

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone July 12-15, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
7/15/20		75	6	7	8	3	NA	1
7/15/20	RV	86	5	5	2	*	NA	1
5/28/20	RV	84	9	4	2	1	NA	*
4/25/19	RV	85	8	6	1	*	NA	1
10/31/16	RV	72	4	4	3	1	16	0
10/30/16	RV	72	5	4	3	1	15	0
10/29/16	RV	73	6	4	3	1	14	0
10/28/16	RV	76	5	4	3	1	11	0
10/27/16	RV	77	6	4	3	1	9	*
10/26/16	RV	78	6	4	3	*	8	*
10/25/16	RV	79	6	5	3	*	6	*
10/24/16	RV	78	7	5	4	1	5	*
10/23/16	RV	79	7	5	3	1	5	*
10/22/16	RV	80	7	5	2	1	5	*
10/13/16	RV	85	6	5	3	1	1	0
9/22/16	RV	83	7	6	3	*	0	*
9/8/16	RV	81	8	6	5	1	NA	*
8/4/16	RV	81	8	6	4	1	NA	*
7/14/16	RV	79	10	5	3	1	NA	1
6/23/16	RV	79	8	7	4	2	NA	*
5/19/16	RV	80	9	5	3	2	NA	*
11/4/12	RV	68	5	4	2	1	20	*
11/3/12	RV	68	6	4	2	1	19	*
11/2/12	RV	70	5	4	2	1	18	*
11/1/12	RV	72	6	4	2	1	16	*
10/31/12	RV	73	6	3	2	1	16	0
10/30/12	RV	75	6	3	2	1	13	*
10/29/12	RV	76	5	4	2	*	12	*
10/28/12	RV	77	5	4	2	1	11	*
10/27/12	RV	79	5	5	2	*	9	*
10/26/12	RV	79	6	5	2	*	8	*
10/25/12	RV	79	6	6	2	1	6	*
10/24/12	RV	79	7	6	2	1	6	*
10/23/12	RV	80	6	6	2	1	5	*
10/22/12	RV	82	5	6	2	1	4	*
10/21/12	RV	84	6	4	2	*	4	*
10/13/12	RV	85	7	4	1	1	1	1
9/29/12	RV	84	7	7	2	*	0	*
9/9/12	RV	83	7	6	4	*	NA	0
8/25/12	RV	81	8	6	3	1		*
7/8/12	RV	81	9	8	2	*	"	*
11/3/08	RV	68	4	3	2	1	22	*
11/2/08	RV	69	4	3	2	1	20	*
11/1/08	RV	71	5	3	2	*	19	*

10/31/08	RV	73	5	3	1	1	16	*
10/30/08	RV	74	6	4	1	*	15	*
10/29/08	RV	76	5	4	1	1	13	1
10/28/08	RV	77	6	4	1	1	11	1
10/27/08	RV	76	6	4	1	1	11	1
10/26/08	RV	78	6	4	1	1	10	*
10/25/08	RV	78	5	5	2	1	10	*
10/24/08	RV	79	5	5	2	1	8	*
10/23/08	RV	80	5	5	2	1	6	*
10/22/08	RV	81	5	5	2	1	5	*
10/21/08	RV	82	6	5	2	1	4	*
10/20/08	RV	81	6	5	3	1	4	*
10/19/08	RV	83	6	5	3	1	4	*
10/11/08	RV	87	5	4	1	*	2	0
9/29/08	RV	87	6	5	1	1	NA	*
9/22/08	RV	89	6	4	1	*	NA	*
9/7/08	RV	85	7	5	1	1	NA	*
8/22/08	RV	84	10	4	2	*	NA	*
7/13/08	RV	79	10	7	3	2	NA	0
6/15/08		71	9	8	7	4	NA	*
3/2/08		78	9	7	4	2	NA	*
10/31/04	RV	76	6	3	1	1	12	*
10/30/04	RV	78	6	3	1	1	11	*
10/29/04	RV	79	5	3	1	1	11	*
10/28/04	RV	80	5	4	2	*	10	*
10/27/04	RV	81	5	3	2	1	8	*
10/26/04	RV	81	5	3	2	1	8	*
10/25/04	RV	81	6	3	2	1	7	*
10/24/04	RV	82	7	3	2	1	6	*
10/23/04	RV	82	7	3	1	1	6	*
10/22/04	RV	82	7	4	1	*	5	*
10/21/04	RV	82	7	5	1	*	4	*
10/20/04	RV	83	6	4	1	1	4	*
10/19/04	RV	83	6	5	2	1	3	*
10/18/04	RV	84	7	5	2	*	2	*
10/17/04	RV	84	7	5	2	*	2	*
10/16/04	RV	86	6	4	2	*	1	*
10/15/04	RV	87	6	4	2	*	1	*
10/14/04	RV	87	6	3	2	*	1	*
10/13/04	RV	86	7	3	1	1	1	*
10/12/04	RV	87	7	3	1	1	1	*
10/11/04	RV	88	7	3	1	*	*	*
10/10/04	RV	90	6	2	1	*	*	1
10/9/04	RV	90	6	2	1	*	*	*
10/8/04	RV	90	5	3	1	*	*	*
10/7/04	RV	89	6	3	1	*	*	*
10/6/04	RV	87	7	4	1	*	*	*
10/5/04	RV	87	7	4	1	1	*	*
10/4/04	RV	87	8	4	1	1	*	*
10/3/04	RV	87	8	3	1	1	*	1
9/26/04	RV	87	8	4	1	*	NA	*
9/8/04	RV	87	7	4	1	1		*
8/29/04	RV	84	10	4	2	*		0
8/1/04	RV	85	9	4	1	1		*
7/25/04	RV	85	7	5	2	*		*
10/29/03		70	12	11	6	1		0
10/15/00	RV	82	10	6	2	1		*
10/9/00	RV	81	10	6	2	*		*
10/1/00	RV	81	10	5	3	1		*
9/6/00	RV	78	12	5	3	1		*
8/20/00	RV	78	13	6	3	1		0

8/10/00	RV	79	12	6	1	1	*
8/6/00		64	12	11	8	5	*
7/29/00		61	15	9	11	3	*
7/23/00		59	17	10	11	4	*
6/11/00		60	13	11	10	4	*
5/10/00		63	15	10	8	4	1
4/2/00		62	14	9	9	5	*
3/11/00		63	14	9	9	4	*
2/27/00		69	12	10	4	5	*
2/6/00		67	12	10	8	3	*
1/16/00		65	14	10	6	4	*
12/15/99		64	13	8	9	6	1
10/31/99		72	11	10	5	3	" *

2. If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump, the Republican) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump) or (Biden)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
7/15/20	39	54	2	3	1	1
5/28/20	40	53	1	2	2	1
3/25/20	44	50	*	2	1	2
2/17/20	44	52	*	2	1	1
1/23/20	44	51	*	2	2	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	1
9/5/19	38	54	*	4	3	1
7/1/19	41	55	*	2	1	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
7/15/20	40	55	2	2	1	1
5/28/20	43	53	1	1	*	1
3/25/20	47	49	*	2	1	1
2/17/20	45	52	0	2	1	1
1/23/20	46	50	*	2	1	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	*
9/5/19	40	55	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	43	53	*	1	*	1

3. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	NET	--- Enthusiastic --- Very	--- Enthusiastic --- Somewhat	NET	--- Not enthusiastic --- Not so	--- Not enthusiastic --- Not at all	No opinion
7/15/20	91	62	29	8	5	3	*
7/15/20 RV	94	69	25	6	4	2	*
5/28/20	87	64	23	11	7	4	1
5/28/20 RV	90	69	21	9	5	3	2
3/25/20	86	53	32	14	6	8	*
3/25/20 RV	86	55	31	13	6	7	*

Compare to:

(IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting

Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
10/31/16 RV	83	48	34	17	11	6	1
10/30/16 RV	83	51	32	16	10	6	*
10/29/16 RV	84	51	33	15	10	6	*
10/28/16 RV	83	52	31	17	11	6	*
10/27/16 RV	82	51	31	17	10	7	1
10/24/16 RV	83	51	32	17	10	7	1
10/23/16 RV	84	51	33	16	10	6	*
10/13/16 RV	78	44	34	22	13	9	*
9/22/16 RV	88	49	39	11	6	5	1
9/8/16 RV	83	46	37	17	11	6	*

4. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
7/15/20	77	36	41	22	12	10	1
7/15/20 RV	79	39	40	20	10	10	1
5/28/20	74	31	43	25	13	12	*
5/28/20 RV	76	34	43	23	11	13	1
3/25/20	74	24	49	26	14	11	1
3/25/20 RV	74	28	46	26	14	11	*

5. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) What's more important to you personally - (re-electing Trump) or (defeating Biden)? Is re-electing Trump/defeating Biden extremely important to you, very important, or somewhat important?

	----- Re-electing Trump -----				----- Defeating Biden -----				Both (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Extrmly	Very	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Very	Extrmly		
7/15/20	72	42	20	10	19	2	7	10	4	5
7/15/20 RV	72	47	19	7	21	2	7	11	4	4

6. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) What's more important to you personally - (electing Biden) or (defeating Trump)? Is electing Biden/defeating Trump extremely important to you, very important, or somewhat important?

	----- Electing Biden -----				----- Defeating Trump -----				Both (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Extrmly	Very	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Very	Extrmly		
7/15/20	24	10	7	7	65	5	16	43	6	5
7/15/20 RV	24	11	8	6	67	4	14	48	6	3

7. How would you prefer to vote in the presidential election - (by mail) or (in person)?

	Mail	In person	Won't vote (vol.)	No opinion
7/15/20	38	59	1	2

8. Do you think mail-in voting (is vulnerable to significant levels of fraud) or do you think it (has adequate protections against significant levels of fraud)?

	Vulnerable to fraud	Adequate protections	No opinion
7/15/20	49	43	7

On another topic...

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/15/20	39	28	11	57	9	48	3
5/28/20	45	32	12	53	11	42	3
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/15/20	50	36	14	47	11	36	3
5/28/20	52	37	15	44	13	30	4
3/25/20	57	38	19	38	13	24	6
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6
9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5
8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

11. Overall do you think Trump has done more to (unite the country), or has done more to (divide the country)?

			No opinion
	Unite	Divide	
7/25/20	35	61	4
9/21/17	28	66	6
11/14/16*	44	49	6
Obama:			
11/14/16**	50	43	7
9/7/14	38	55	7
5/19/13	47	45	8

Bush:

6/5/05	43	55	2
9/8/04 RV	48	44	8
8/29/04 RV	47	48	5
4/18/04	50	48	2
3/7/04	48	49	3
12/21/03	58	36	6

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12. Who do you think [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

7/15/20 - Summary Table

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. is more honest and trustworthy	35	49	1	12	3
b. better understands the problems of people like you	35	52	*	10	3
c. has the better personality and temperament to serve as president	33	59	2	4	2
d. is the stronger leader	45	45	1	5	5
e. has a better idea of what America should stand for	40	50	*	7	2
f. better represents your own personal values	38	50	*	8	3
g. would do more to unite Americans rather than divide them	33	57	*	7	3

*half sample asked items c-d, other half asked e-g

13. Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

7/15/20 - Summary Table

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. the economy	47	45	1	4	2
b. the coronavirus outbreak	34	54	*	8	3
c. crime and safety	41	50	1	6	2
d. race relations	33	58	*	7	2

Trend where available:

a. the economy

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
7/15/20	47	45	1	4	2
3/25/20	50	42	1	5	2

b. the coronavirus outbreak

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
7/15/20	34	54	*	8	3
3/25/20	45	43	1	6	5

c-d No trend

14. When [ITEM] talks about people he disagrees with, do you think he generally (stays within acceptable boundaries), or (crosses the line in terms of what's acceptable)?

7/15/20 - Summary Table

	Stays within boundaries	Crosses the line	No opinion
a. Trump	21	76	3
b. Biden	63	26	11

Changing topics...

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/15/20	38	25	13	60	8	52	2
5/28/20	46	28	17	53	10	43	1
3/25/20	51	36	15	45	8	36	4
3/7/20*	41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	11

*CNN

Compare to:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling the federal government's response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/26/14	49	26	23	41	11	30	10
10/12/14	41	19	22	43	13	30	16

16. What do you think is more important - (trying to control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy), or (trying to restart the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the virus)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Control spread ----			---- Restart economy ----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/15/20	63	52	11	33	7	26	5
5/28/20	57	41	16	37	11	26	6

17. How much, if at all, do you wear a face mask around other people when you're outside of your home? Do you do this all the time without exception, most of the time but not always, a good amount of the time, some of the time, or never?

	---- All/most of time ----			A good amount of the time	- Some of time/Never -			No op.
	NET	All of the time	Most of the time	NET	NET	Some of the time	Never	
7/15/20	79	57	23	5	15	10	5	*

18. How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught it (vol.)	No op
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
7/15/20	66	33	33	29	17	12	5	1
5/28/20	63	30	33	35	22	13	2	*
3/25/20	69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20* RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

*NBC/Wall Street Journal

19. How much do you trust what Trump says about the coronavirus pandemic - a great deal, a good amount, not so much or not at all?

	--- Great deal/Good amount ---			---- Not much/not at all ----			No
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not so much	Not at all	opinion
7/15/20	34	17	17	64	18	46	2

Questions 20-29 held for release.

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
7/15/20	30	24	39	4	4
5/28/20	31	24	37	5	3
3/25/20	30	24	37	4	5
2/17/20	29	25	37	4	5
1/23/20	27	24	39	6	4
10/30/19	29	23	38	5	5
9/5/19	28	24	37	7	5
7/1/19	29	23	37	5	5
4/25/19	29	26	36	5	5
1/24/19	32	24	37	4	3

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 251 interviews completed on landlines and 755 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 543 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.3 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision

due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,006	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	845	4
Half sample	495-511	5
Trump supporters	399	5.5
Biden supporters	522	5

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