to the U.S.
89	I would be very concerned about the country's direction, and think Biden's
	election WOULD lead to lasting harm to the U.S.
*	No answer

ASK FORM 2 AND CHOSE BIDEN OR LEAN BIDEN (VOTEGEN20=2 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=2): [N=3,251]:

TRUMPWINFEEL Which comes closer to how you would feel about the direction of the country if Donald Trump was reelected president in the upcoming election? [SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE; USE SAME ORDER FOR BIDENWINFEEL]

BASED ON BIDEN/LEAN BIDEN REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,050]:

Sep 30-Oct 5,	
<u>2020</u>	
1	I would not be very concerned about the country's direction.
8	I would be very concerned about the country's direction, but think
	Trump's election WOULDN'T lead to lasting harm to the U.S.
90	I would be very concerned about the country's direction, and think
	Trump's election WOULD lead to lasting harm to the U.S.
*	No answer

ASK IF SENATE RACE IN RESPONDENT'S STATE.[N=5,915] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

SEN If the elections for the U.S. Senate in [XSTATE] were being held TODAY, would you vote for...

ASK IF ANSWERED NOT SURE (SEN=4) OR IF NO RESPONSE TO SEN (SEN=99) [N=764]: [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS SEN1

SENA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. Senate?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS IN STATES WITH SENATE RACES [N=5,373]12

Sep 30-		Sep 27-	Sep 15-
Oct 5		Oct 10	Oct 3
<u>2020</u>		<u>2016</u>	2014^{13}
43	[REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean	34	40
45	[DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean	42	45
4	Another candidate ¹⁴	7	6
8	Not sure	17	9
*	Refused	0	0

DO NOT ASK IF SEN=998 Live in different state, ELSE ASK ALL [N=11,478]: [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for...

ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) [N=1,729]: [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]

CONGA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=10,542]

Sep 30-		Sep 27-	Sep 15-
Oct 5		Oct 10	Oct 3
<u>2020</u>		<u>2016¹⁵</u>	<u>2014</u>
40	[REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean	38	42
46	[DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean	42	47
3	Another candidate	3	5
11	Not sure	17	6
*	Refused	0	0

¹² Georgia residents were only asked about the race between Republican candidate David Perdue and Democratic candidate john Ossoff. Residents were not asked about the special senate election in Georgia in Nov. 3, 2020.

¹³ In 2014 web version, question was asked "If the elections for the U.S. Senate in [RSTATE] were being held TODAY, who would you vote for?" where respondent's state name was shown in place of [RSTATE]. Response options were customized based on respondent's state; the candidate's name and political affiliation were shown in addition to "Another candidate" and "Not sure." Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked SEN only as follows: "If the elections for U.S. Senate were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"] for U.S. Senate in your state?

 $^{^{14}}$ Arkansas residents were asked about a matchup between the Republican candidate and the Libertarian candidate. Libertarian responses were coded as "another candidate."

¹⁵ Washington D.C. candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives not asked in this question before September 30-October 5, 2020.

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=11,479]:

PLAN1 Do you plan to vote in the presidential election, have you already voted, or don't you plan to vote?

ASK IF CITIZEN AND PLAN TO VOTE (XCITIZEN=1 AND PLAN1=1) [N=10,043]:

HOWPLANVOTE How do you plan to cast your vote in the November election...

[REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]

ASK IF CITIZEN AND HAVE ALREADY VOTED (XCITIZEN=1 AND PLAN1 = 2) [N=857]:

HOWVOTED Did you cast your vote... [REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

ASK IF CITIZEN AND PLAN TO VOTE ABSENTEE (XCITIZEN=1 AND HOWPLANVOTE = 3) [N=3,897]:

PLANABSENT Do you plan to return your ballot... [REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF

SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS[N=10,543]:

Sep 30-		Oct 25-
Oct 6		Nov 8
<u>2020</u>		<u>2016</u>
90	Plan to vote	75
20	In person at a polling place BEFORE Election Day	
33	In person at a polling place ON Election Day	
32	By absentee or mail-in ballot	
4	In person to an election official or poll worker	
11	To a designated dropbox	
15	By mail	
2	Not sure [anchor]	
4	Not sure [anchor]	
PLAN1/HO	WPLANVOTE/HOWVOTED/PLANABSENT CONTINUED	
7	Already voted	21
1	In person at a polling place or early voting location	
1	By absentee or mail-in ballot returned in person	
1	By absentee or mail-in ballot dropped off at a designated dropbox	
4	By mailing in your ballot	
2	Don't plan to vote	4
*	No answer	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you plan to cast your vote in [the general election] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA: the November election 1...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO PLAN TO VOTE:

Oct 25-		Sept 27-
Nov 8		Oct 10
<u>2016</u>		<u>2016</u>
24	Before Election Day	32
71	On Election Day	55
5	Not sure	13
*	No Answer	0

ASK ALL CITIZENS WHO HAVE VOTED OR WHO PLAN TO VOTE (XCITIZEN=1 AND PLAN 1=1,2) [N=10,900]:

FIRSTVOTE20 Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N =10,353]:

Sep 30-Oct 5
2020
6 First year voting
94 Have voted before
* No answer

FIRSTVOTE20 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO PLAN TO VOTE:

Nov 7-16,

2018
3 First year voting
97 Have voted before
-- No answer

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]

[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of 25 to 49	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of 51 to 75	Rating of 76 to 100	No <u>Answer</u>	Mean <u>rating</u>
_	SK_ALL:							
a.	Donald Trump			-	10	25		27
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	51	6	7	10	25	1 *	<i>37</i>
	Apr 7-12, 2020	45	7	7	10	30		42
	Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8 7	9	9	25	1	<i>38</i>
	Sep 3-15, 2019	49		8	10 9	26	1	<i>38</i>
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	-	22	1	<i>35</i>
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37 48	11 9	14 9	12 11	24 18	2	43 25
	Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016	46 53	8	9	11	18 17	4 3	35 32
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	0	9	11	17	3	32
b.	Joe Biden							
υ.	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	38	10	12	15	24	1	43
	Apr 7-12, 2020	37	14	16	15	17	*	40
	Αρι / 12, 2020	37	17	10	13	17		40
FO	RM 1 [N=5,993]:							
c.	Mike Pence							
-	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
	, , ,							
d.	Kamala Harris							
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	41	7	18	12	22	1	41
	, ,							
FO	RM 2 [N=5,936]:							
e.	Mitch McConnell							
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	47	9	24	8	10	1	31
	Sep 3-15, 2019	44	11	30	8	6	2	31
	, ,							
f.	Chuck Schumer							
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	42	8	27	9	11	1	35
	,							

SOFT PROMPT TEXT: "Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

VTADMIN_COM [S] Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be run and administered...

Sep 30-		Sep 24-
Oct 5		Oct 7
<u>2020</u>		<u>2018</u>
36	Very well	41
48	Somewhat well	46
11	Not too well	9
4	Not at all well	3
*	No answer	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

VTADMIN_US [S] Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be run and administered...

Sep 30-		Sep 24-
Oct 5		Oct 7
<u>2020</u>		<u>2018</u>
12	Very well	20
46	Somewhat well	57
30	Not too well	18
12	Not at all well	4
1	No answer	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

VTCOUNT_IMP

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?

Sep 30Oct 5
2020
42 Very confident
44 Somewhat confident
10 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
1 No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

VTCOUNT_ABS

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?

Sep 30-	
Oct 5	
<u> 2020</u>	
17	Very confident
38	Somewhat confident
28	Not too confident
16	Not at all confident
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

VTEASY

Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,237]:

Sep 30-Oct 5		July 27-Aug 2
<u>2020</u>		<u>2020</u>
29	Very easy	23
36	Somewhat easy	28
29	Somewhat difficult	38
6	Very difficult	11
*	No answer	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

VTEASY Overall, [IF VTPLAN=1, 2: "do", IF VTPLAN=3, 4, SYSMIS: "would"] you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS **SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

Sep 24-	
Oct 7	
<u>2018</u>	
46	Very easy
39	Somewhat easy
13	Somewhat difficult
2	Very difficult
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

POLTCSRW

In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong or don't you think about politics in this way?

Sep 30-Oct 5 2020		Jan 6-19, <u>2020</u>	Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>
48	Think about politics as a struggle between		
40	right and wrong	37	42
51	Don't think about politics in this way	62	56
1	No answer	1	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Mar 7-14		Sep 16-Oct 4
<u>2018</u>		<u>2015</u>
42	Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	44
57	Don't think about politics in this way	54
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL:

ECON1 Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	Only fair	<u>Poor</u>	No answer
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	*

ECON1 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	No answer
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...

			About the	
			same as	
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>now</u>	No answer
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 ¹⁶	28	28	44	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

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?

		Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	No answer
a.	Handle the public health impact					
	of the coronavirus outbreak Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	17	22	16	45	1
	June 16-22, 2020	18	22	16	43	1
b.	Make good decisions about foreign policy					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	19	17	39	1 1
	June 16-22, 2020	22	21	16	41	1
C.	Make good decisions about economic policy					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	28	22	18	31	1
	June 16-22, 2020 Jan 6-19, 2020	29 32	21 21	16 18	33 29	1 1
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*
NO ITE	M D					
e.	Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	20	17	39	*
	June 16-22, 2020	19	23	17	41	1
f.	Bring the country closer together	11	10	20	E1	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	11	18	20	51	1

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

DTCONF CONTINUED	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
June 16-22, 2020	<u>confident</u> 11	<u>confident</u> 19	<u>confident</u> 19	<u>confident</u> 50	<u>No answer</u> 1
NO ITEMS G-I					
j. Select good nominees for the Supreme Court Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	27	19	17	36	1
DTCONF.j TREND FOR COMPARISON Make good appointments to the federal courts					
Jan 6-19, 2020 July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27 25	19 20	17 19	36 36	1 1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

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?

a.	Handle the public health impact	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	No answer
ŭ.	of the coronavirus outbreak Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	23 15	31 37	20 21	25 26	1 1
b.	Make good decisions about foreign policy Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	22	30	18	29	1
	June 16-22, 2020	16	33	21	28	1 1
c.	Make good decisions about economic policy Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	17 12	33 35	19 23	30 29	1 1
NO ITI	·			_5		-
e.	Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	15 11	34 35	19 25	31 28	1 1
f.	Bring the country closer together Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	17 14	32 30	20 25	29 30	1 1
NO ITI	EMS G-I					
j.	Select good nominees for the Supreme Court Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	30	16	30	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]: TRUMPDESC How well

How well does each of the following describe DONALD TRUMP?

	Couragoous	Very well	Fairly well	Not too well	Not at all well	No answer
a.	Courageous Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	27 25	21 19	13 13	38 41	1 1
b. NO	A good role model Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020 ITEM C	7 9	20 20	19 18	53 52	1 1
d.	Honest Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020 Feb 4-15, 2020	10 13 12	23 21 24	16 16 19	50 49 44	1 1 1
NO	ITEMS E-G					
h.	Stands up for what he believes in					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	41	25	13	20	1
i.	Compassionate Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	13	19	18	50	1
j.	Mentally sharp Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	24	19	32	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

BIDENDESC

How well does each of the following describe JOE BIDEN?

		Very well	Fairly well	Not too well	Not at all well	No answer
a.	Courageous Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	21 13	32 31	25 27	20 26	2 3
b.	A good role model Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	22 14	30 31	23 24	23 28	2 2
NO	ITEM C					
d.	Honest Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020 Feb 4-15, 2020	20 13 12	32 33 24	23 25 19	24 28 44	2 2 1
NO	ITEMS E-G					
h.	Stands up for what he believes in Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	26	35	21	16	2
i.	Compassionate Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	30	34	20	14	2

BIDENDESC CONTINUED...

DI.	DENDESC CONTINUED	Very well	Fairly well	Not too well	Not at all well	No answer
j.	Mentally sharp	12	22	22	21	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	13	33	22	31	1

ASK FORM 1 IF CHOSE BIDEN OR LEAN BIDEN (FORM=1 AND (VOTEGEN20=2 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=2)) [N=3,337]:

EVAL TVS Thinking for a

Thinking for a moment about the ordinary Americans who want to see Donald Trump reelected, which of these comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,145]:

Sep 30-	
Oct 5	
<u>2020</u>	
	We may have very different priorities when it comes to
18	politics and policies, but we share a fundamental
	commitment to the same core American values and goals
	Not only do we have very different priorities when it comes
80	to politics and policies, but we have fundamental
	disagreements about core American values and goals
2	No answer

ASK FORM 1 IF CHOSE TRUMP OR LEAN TRUMP (FORM=1 AND (VOTEGEN20=1 or VOTEGEN20_LEAN=1)) [N=2,116]:

EVAL BVS

Thinking for a moment about the ordinary Americans who want to see Joe Biden elected, which of these comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,938]:

Sep 30-	
Oct 5	
<u>2020</u>	
	We may have very different priorities when it comes to
22	politics and policies, but we share a fundamental
	commitment to the same core American values and goals
	Not only do we have very different priorities when it comes
77	to politics and policies, but we have fundamental
	disagreements about core American values and goals
2	No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

ELECT_IMPTNOV Thinking about the presidential election this November, how important, if at all, is each of the following?

		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	<u>No</u> answer
PRVFR.	People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	58	20	13	7	1
PRVSUP.	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	86	10	2	2	*

		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	<u>No</u>
		<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>answer</u>
QUICKWIN.	Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day					
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	49	31	15	4	1

ASK ALL:

ELECT_CONFNOV

Still thinking about the presidential election this November, how confident, if at all, are you that...

		Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	<u>No</u> answer
PRVFR.	ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993] People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	23	36	28	11	1
PRVSUP.	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	36	45	14	4	1
QUICKWIN.	Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	16	35	36	13	1
MAILTIME.	ASK FORM 2 only [N=5,936] Ballots sent by mail will be delivered in time to be counted Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	11	39	31	18	1
CLRWIN.	After all the votes are counted, it will be clear which candidate won the election Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	20	43	25	11	1
NOCOVID.	In person polling places will be run safely, without spreading the coronavirus Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	27	45	21	7	*

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:

VTSYSSEC_US [S] How confident are you that election systems in the UNITED STATES are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

Sep 30-Oct 5 2020		Nov 7-16, <u>2018</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, 2018
8	Very confident	15	8
42	Somewhat confident	49	37
34	Not too confident	24	37
16	Not at all confident	11	17
1	No answer	*	*

ASK IF CITIZEN (N=11,479):

REG Which of these statements best describes you?

Sep 30-Oct 5
2020

You are ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you
are registered to vote at your current address

You are PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
You are NOT registered to vote at your current address

ASK IF NOT REGISTERED VOTER (N=936):

No answer

PLANREG Do you plan to register so that you can vote in the upcoming election?

Sep 30-Oct 5

2020
54 Yes
43 No
3 No answer

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ASK IF REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1 [N=11,174]:

VOTE_MOTIV Thinking about voting in the presidential election, would you say that you are

personally...

Extremely Very Somewhat Not too Not at all motivated motivated motivated motivated motivated to vote to vote to vote to vote to vote No answer Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 61 19 12 5 3

ASK IF REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1 [N=11,174]:

VOTEREQUS In most states, voters in

In most states, voters need to be registered in order to vote. In addition, some states may require a picture ID or other type of identification or a signature match.

How confident are you that you will meet all the legal requirements necessary to have your ballot counted this year?

Very
confidentSomewhat
confidentNot too
confidentNot at all
confidentSep 30-Oct 5, 202089821*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY IF TRUMP/LEAN TRUMP (VOTEGEN20=1 OR VOTEGEN20_LEAN20=1) [N=2,116]:

DT REPRE Which comes closer to your view about what Donald Trump's approach should be if he

is reelected?

Donald Trump should primarily focus on addressing the concerns of...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,938]:

Sep 30Oct 5
2020

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All Americans, even if it means disappointing some of his supporters
Those who voted for him, without worrying too much about the concerns of those who vote for him
No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY IF BIDEN/LEAN BIDEN (VOTEGEN20=2 OR VOTEGEN20_LEAN20=2) [N=3337]:

JB_REPRE Which comes closer to your view about what Joe Biden's approach should be if he is

elected?

Joe Biden should primarily focus on addressing the concerns of...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,145]:

Sep 30Oct 5
2020

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All Americans, even if it means disappointing some of his supporters
Those who voted for him, without worrying too much about the concerns of those who vote for him
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=11,929]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹⁷

Something Lean Lean No Republican **Democrat** Independent else answer Rep Dem 27 29 29 14 1 18 21

Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.