

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone October 6-9, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,014 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 as well as among registered voters, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	90	65	25	10	4	5	*
9/24/20	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*
8/15/20	RV	87	54	33	12	6	6	*
11/6/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
11/5/16	LV	94	64	29	6	4	2	*
11/4/16	LV	94	65	29	6	4	2	*
11/3/16	LV	94	65	29	6	3	2	1
11/2/16	LV	94	65	30	6	4	2	*
11/1/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
10/31/16	LV	94	66	28	5	3	2	*
10/30/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	2	*
10/29/16	LV	95	68	27	5	3	2	*
10/28/16	LV	94	66	29	5	3	2	*
10/27/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	3	*
10/26/16	LV	93	64	29	7	4	3	*
10/25/16	LV	92	62	30	7	5	3	*
10/24/16	LV	93	65	28	7	4	2	*
10/23/16	LV	94	66	28	6	4	2	*
10/22/16	LV	94	71	23	6	4	2	*
10/13/16	LV	94	66	28	5	4	1	1
9/22/16	LV	92	60	32	8	5	3	*
9/8/16	LV	92	59	33	8	5	3	*
1/24/16	RV	84	39	45	16	10	6	*
11/19/15		75	30	45	25	13	12	*
11/4/12	LV	99	66	33	1	1	*	*
11/3/12	LV	98	67	31	1	1	*	*
11/2/12	LV	99	67	31	1	1	*	*
11/1/12	LV	99	68	31	1	1	*	0
10/31/12	LV	99	67	32	1	1	*	0
10/30/12	LV	99	66	33	1	1	*	0
10/29/12	LV	99	69	30	1	1	*	0
10/28/12	LV	99	69	30	1	1	*	*
10/27/12	LV	99	68	31	1	1	*	*
10/26/12	LV	99	66	33	1	1	*	0
10/25/12	LV	95	62	33	5	3	2	*
10/24/12	LV	94	63	32	5	3	2	*
10/23/12	LV	93	63	31	6	4	2	*
10/22/12	LV	92	64	28	8	5	3	*
10/21/12	LV	92	64	28	8	5	3	*
10/13/12	LV	93	60	33	6	4	2	*
9/29/12	LV	92	54	38	8	6	2	0
9/9/12	LV	87	51	36	13	8	5	1
5/20/12	RV	82	38	44	18	9	8	*
2/4/12*	RV	79	37	43	20	12	8	*

1/15/12	RV	76	33	43	24	14	10	*
12/18/11		69	26	43	31	18	13	*
11/3/11		65	24	41	34	17	17	*
10/2/11		64	24	40	36	23	13	0
9/1/11		66	25	40	34	20	14	*
7/17/11		61	18	43	39	23	15	*
6/5/11		61	22	39	38	23	15	*
11/3/08	RV	91	64	28	8	5	4	*
11/2/08	RV	90	63	28	9	5	4	*
11/1/08	RV	90	61	29	10	6	4	*
10/31/08	RV	89	60	29	11	7	4	*
10/30/08	RV	89	59	29	11	7	4	*
10/29/08	RV	89	60	30	10	6	4	*
10/28/08	RV	90	59	31	10	6	4	*
10/27/08	RV	91	60	31	9	5	4	*
10/26/08	RV	90	60	30	9	5	4	*
10/25/08	RV	89	59	30	11	6	5	*
10/24/08	RV	89	60	28	11	6	5	*
10/23/08	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*
10/22/08	RV	89	57	32	11	6	5	*
10/21/08	RV	90	58	32	10	6	4	*
10/20/08	RV	90	57	34	10	6	4	*
10/19/08	RV	90	57	33	10	6	3	*
10/11/08	RV	92	59	33	8	4	4	*
9/29/08	RV	89	58	31	11	7	5	*
9/22/08	RV	91	55	36	9	5	4	0
9/7/08	RV	89	51	38	10	6	5	*
8/22/08	RV	84	42	42	16	11	5	*
7/13/08	RV	79	36	42	21	12	9	1
6/15/08		75	34	41	25	12	13	*
5/11/08		83	39	44	17	13	5	0
4/13/08		84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08		84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08		81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08		79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07		72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07		67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07		69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07		70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07		66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07		66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07		65	20	44	35	25	10	*
10/31/04	RV	90	58	32	9	6	3	*
10/30/04	RV	90	59	31	9	6	3	1
10/29/04	RV	90	58	32	9	6	3	*
10/28/04	RV	90	58	32	9	6	3	*
10/27/04	RV	90	57	33	9	6	3	*
10/26/04	RV	89	55	34	10	6	4	*
10/25/04	RV	89	55	34	10	6	4	*
10/24/04	RV	90	54	36	10	7	3	*
10/23/04	RV	90	54	36	10	7	3	*
10/22/04	RV	90	54	36	10	7	3	*
10/21/04	RV	90	55	35	11	8	3	*
10/20/04	RV	89	55	34	10	7	3	*
10/19/04	RV	87	54	33	12	8	4	1
10/18/04	RV	88	52	36	11	7	4	*
10/17/04	RV	89	52	37	12	7	5	*
10/16/04	RV	88	53	35	12	7	5	*
10/15/04	RV	87	53	34	12	7	5	*
10/14/04	RV	87	52	35	13	8	5	*
10/13/04	RV	88	52	36	13	8	5	*

10/12/04	RV	88	52	36	11	7	4	*
10/11/04	RV	88	53	35	12	8	4	*
10/10/04	RV	87	52	35	12	8	4	*
10/9/04	RV	88	52	36	12	8	4	*
10/8/04	RV	88	53	35	12	8	4	*
10/7/04	RV	88	53	35	12	8	4	1
10/6/04	RV	88	51	37	12	8	4	*
10/5/04	RV	88	50	38	12	7	5	*
10/4/04	RV	88	49	39	12	7	5	*
10/3/04	RV	87	48	39	12	7	5	*
9/26/04	RV	87	48	39	12	8	4	1
9/8/04	RV	85	45	40	14	10	4	1
8/29/04	RV	81	43	38	20	13	7	*
8/1/04	RV	80	41	39	20	13	7	*
7/25/04		73	34	39	27	15	12	*
6/20/04		78	33	45	22	15	7	*
5/23/04		74	33	41	26	17	9	*
4/18/04		75	30	45	25	16	9	0
3/7/04		75	33	42	25	18	7	*
2/11/04		75	30	45	25	15	10	*
1/18/04		66	22	44	35	22	13	*
10/29/03		54	15	39	45	30	15	0
9/13/03		56	16	40	44	27	17	*
11/6/00	LV	92	54	38	8	6	2	*
11/5/00	LV	91	53	38	8	6	2	*
11/4/00	LV	91	52	39	9	7	2	*
11/3/00	LV	91	51	40	9	6	3	*
11/2/00	LV	90	48	42	10	7	3	*
11/1/00	LV	91	48	43	9	7	2	*
10/31/00	LV	90	46	44	9	7	2	*
10/30/00	LV	91	47	44	9	7	2	*
10/29/00	LV	90	47	43	10	7	3	*
10/28/00	LV	89	47	42	10	7	3	*
10/27/00	LV	89	48	41	11	7	4	*
10/26/00	LV	89	47	42	11	8	3	*
10/25/00	LV	89	47	42	11	8	3	0
10/24/00	LV	87	44	43	13	10	3	0
10/23/00	LV	89	44	45	11	8	3	0
10/22/00	LV	88	44	44	12	9	3	0
10/21/00	LV	87	46	41	13	9	4	*
10/20/00	LV	86	46	40	15	11	4	*
10/19/00	LV	85	44	41	14	10	4	*
10/18/00	LV	87	42	45	13	10	3	*
10/17/00	LV	86	40	46	13	10	3	*
10/15/00	RV	77	33	44	23	15	8	*
10/9/00	RV	75	30	45	25	16	9	*
10/1/00	RV	75	27	48	25	17	8	*
9/6/00	RV	74	26	48	26	17	9	*
8/20/00	RV	74	28	46	26	16	10	1
8/10/00	RV	72	29	43	29	18	11	*
8/6/00		53	17	36	47	22	25	*
7/29/00		51	16	35	49	25	24	*
7/23/00		50	14	36	50	25	25	*
6/11/00		49	13	36	51	26	25	0
4/2/00		53	17	36	47	24	23	0
3/11/00		61	21	40	38	21	17	0
2/27/00		70	24	46	30	20	10	*
2/6/00		65	19	48	34	21	13	0
1/16/00		50	11	39	50	26	24	*
12/15/99		45	12	33	55	31	24	*
10/31/99		61	16	45	38	25	13	*
7/17/95		36	7	29	63	33	31	*

7/8/92	76	28	48	24	16	8	*
1/27/92	51	14	37	48	25	23	1
10/10/88 RV	77	31	46	23	17	6	-
8/18/88 RV	68	26	42	31	20	11	0
8/15/88 RV	70	27	43	31	19	12	0
5/25/88	76	25	51	25	19	6	*
9/23/87	50	9	41	49	31	18	*
6/1/87	50	11	39	49	32	17	*

*2/4/12 and previous "not too closely" instead of "not so closely"

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election this fall: 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.
10/9/20 RV	83	5	4	2	*	4	*
9/24/20 RV	89	5	4	2	*	*	1
8/15/20 RV	86	5	5	3	1	NA	*
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	" *

3. (ASK IF CERTAIN OR PROBABLY VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at a polling place ON Election Day), or (vote early either by mail or in person BEFORE Election Day)?

		Vote on Election Day	Vote early	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20	RV	41	51	6	2
10/9/20	LV	40	50	7	2
9/24/20	RV	45	51	1	4

Compare to:

Do you think you'll (vote in person at your polling place on Election Day), or (vote before Election Day by early voting or mail-in ballot)?

		Vote in person	Early voting/ mail-in ballot	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
11/6/16	LV	52	13	34	*
11/5/16	LV	51	15	33	1
11/4/16	LV	50	17	33	1
11/3/16	LV	52	18	30	1
11/2/16	LV	52	20	27	1
11/1/16	LV	54	22	24	1
10/31/16	LV	54	22	23	1
10/30/16	LV	54	26	19	2
11/4/12	LV	58	13	28	1
11/3/12	LV	58	14	27	1
11/2/12	LV	58	16	25	*
11/1/12	LV	60	18	22	*
10/31/12	LV	60	19	21	*
10/30/12	LV	60	22	18	1
10/29/12	LV	61	21	17	1
10/28/12	LV	60	22	15	2
10/27/12	LV	62	24	12	2
10/26/12	LV	62	25	11	2
10/25/12	LV	61	29	8	1
10/24/12	LV	62	29	8	1
10/23/12	LV	62	28	7	2
10/22/12	LV	64	27	6	2
10/21/12	LV	66	27	5	2
10/13/12	LV	67	30	2	1
11/2/08	LV	63	11	25	*

11/1/08	LV	63	13	23	*
10/31/08	LV	63	16	20	1
10/30/08	LV	64	17	18	1
10/29/08	LV	65	18	16	1
10/28/08	LV	65	19	15	1
10/27/08	LV	66	18	15	1
10/26/08	LV	67	18	14	1
10/25/08	LV	68	18	13	1
10/24/08	LV	69	19	11	1
10/23/08	LV	68	20	11	1
10/22/08	LV	66	20	13	1

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY OR ALREADY VOTED) How do you think you will/did you vote - (in person at an early voting location), (by dropping off a ballot at a designated drop-box), or (by mail)?

			Drop off		No
		In person	ballot	Mail	opinion
10/9/20	RV	36	22	41	2
9/24/20	RV	32	14	53	2

3/4 NET

			-----	Vote early	-----		
		Vote on		In	Drop off	No	No
		Election Day	NET	person	ballot	Mail	op.
10/9/20	RV	41	57	20	12	23	1
9/24/20	RV	45	52	16	7	27	1

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats)], [(Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen of the Libertarian Party) or (Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward [(Trump), (Biden)], [(Jorgensen) or Hawkins)]? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

						Other	None	Would	No
		Trump	Biden	Jorgensen	Hawkins	(vol.)	of these	not vote	op.
10/9/20	LV*	42	54	2	1	0	(vol.)	(vol.)	
10/9/20	RV*	41	53	2	1	0	*	0	2

*Hawkins included where on ballot

Compare to:

						Other	None	Would	No
		Trump	Biden	Jorgensen	Hawkins	(vol.)	of these	not vote	op.
9/24/20	LV*	43	49	4	3	*	(vol.)	(vol.)	
9/24/20	RV*	41	47	5	3	*	*	1	1

*Asked after two-way match

6. (ASK 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
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	93	71	22	6	3	3	1

9/24/20 RV	91	65	26	9	4	5	*
8/15/20 RV	89	65	24	10	7	4	1
7/15/20 RV	94	69	25	6	4	2	*
5/28/20 RV	90	69	21	9	5	3	2
3/25/20 RV	86	55	31	13	6	7	*
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	*

7. (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
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20 RV	86	52	34	14	9	5	0
9/24/20 RV	79	47	33	20	12	9	*
8/15/20 RV	82	48	33	18	10	8	1
7/15/20 RV	79	39	40	20	10	10	1
5/28/20 RV	76	34	43	23	11	13	1
3/25/20 RV	74	28	46	26	14	11	*

8. (ASK IF NOT NAMED TRUMP OR BIDEN AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the only candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or toward (Biden and Harris)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20 LV	43	55	0	*	1	1
10/9/20 RV	43	54	0	1	1	2

Compare to:

If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/24/20	44	54	*	*	*	1
8/15/20	44	54	*	1	0	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

Would

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/24/20	43	53	1	1	*	2
8/15/20	41	53	*	3	1	2
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

*7/14/20 and prior: "2020 presidential election", "Joe Biden, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican"

9. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Which of the following is the single most important issue in your choice for president - (the economy), (the coronavirus outbreak), (crime and safety), (health care), (equal treatment of racial groups), or (the next appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court)?

	Economy	Coronavirus outbreak	Crime and safety	Health care	Equal treatment of racial groups	Appointment to U.S. Supreme Court	Other (vol.)	No op
10/9/20 RV	29	15	8	13	14	10	9	2
9/24/20 RV	23	17	13	14	13	13	5	2

10. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

10/9/20 - Summary table

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	48	47	*	3	1
b. the coronavirus outbreak	38	55	1	5	1

Trend where available:

a. the economy

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/9/20 RV	48	47	*	3	1
9/24/20 RV	48	47	*	2	2
9/24/20	49	46	1	3	2
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.
10/9/20 RV	38	55	1	5	1
9/24/20 RV	41	53	1	4	1
9/24/20	40	51	1	6	2
7/15/20	34	54	*	8	3
3/25/20	45	43	1	6	5

11. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Regardless of whom you support, are you prepared to accept the outcome of the election as legitimate, or are you not prepared to do that at this time?

	Prepared	Not prepared	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	79	14	5	3
10/9/20 LV	77	15	6	2
11/5/16 LV	79	15	3	3

12. 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	
10/9/20 RV	45	32	13	54	7	47	1
10/9/20	44	30	13	54	9	45	3
9/24/20	44	28	16	53	8	46	2
8/15/20	43	29	15	55	7	47	2
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

13. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) 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	
10/9/20 RV	54	40	14	45	11	34	1
9/24/20 RV	51	38	13	46	11	35	3
9/24/20	52	36	16	45	13	32	3
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

14. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/9/20	RV	41	28	13	58	6	52	1
9/24/20	RV	40	29	11	59	6	53	1
9/24/20		40	27	13	58	8	50	2
8/15/20		40	27	13	59	8	50	2
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

15. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) 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	No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	it (vol.)	op
10/9/20	RV	65	29	36	27	15	12	8	1
9/24/20	RV	63	27	35	32	18	15	5	*
9/24/20		62	29	33	33	18	15	5	*
8/15/20		65	31	34	29	15	14	5	*
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

16. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How much do you think that wearing a mask and practicing social distancing can reduce your chance of catching the coronavirus - can it reduce the chance a great deal, a good amount, just some or not at all?

		--- Great deal/Good amount ---			--- Just some/Not at all ---			No
		NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	74	56	19	24	17	7	1

17. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Overall, how confident are you that the federal government can handle the outbreak of the coronavirus in this country - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

		--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	63	27	36	35	15	20	2
3/25/20**	RV	65	26	39	33	21	12	2
3/25/20		66	26	40	32	20	12	2
3/13/20*		61	24	37	38	22	16	*
2/16/20		77	31	46	22	16	6	*

* Gallup, instead of "not so confident," Gallup's option was "not too confident"

**3/25/20 and prior "will be able to handle"

Compare to:

How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to an outbreak of Zika virus in the United States - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

--- More confident --- ----- Less confident ----- No

	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
8/4/16	69	24	45	29	15	14	2
6/23/16	66	18	48	33	21	12	1
The Ebola virus							
10/26/14	63	18	44	36	22	14	2
10/12/14	62	19	43	37	21	16	*
The H1N1 virus known as swine flu:							
10/18/09	69	19	50	31	18	12	1
8/17/09	73	23	50	26	18	9	1
Bird flu:							
3/5/06	59	16	44	40	25	15	*

18. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you think the coronavirus outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

		-- More under control --			---- Less under control ----			
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	No opinion	
10/9/20 RV	21	5	17	78	43	35	1	
8/15/20 RV	14	4	11	85	36	49	1	
7/15/20* RV	20	8	12	78	27	51	2	
6/16/20 RV	23	7	16	75	43	33	2	
5/20/20 RV	21	5	15	78	43	35	1	

*7/15/20 and previous: Fox News, "coronavirus in the United States"

19. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) 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
10/9/20 RV	37	19	18	62	14	48	1
7/15/20 RV	35	18	18	63	15	48	2

20. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) As you may know, Trump has tested positive and is being treated for the coronavirus. How confident are you that he is healthy enough to carry out his duties as president at this time - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

		--- More confident --			----- Less confident ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion	
10/9/20 RV	59	41	19	40	13	27	1	

21. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you trust the Trump administration to provide complete and accurate information on Trump's health condition, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	38	60	2

22. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you think Trump did or did not take appropriate precautions to reduce the chance that he would catch the coronavirus?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	29	65	6

Changing topics,

23. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) As you may know, Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you think the current U.S. Senate should hold hearings and vote on her nomination, or should filling this seat on the Supreme Court be left to the winner of the presidential election and a Senate vote next year?

	Vote on nomination	Left to winner	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	44	52	5

Compare to:

As you may know, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died last Friday, creating an opening on the Supreme Court. Do you think her replacement should be nominated by Donald Trump and confirmed by the current U.S. Senate, or should this be left to the winner of the presidential election and a Senate vote next year? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Nominated by Trump ---			-- Winner of election --			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/24/20	38	34	4	57	9	48	4

24. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) As you may know, abortion law in the United States is based on the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling known as Roe v. Wade. Do you think the Supreme Court should (uphold) Roe v. Wade or (overturn) it?

	Uphold	Overturn	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	62	24	14

Compare to:

The Supreme Court legalized abortion 37 years ago in the ruling known as Roe versus Wade. If that case came before the court again, would you want the next justice to vote to (uphold) Roe versus Wade, or vote to (overturn) it?

	Uphold	Overturn	No opinion
Next justice, 4/25/10	59	38	3
Sotomayor, 6/21/09	60	34	6
Alito, 12/18/05	61	35	4
Alito, 11/2/05	64	31	5
Roberts, 8/28/05	60	33	7
Roberts, 7/21/05	65	32	4

On another subject,

25. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) From what you know, do you think Trump has or has not paid his fair share of federal income taxes in recent years? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Paid fair share ----			-Has not paid fair share-			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/9/20 RV	35	28	7	56	7	48	10

Compare to:

Romney paid about a 14 percent federal tax rate on income of about 14 million dollars last year. Do you think he is or is not paying his fair share of taxes? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Paying fair share ---			- Not paying fair share -			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/29/12 RV	46	33	13	48	10	38	6

2/4/12* RV	30	16	14	66	15	51	4
2/4/12*	30	15	15	66	16	50	4

* "... income of about 22 million..."

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
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4
9/24/20	31	27	37	4	2
8/15/20	31	26	37	3	3
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

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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 258 interviews completed on landlines and 756 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 552 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 1.2 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	1,014	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	879	3.5
Likely voters	725	4

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