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*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details at the end.)

1. 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
8/15/20		80	47	33	20	9	11	*
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. 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.
8/15/20		72	7	8	9	4	NA	*
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. 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)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

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

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

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
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"

4. (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
8/15/20	86	59	27	11	7	5	2

8/15/20 RV	89	65	24	10	7	4	1
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
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
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	*

5. (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
8/15/20	79	44	36	20	9	10	1
8/15/20 RV	82	48	33	18	10	8	1
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	*

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Biden?

	Support Trump	Oppose Biden	No opinion
8/15/20	74	24	2
8/15/20 RV	73	26	1

Compare to:

Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Clinton?

	Support Trump	Oppose Clinton	No opinion
11/5/16 LV	44	51	5
10/23/16 LV	41	54	5
10/22/16 LV	41	54	6
8/4/16 RV	40	56	4
7/14/16 RV	38	57	4
5/19/16 RV	44	53	4

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Do you mainly support Biden, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Biden	Oppose Trump	No opinion
8/15/20	41	56	4
8/15/20 RV	38	59	3

Compare to:

Do you mainly support Clinton, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Clinton	Oppose Trump	No opinion
11/5/16 LV	55	42	3
10/23/16 LV	55	42	2
10/22/16 LV	56	42	2
8/4/16 RV	49	47	4
7/14/16 RV	44	54	2
5/19/16 RV	48	48	3

6/7 NET:

	---- Vote for Trump ----				---- Vote for Biden ----							
	Support Trump	Oppose Biden	No op	NET	Support Biden	Oppose Trump	No op	NET	Oth. (vol)	Neither (vol)	Not vote (vol)	No op
8/15/20	41	30	10	1	53	21	29	2	*	3	2	2

8. Do you approve or disapprove of Biden's choice of Kamala Harris as his vice-presidential running mate? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	54	34	20	29	7	22	17

Compare to:

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
Ryan 8/25/12	51	26	26	30	9	21	19
Palin 9/4/08	60	37	23	34	9	25	6
Lieberman 8/7/00	60	NA	NA	19	NA	NA	21
Cheney 7/29/00	61	"	"	15	"	"	24
Kemp 8/15/96 RV	67			14			19
Choate 9/10/96 RV	31			19			49

9. Does Biden's choice of Harris for vice president make you more likely to vote for Biden, less likely, or won't it make any difference in your vote?

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion
8/15/20	17	10	71	2

Compare to:

Romney's choice of Ryan:

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion
8/25/12	14	14	70	2

Obama's choice of Biden:

11/2/08 LV	25	15	60	*	
11/1/08 LV	28	14	58	*	
9/29/08 LV	26	14	60	*	
9/4/08 RV	22	11	66	1	
McCain's choice of Palin:					
11/2/08 LV	18	44	38	*	
11/1/08 LV	17	46	37	*	
9/29/08 LV	24	32	43	*	
9/4/08 RV	25	19	55	1	
Kerry's choice of Edwards:					
7/25/08 RV	24	9	66	*	
Gore's choice of Lieberman:					
8/7/00 All	15	10	73	2	
Bush's choice of Cheney:					
7/29/00 RV	14	6	78	2	
Dole's choice of Kemp:					
8/15/96 RV	18	6	75	1	
8/14/96 RV	20	7	71	1	
8/13/96 RV	21	7	70	3	
8/12/96 RV	17	6	74	3	
8/11/96 RV	16	5	76	3	
8/10/96 RV	14	7	75	4	
Perot's choice of Choate:					
9/10/96 RV	4	7	86	4	
Bush's choice of Quayle:					
	More likely	Less likely	No difference	Not voting for Bush	No opinion
9/19/88 RV	7	19	68	4	2
8/18/88 All	11	14	67	5	3
8/17/88 All	13	10	72	2	3
Dukakis' choice of Bentsen:					
	More likely	Less likely	No difference	Not voting for Dukakis	No opinion
9/19/88 RV	20	6	71	2	1
7/17/88 All	13	8	73	2	4
Mondale's choice of Ferraro:					
	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion	
7/12/84 RV	22	19	49	10	

10. If something were to happen to [ITEM], do you think that [ITEM] would be qualified to take over as president of the United States, or not?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	Qualified	Not qualified	No opinion
a. Trump/Mike Pence	54	39	7
b. Biden/Harris	54	38	8

Compare to:

	Qualified	Not qualified	No opinion
Dan Quayle			

6/7/92	31	63	6
1/3/92*	44	50	6
10/29/91	44	52	4
5/5/91	40	57	4
2/26/91	43	49	7
8/8/89	38	52	11
11/6/90	41	53	6
8/8/89	38	52	11
10/11/88 LV	39	46	15
10/9/88 LV	37	49	14
8/18/88	18	22	61

Lloyd Bentsen			
10/11/88 LV	77	11	12
10/9/88 LV	80	11	10
8/18/88	36	10	54

* Washington Post

11. Before being elected to the U.S. Senate, Harris served as the San Francisco district attorney and then as California's attorney general. Does this background make your opinion of her more favorable, less favorable, or does it make no difference?

	More favorable	Less favorable	No difference	No opinion
8/15/20	32	16	51	1

On another subject...

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	
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. Do you think [ITEM]'s views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

8/15/20 - Summary table

Too	Too	About	No
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	liberal	conservative	right	opinion
a. Trump	12	34	43	11
b. Biden	36	10	47	8
c. Pence	7	36	44	13
d. Harris	33	7	46	13

Trend where available:

a. No trend.

b. Biden

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
8/15/20	36	10	47	8
2/17/20	25	19	42	15
8/25/12	34	7	36	22

c-d: No trend.

14. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Trump	42	29	13	56	10	46	2
b. Biden	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
c. Pence	44	24	20	46	13	33	9
d. Harris	52	26	26	38	10	29	10

Trend where available:

a. Donald Trump

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	42	29	13	56	10	46	2
5/28/20	42	30	12	55	11	44	3
9/5/19	40	26	14	57	9	48	3
1/15/17	40	19	21	54	14	41	6
11/5/16 LV	38	21	17	60	10	50	3
10/29/16 RV	37	19	18	59	11	47	4
10/13/16	31	17	14	66	11	54	4
9/30/16	34	18	17	64	13	51	2
9/22/16	35	18	17	59	14	45	6
8/28/16	35	16	18	63	16	47	3
8/4/16	34	16	18	63	11	52	3
7/14/16	31	15	16	64	13	52	4
6/12/16	29	15	14	70	14	56	1
5/19/16	37	18	19	60	11	49	3
4/10/16	31	14	17	67	14	53	2
3/6/16	30	15	14	67	11	56	3
1/10/16	35	17	18	62	14	48	3
11/8/15	38	16	23	59	13	46	3
9/27/15	35	14	21	60	19	41	5
8/30/15	37	16	21	59	16	43	4
7/12/15	33	14	19	61	16	45	6
5/31/15	16	7	9	71	16	55	13
12/18/11	40	12	29	48	21	27	12
1/16/00*	20	NA	NA	70	NA	NA	11
10/31/99*	18	"	"	70	"	"	12

*"Regardless of how you might vote, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump, or perhaps you don't know enough to say."

b. Joe Biden

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
8/15/20	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
5/28/20	46	21	26	48	13	35	6
9/5/19	53	23	29	37	16	21	10
10/11/15	45	16	29	40	19	22	15
8/30/15	46	15	30	46	20	26	9
1/20/13	48	22	26	37	14	23	15
8/19/12*	43	17	26	43	16	27	14
4/24/09	57	20	37	32	14	18	11
1/16/09	63	28	35	29	15	14	8
10/23/08 LV	59	31	28	33	13	20	9
9/29/08 RV	57	24	33	30	13	17	14
9/7/08 RV	51	23	27	29	13	16	20
9/4/08* RV	54	32	23	31	15	16	14

*"the Democratic nominee for vice president"

c. Pence

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
8/15/20	44	24	20	46	13	33	9
8/4/16	38	14	23	26	12	14	36

d. Harris

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
8/15/20	52	26	26	38	10	29	10
9/5/19	38	15	23	35	12	24	26

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
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
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

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
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/26/14	49	26	23	41	11	30	10
10/12/14	41	19	22	43	13	30	16

16. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

----- Positive ----- ----- Negative ----- No

	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1
3/29/15	40	2	38	59	40	19	1
1/15/15	41	3	39	58	40	18	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12	RV 18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04	RV 46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV 45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02	LV 28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02	LV 27	1	26	72	56	17	1

11/2/02	LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02		31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02		39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02		30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02		31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01		38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01		33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01		50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01		50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01		70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00		74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00		80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99		74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99		76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99		80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98		73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98	LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97		61	12	49	39	27	11	*

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17. How would you describe the economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on [ITEM]
 - would you say the economic impacts have been very severe, severe, moderate, or less than that?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	----- Severe -----			----- Not severe -----			No
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	op.
a. your community	59	22	37	40	32	8	1
b. your personal financial situation	29	12	16	70	33	37	1

Trend where available:

a. your community

	----- Severe -----			----- Not severe -----			No
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	opinion
8/15/20	59	22	37	40	32	8	1
5/28/20	59	23	36	39	32	6	2
3/25/20	43	16	27	53	42	10	4

b. No trend.

18. If Biden were president, do you think [ITEM] would be better than [it is/they are] now, would be worse than [it is/they are] now, or would be about the same?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
a. the economy	32	35	30	3
b. the country's response to the coronavirus outbreak	46	24	26	4
c. race relations	46	20	31	3
d. safety from crime	25	32	41	3
e. health care	39	26	32	3

19. 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
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

20. 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?

	----- Under control -----			----- Less under control -----			No opinion
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	
8/15/20	14	3	10	85	39	46	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"

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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 parentheses 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 250 interviews completed on landlines and 751 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 524 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 1.4 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	1,001	3.5 points
Registered voters	868	4
Trump supporters	415	5.5
Biden supporters	521	5

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