

This Washington Post-Ipsos poll was conducted online June 9-14, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,153 non-Hispanic black adults age 18 and older and a partially overlapping sample of 1,051 U.S. adults overall. The sample was drawn through the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. Results among black Americans and black registered voters have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points; the error margin among the overall sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Sampling, field work and data processing were conducted by Ipsos of Washington, D.C.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

Q1. How likely are you to vote in the presidential election in November 2020?

	Absolutely certain to vote	Will Probably vote	There is a 50-50 chance	There is less than a 50-50 chance	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	74	8	6	11	1
6/14/20 All U.S.	72	8	8	11	*
1/8/20 Black	71	10	9	9	1

Compare to:

I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in 2020: 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.)	No opinion
5/28/20*	70	11	6	7	5	1
5/28/20 RV	84	9	4	2	1	*

*Post-ABC

Q2. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much does the outcome of the 2020 presidential election matter to you?

	NET	Great deal A great deal	Good amount A good amount	NET	Little/Not at all A little	Not at all	No op.
6/14/20	86	71	15	14	9	5	*
1/8/20	83	60	23	16	9	7	1

Q3. (AMONG BLACK AMERICAN REGISTERED VOTERS) If the presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were (Joe Biden, the Democrat) or (Donald Trump, the Republican)?

	Biden	Trump	No opinion
6/14/20	92	5	4

Compare to:

If the 2020 presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were (Joe Biden, the Democrat) or (Donald Trump, the Republican)?

	Democrat	Trump	Another candidate	I would not vote	No opinion
1/8/20	82	4	5	6	3

Q4. (AMONG BLACK AMERICAN REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SUPPORT BIDEN) Do you mainly support Biden, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Biden	Oppose Trump	No opinion
6/14/20	49	50	1

Q5. (AMONG BLACK AMERICAN REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SUPPORT TRUMP) Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Biden?

Sample size too small to report.

Q6. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Joe Biden has said he would choose a female running mate. How important is it to you, if at all, that Biden choose a vice-presidential running mate who is a **black woman**?

	---- Important ----			----- Not important -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not so	Not at all	
6/14/20	50	26	24	49	27	22	1

Q7. How important will each of the following be in your vote for president? One of the most important issues, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue or a less important issue

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

	----- Important issues -----			- Not as important --			No op.
	NET	One of the most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	
a. The economy	86	48	38	12	9	3	2
b. Health care	89	53	35	10	8	2	1
c. The coronavirus outbreak	83	49	34	16	11	4	1
d. Racism	92	70	23	6	5	2	1
e. Police treatment of black Americans	93	69	23	6	4	2	2
f. Immigration	60	22	38	38	28	10	1

6/14/20 -- Summary table among all U.S. adults

	----- Important issues -----			- Not as important --			No op.
	NET	One of the most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	
a. The economy	83	41	42	15	13	2	1
b. Health care	76	36	40	22	17	5	1
c. The coronavirus outbreak	67	31	35	32	19	13	1
d. Racism	65	32	33	33	18	15	1
e. Police treatment of black Americans	65	30	35	34	19	15	1
f. Immigration	63	25	39	36	26	10	1

Q8. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Who do you trust more to handle the economy?

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	No opinion
6/14/20	9	86	4
6/14/20 RV	8	89	3

Q9. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling **his job as president**? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

----- Approve -----	----- Disapprove -----	No
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	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
6/14/20	9	4	5	88	12	76	3
1/8/20	7	2	5	90	16	75	2

Q10. Which statement comes closer to your own view even if neither is exactly right:

	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	4	94	3
6/14/20 All U.S.	34	64	1

Q11. As you may have heard, a black man named George Floyd was killed in police custody in Minnesota after three white police officers knelt on his neck and body. A video of Floyd's death has spread online and on television. Have you seen the video of this, or not?

	Yes, saw video	No, did not see video	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	87	12	1
6/14/20 All U.S.	79	21	1

Q12. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Do you support or oppose the protests following Floyd's killing that have taken place in cities across the country? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
6/14/20	91	73	18	7	4	3	2

Q13. Have you or a close friend or family member attended a rally or protest in response to Floyd's death, or not?

	YES	I attended	Friend or family attended	No, neither have attended	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	46	11	38	52	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	27	5	23	73	1

Q14. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much, if at all, do you think vandalism and looting undermined the goals of the protests?

	NET	A great deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	No opinion
6/14/20	57	36	21	42	25	17	2

Q15. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) In general, do you think police dealing with protests across the country have used..

	Too much force	About the right amount of force	Not enough force	No opinion
6/14/20	74	22	2	3

Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has responded to each of the following? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

----- Approve -----	----- Disapprove -----	No
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	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. Floyd's killing	7	4	3	90	10	80	2
b. The protests after Floyd's killing	22	15	6	76	12	64	2

6/14/20 -- Summary table among all U.S. adults

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. Floyd's killing	29	13	16	69	17	51	2
b. The protests after Floyd's killing	36	17	19	62	17	46	2

Q17. In general, would you say that (black people are treated less fairly than white people) by police in the U.S. overall (white people are treated less fairly than black people), or both are treated equally?

	Black people are treated less fairly than white people	White people are treated less fairly than black people	Both are treated equally	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	95	1	2	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	67	3	28	1

Q18. In general, would you say that (black people are treated less fairly than white people) by police in your community (white people are treated less fairly than black people), or both are treated equally?

	Black people are treated less fairly than white people	White people are treated less fairly than black people	Both are treated equally	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	89	1	9	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	52	2	44	2

Q19. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAID BLACK PEOPLE ARE TREATED LESS FAIRLY THAN WHITE PEOPLE BY POLICE IN THE U.S. OVERALL OR IN THEIR COMMUNITIES) Do you think each of the following is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason black people are treated less fairly by police?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans who said blacks are treated "less fairly"

	----- Reason -----			Not a	No
	NET	Major	Minor	reason	opinion
a. Racist police officers	98	88	10	2	1
b. Police officers not being held accountable for misconduct	98	94	4	1	1
c. Police officers assuming black people are criminals	98	92	6	1	1
d. White people falsely accusing black people of crimes	96	75	21	3	1
e. Poor police training	91	69	21	9	1
f. Not enough community oversight of police departments	92	73	18	6	2

6/14/20 -- Summary table among all U.S. adults who said blacks are treated "less fairly"

	----- Reason -----			Not a	No
	NET	Major	Minor	reason	opinion
a. Racist police officers	96	69	27	4	*
b. Police officers not being held accountable for misconduct	96	86	10	4	*
c. Police officers assuming black people are criminals	95	71	23	5	1

d. White people falsely accusing black people of crimes	87	46	41	12	*
e. Poor police training	91	63	28	9	*
f. Not enough community oversight of police departments	89	58	31	10	*

Q20. Regardless of what crime a person is suspected to have committed, do you think police are more likely to use deadly force against (black suspects), (white suspects), or about equally regardless of race?

	Black suspects	White suspects	About equally	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	93	*	5	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	57	2	39	2

Q21. In the past few years, was there an occasion where...

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. A police officer treated you unfairly	31	68	1
b. You feared a police officer might physically hurt you	36	63	1

6/14/20 -- Summary table among all U.S. adults

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. A police officer treated you unfairly	15	84	1
b. You feared a police officer might physically hurt you	11	89	1

Q22. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAID THEY WERE NOT TREATED UNFAIRLY BY A POLICE OFFICER) And in the past few years, was there an occasion where a close friend or family member was treated unfairly by a police officer?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	35	65	*
6/14/20 All U.S.	14	86	*

NET Q21/Q22.

	- Treated unfairly by police -				
			Close friend or family member	No opinion	
	NET	Self			
6/14/20 Black	55	31	24	44	1
6/14/20 All U.S.	27	15	12	73	1

Q23. Overall, how likely do you think it is that police treatment of black Americans will improve in the coming years?

	----- Likely -----			----- Unlikely -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
6/14/20 Black	54	8	46	45	26	18	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	69	15	54	29	20	9	1

Q24. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How effective do you think each of the following are at improving police treatment of black Americans?

	----- Effective -----			--- Less effective ---			No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	all	

a. Holding protests calling for justice	89	52	36	9	7	2	2
b. Electing a president who cares about the issue	90	70	20	7	6	2	3
c. Pushing for police reform locally	89	63	25	9	6	3	3
d. Electing local leaders who care about the issue	92	70	22	6	4	2	2
e. People recording video of interactions with police	91	70	22	7	5	1	2

Q25. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Do you think most white Americans do or do not understand the level of discrimination black Americans face in their lives?

	Most white Americans do understand	Most white Americans do not understand	No opinion
6/14/20	18	81	2
1/8/20	19	78	3

Q26. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much, if at all, do you think the attention to Floyd's killing by police will increase how much white Americans are concerned about police discrimination against black Americans?

	----- Will increase -----			---- Will not increase ----			No
	NET	A great deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	op.
6/14/20	59	19	40	39	32	7	2

Q27. Overall, has Floyd's killing made you feel any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	Black	All U.S.
a. Shocked	24	31
b. Troubled	61	53
c. Afraid	37	16
d. Sad	73	64
e. Angry	72	45
f. Surprised	8	13

Q28. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Overall, how much has each of the following done as president to reduce discrimination against black Americans in the criminal justice system?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

	---- Has reduced ----			--- Has reduced less ---			No
	NET	A great deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Nothing	op.
a. Former president Barack Obama	59	31	28	39	29	11	2
b. President Donald Trump	3	2	1	94	9	86	2

Q29. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) If he were elected, how much do you think Joe Biden would do to reduce discrimination against black Americans in the criminal justice system?

	--- Will reduce ----			--- Will reduce less ---			No
	NET	A great deal	Some	NET	A little	Nothing	opinion
6/14/20	65	26	39	33	24	9	2

Q30. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Do you think each of the following is sympathetic to the problems of black people in this country, or not?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Donald Trump	7	90	3
b. Joe Biden	74	23	3

Q31. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) On another topic, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/14/20	12	3	9	86	16	70	2
1/8/20	7	2	5	90	16	75	2

Q32. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) As you may know, black Americans have died as a result of the coronavirus at a higher rate than other racial and ethnic groups. Do you think each of the following is a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason for the higher death rate among black Americans?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black Americans

	NET	Reason Major	Reason Minor	Not a reason	No opinion
a. Government leaders did not provide enough testing for black communities	87	64	23	11	2
b. Black Americans are more likely to have chronic health conditions	86	62	24	12	2
c. Many black Americans cannot afford quality health care	92	74	18	6	2
d. Government leaders do not care about preventing deaths among black Americans	83	59	24	14	3

Q33. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) What do you think is more important:

	Trying to control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy	Trying to restart the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the virus	No opinion
6/14/20	83	14	3

Q34. [FOR NON-BLACKS: On another topic,] Do you personally know anyone who has died from the coronavirus, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	31	68	1
6/14/20 All U.S.	13	86	1

Q35. (AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT PERSONALLY KNOW ANYONE WHO DIED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS) Have you or has anyone you personally know had symptoms of a possible coronavirus infection, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	30	69	*
6/14/20 All U.S.	30	70	0

NET Q34/Q35.

		- Know someone who died/had symptoms -			
	NET	Know someone who died	Self/know someone with symptoms	Don't know anyone	No opinion
6/14/20 Black	52	31	21	48	1
6/14/20 All U.S.	39	13	26	61	1

Q36. Lastly, do you think each of the following is biased against black people?

6/14/20 -- Summary table among black people

	Yes, is biased against black people	No, is not biased against black people	No opinion
a. Donald Trump	87	9	4
b. Joe Biden	17	78	4

6/14/20 -- Summary table among U.S. adults

	Yes, is biased against black people	No, is not biased against black people	No opinion
a. Donald Trump	57	40	2
b. Joe Biden	31	65	3

PARTYID Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:

	A Democrat	A Republican	An independent	Other party	No op.
6/14/20 Black	67	4	21	5	3
6/14/20 All U.S.	34	26	32	6	2
1/8/20 Black	70	5	20	4	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and Ipsos. The poll includes a random sample of 1,051 adults in the United States, as well as a partially overlapping sample of 1,153 non-Hispanic black adults. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The 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.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a representative panel of adults age 18 and over living in the United States. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a tablet and internet service.

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 sample and the non-Hispanic black sample were weighted separately to match the makeup of the respective population demographics by sex, region, metropolitan status, age, education and household income according to the Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey. The overall sample included an additional adjustment for race/ethnicity. Benchmarks for metropolitan status were from the Census Bureau's March 2019 Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error for the sample of non-Hispanic blacks is plus or minus four percentage points, while the error margin for the overall sample is 3.5 points. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.7 for the non-Hispanic black sample in this survey and 1.2 for the sample of U.S. adults overall. 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
Black adults	1,153	+/- 4 points
Black registered voters	989	4
All U.S. adults	1,051	3.5
White adults	742	4
Hispanic adults	115	10

