

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 71 July 2020  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JULY 27-AUGUST 2, 2020  
N=11,001**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1) [N=10,390]**

VOTEGEN If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=1,338]:**

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

*Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2*

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]:**

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

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:****ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1)**

VOTEGENA If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for...

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGENA (VOTEGENA=3, 99):**

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

Apr 8-12 <u>2020</u> <sup>1</sup>	
45	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
47	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden
8	Vote for neither/Other
*	No Answer

<sup>1</sup> Based on registered voters. 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. In W65 survey, respondents who skipped VOTEGENA or selected neither or other were given explicit "Neither" in the follow-up question about leaning toward either candidate.

**VOTEGEN TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...  
2016 TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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> <sup>2</sup>	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
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

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

VOTEGEN2 And would you say ...

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,150]**

July 27-Aug 2

2020

**Among Trump supporters (VOTEGEN=1) [N=3,204]**

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) [N=4,946]**

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

**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>
<b>Among Trump supporters</b>					
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
<b>Among Clinton supporters</b>					
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

<sup>2.</sup> Survey 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 U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1) [N=10,390]**

VOTEGEN If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... [RANDOMIZE  
**OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=1,338]:**

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... [SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]

Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2

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

VOTESTRONG Do you support [Joe Biden/Donald Trump]...

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]:**

	<b>Trump</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Moderately/ Lean Trump</i>	No answer	<b>Biden</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Moderately/ Lean Biden</i>	No answer	<b>Neither</b>	No answer
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	45	30	15	*	53	24	29	*	2	*

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<b>Trump</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Clinton</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	(VOL.) <b>Other/ DK/Ref</b>
Jun 15-26, 2016	42	19	22	1	51	23	27	1	7

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

	<b>Romney</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Obama</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Stein</b>	(VOL.) <b>Other/ DK/Ref</b>
<b>2012</b>											
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 <sup>3</sup>	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	30	20	*	n/a	n/a	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42				49				n/a	n/a	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49				n/a	n/a	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				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
<b>2008</b>											
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	1	50	36	14	*	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	42	23	19	*	49	33	15	1	n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	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
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

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

## TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

<b>2004</b>	<b>Bush</b>	<i>Only</i>			<b>Kerry</b>	<i>Only</i>			<b>Nader</b>	<b>Other/ DK/Ref</b>	
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1	8	
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1	9	
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2	9	
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1	7	
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	2	6	
July, 2004	44				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	
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
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				47				n/a	6	
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	7	
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	8	
<b>2000</b>	<b>Bush</b>	<i>Only</i>			<b>Gore</b>	<i>Only</i>			<b>Nader</b>	<b>Buchanan</b>	<b>Other/ DK/Ref</b>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
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	51				39				n/a	4	6
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
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				n/a	n/a	7
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7

## TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

1996	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		
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				44				16	6
March, 1996	35				44				16	5
September, 1995	36				42				19	3
July, 1994	36				39				20	5
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>										
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

1992	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		
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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>										
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

1988	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Dukakis</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	
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

## ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTPRESTRUMP EMTPRESBIDEN  
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,501]:**

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, DISPLAY IN SAME  
ORDER AS EMTPRESBIDEN**]

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

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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

Nov 29- Dec 12 <u>2016</u>		Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016<sup>4</sup></u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	Apr 5- May 2 <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 EMTPRESEBIDEN  
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N =5,501]:**

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, DISPLAY IN SAME  
ORDER AS EMTPRESTRUMP**]

July 27- Aug 2, <u>2020</u>	
8	Excited
43	Relieved
32	Disappointed
16	Angry
2	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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

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

**ASK ALL:**  
WHOWIN2

Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?  
[RANDOMIZE]

July 27-  
Aug 2,  
2020

51	Donald Trump
46	Joe Biden
3	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

WHOWIN2 *Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?*

Jan 6-19  
2020

16	Donald Trump will definitely win
29	Donald Trump will probably win
19	Democratic candidate will probably win
6	Democratic candidate will definitely win
29	Don't know
1	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK IF FORM 1 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =1 OR VOTEGEN3 =1) [N=2,028]**

DTPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,762]**

July 27-  
Aug 2,  
2020

- 23 LEADERSHIP/PERFORMANCE**
- 21 ISSUE POSITIONS**
- 19 HE IS NOT BIDEN**
- 17 HE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 16 VOTE FOR REPUBLICANS/AGAINST DEMOCRATS**
- 11 NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**
  - 6 Tells it like it is/Not PC
  - 5 Personality/Temperament
- 12 OTHER**
- 13 REFUSED**

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

DTPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you **[IF VOTEGENA=1: support]**  
**[IF VOTEGENB=1: lean toward]** Donald Trump for president?

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD TRUMP**

Aug 16-  
Sep 12  
2016

- 33 NOT OR NOT AS BAD AS CLINTON/VOTE AGAINST HER**
- 27 NET CHANGE/OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM**
  - 12 Outsider/Not a politician
  - 8 Will change things/Shake things up/Need new blood
  - 4 Business experience/Successful businessman
  - 4 Will not be influenced by special interests/Not corrupt
  - 2 Change from Obama
- 26 NET ISSUE POSITIONS**
  - 10 Economic policy (debt, trade, taxes, jobs, middle class)
  - 8 Immigration
  - 7 Defense and military/Terrorism/Law and order/Keep American safe
  - 4 Supreme Court appointments
  - 7 Other specific issues/General issues/Represents my values
- 19 NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS/ASSOCIATIONS**
  - 13 He tells it like it is/Not politically correct/Honest/Trusted
  - 7 Personality/Right person for job
- 10 MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN/HE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES**
- 4 NET HE'S A REPUBLICAN/NOT A DEMOCRAT**
  - 2 Republican nominee/He's a Republican/He's conservative
- 4 OTHER**
- 7 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*



**ASK IF FORM 1 AND BIDEN SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =2 OR VOTEGEN3 =2) [N=3,068]**

JBPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,710]**

July 27-

Aug 2,

2020

<b>56</b>	<b>HE IS NOT TRUMP</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP/PERFORMANCE</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>PERSONALITY/TEMPERAMENT</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>ISSUE POSITIONS</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS/AGAINST REPUBLICANS</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>HE IS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

HRCPRES In your own words, what is the main reason you **[IF VOTEGENA=2: support]** **[IF VOTEGENB=2: lean toward]** Hillary Clinton for president?

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD CLINTON**

Aug 16-

Sep 12

2016

<b>32</b>	<b>NET EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS/ABILITY TO GOVERN</b>
27	Experience/Qualified/Political knowledge
6	Ability to govern/Competence/Will get things done
<b>32</b>	<b>NOT OR NOT AS BAD AS TRUMP/VOTE AGAINST HIM</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>NET ISSUE POSITIONS</b>
3	Economic policy (jobs, taxes, middle class and poor)
3	Immigration
3	Supreme Court appointments
2	Foreign policy/Relationship with other countries
13	Other specific issues/General issues/Represents my values
<b>17</b>	<b>NET PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS/ASSOCIATIONS</b>
12	Temperament/Personality
4	Woman/First woman president
<b>5</b>	<b>NET SHE'S A DEMOCRAT/NOT A REPUBLICAN</b>
5	Democratic nominee/She's a Democrat/She's liberal
<b>3</b>	<b>SHE IS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**ASK IF FORM 2 AND TRUMP SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =1 OR VOTEGEN3 =1) [N=2,067]**

DTCRN And while you support or lean toward Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, what, if anything, concerns you about him?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,813]**

July 27-  
Aug 2,  
2020

<b>25</b>	<b>TEMPERAMENT/RUDE/NARCISSISTIC</b>
13	Speaks without thinking/hot-headed
<b>14</b>	<b>USE OF TWITTER</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>CONCERNS ABOUT HIS PERFORMANCE AND RECORD</b>
1	Age or health
<b>9</b>	<b>ISSUES POSITIONS</b>
3	COVID-19
<b>5</b>	<b>NEGATIVITY TOWARD HIM</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>NOTHING</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>DK/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

DTCRN And while you [**IF VOTEGENA=1**: support] [**IF VOTEGENB=1**: lean toward] Donald Trump for president, what, if anything, concerns you about him as a candidate?

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD TRUMP**

Aug 16-  
Sep 12  
2016

<b>40</b>	<b>NET PERSONALITY TRAITS</b>
34	Temperament – Speaks without thinking/Unpredictable/Hot-headed
2	Arrogance
2	Lack of presidential traits
<b>11</b>	<b>NET CONCERNS ABOUT PERFORMANCE/GRIDLOCK</b>
4	Lack of experience
3	Lack of knowledge of foreign affairs/Ineptitude with other countries
2	Will be ineffective with/Obstructed by Congress or Republican Party
<b>3</b>	<b>NET ISSUE POSITIONS</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>NEGATIVITY TOWARD HIM/HE MAY LOSE</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NET OTHER</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>NO CONCERNS</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**ASK IF FORM 2 AND BIDEN SUPPORTERS (VOTEGEN =2 OR VOTEGEN3 =2) [N=3,045]**

JBCRN And while you support or lean toward Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election, what, if anything, concerns you about him as a candidate?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,701]**

July 27-  
Aug 2,  
2020

<b>31</b>	<b>AGE/HEALTH</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>ISSUE POSITIONS</b>
5	Too conservative/Not liberal enough
2	Too liberal/Will be pulled left
<b>12</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE AS A CANDIDATE</b>
5	VP and cabinet appointments
<b>11</b>	<b>HIS PAST/ASSOCIATIONS/EVENTS</b>
4	Behavior toward women/Misconduct allegations
<b>10</b>	<b>WHAT HE WOULD FACE AS PRESIDENT</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>PERSONALITY TRAITS</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>NOTHING</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>DK/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

HRCCRN And while you [**IF VOTEGENA=2: support**] [**IF VOTEGENB=2: lean toward**] Hillary Clinton for president, what, if anything, concerns you about her as a candidate?

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO SUPPORT/LEAN TOWARD CLINTON**

Aug 16-  
Sep 12  
2016

<b>18</b>	<b>NET PERSONALITY TRAITS</b>
14	Dishonest/Untrustworthy/Disingenuous
3	Secrecy/Lack of transparency/Not forthright with press
<b>16</b>	<b>NET PAST/ASSOCIATIONS/EVENTS</b>
5	Corruption/Ties to financial interests/Wall Street
3	Positions on war/Hawkish
3	Email server
5	Political legacy (general)
<b>5</b>	<b>NET ISSUE POSITIONS</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NEGATIVITY TOWARD HER/SHE MAY LOSE</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>NET CONCERNS ABOUT PERFORMANCE/GRIDLOCK</b>
2	Concerns about barriers to governing/Gridlock/Obstruction from GOP
<b>7</b>	<b>NET OTHER</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>NO CONCERNS</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**ASK ALL:**

ISSUEPRES How important, if at all, are each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=4,538]</b>					
a. Immigration July 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	34	10	3	*
b. Abortion July 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	28	19	13	1
c. Foreign policy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	35	6	2	*
d. Economic Inequality July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	34	12	5	1
e. The coronavirus outbreak July 27-Aug 2, 2020	62	22	10	5	*
f. Violent crime July 27-Aug2, 2020	59	27	10	4	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=4,576]</b>					
g. The economy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	17	2	1	*
h. Health care July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	24	6	2	*
i. Racial and ethnic inequality July 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	28	13	7	*
j. Climate change July 27-Aug 2, 2020	42	26	18	14	*
k. Gun policy July 27-Aug 2, 2020	55	29	13	4	*
l. Supreme court appointments July 27-Aug 2, 2020	64	26	8	2	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

VOTING

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

**[RANDOMIZE]**

	Voting gives people like me some say about how <u>government runs things</u>	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how <u>government runs things</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	63	36	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	31	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	38	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTYR

Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities in the past year. **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Yes, in the past <u>year</u>	No, not in the <u>past year</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>NO ITEM A</b>			
b. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	6	93	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	7	92	1
<b>NO ITEM C</b>			
d. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	20	80	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	16	83	1
<b>NO ITEM E</b>			
f. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media			
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	29	71	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018 <sup>5</sup>	30	70	1

See [here](#) for trend on previous question about civic engagement.

<sup>5</sup>. In August 2018, this item was asked as "Publicly expressed your support for a candidate, elected official or political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media"

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTYR\_d=1) [N=2,985]:**

CONTRHOWMUCH Thinking about the contributions you have made to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate in the past year, would you say all of those contributions added up to...

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
52	Less than \$100	53
32	\$100 to less than \$250	31
16	More than \$250	15
1	No Answer	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK IF FORM 1 [N=5,500]:**

VTEASY Overall, do 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 [N=4,538]**

July 27- Aug 2 <u>2020</u>	
23	Very easy
28	Somewhat easy
38	Somewhat difficult
11	Very difficult
1	No answer

**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:**

VOTEHOW Thinking ahead to the election in November, would your preference be to ...

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=9,114]**

July 27-

Aug 2

2020

40	Vote in person on Election Day
18	Vote in person early
39	Vote by mail
3	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>6</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
28	29	27	14	1	17	21

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<sup>6</sup>. Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.

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JULY 2020 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JULY 23-AUG 4, 2020  
N=1,750**

**QUESTIONS 1-2,9,12-14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE  
NO QUESTIONS 3-8, 10-11**

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election ... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
<b>2020 Election</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	50	31	12	7	*
<b>2016 Election</b>					
Oct 20-25, 2016	55	35	7	3	*
Aug 9-16, 2016	50	36	10	4	*
Jun 15-26, 2016	51	35	11	3	1
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	55	31	8	5	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	61	27	8	3	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	47	33	13	5	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	44	34	15	7	*
Jun 7-17, 2012 <sup>7</sup>	37	35	18	9	*
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	56	33	8	3	*
Late October, 2008	53	33	9	4	1
Mid-October, 2008	54	35	7	4	*
Mid-September, 2008	50	38	8	4	*
June, 2008	46	34	12	7	1
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	52	36	8	4	*
Mid-October, 2004	54	29	11	5	1
Early September, 2004	46	35	11	7	1
August, 2004	38	38	14	10	*
July, 2004	34	39	16	11	1
June, 2004	32	36	18	13	1
April, 2004	31	33	19	16	1
Mid-March, 2004	35	34	18	13	*
Late February, 2004	24	40	23	12	1
Early February, 2004	29	37	20	13	1
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	39	44	12	5	*
Mid-October, 2000	40	37	15	8	*
Early October, 2000	42	36	15	6	1
September, 2000	27	46	18	8	1
July, 2000	25	40	19	15	1
June, 2000	27	34	22	16	1
April, 2000	18	39	22	20	1
March, 2000	26	41	19	13	1

<sup>7</sup> For June 7-17, 2012, and earlier surveys (except for July 1992), question was asked as part of a list. In 2000, the story was listed as "News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election. In 1988, the story was introduced as being from "this past year" and was listed as "News about the presidential campaign in 1988."



**CAMPNII CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
February, 2000	26	36	21	17	*
January, 2000	19	34	28	18	1
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	34	45	15	6	*
Early September, 1996	29	39	19	13	*
July, 1996	25	42	21	11	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
October, 1992	55	36	7	2	0
September, 1992	47	36	11	6	*
August, 1992	36	51	11	2	0
July, 1992	24	47	24	5	*
May, 1992	32	44	16	8	*
<b>1988 Election</b>					
October, 1988	43	44	11	2	*
August, 1988	39	45	13	3	*
May, 1988	22	46	23	6	3

See full CAMPNII trend based on the general public here.

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT      How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election ... Quite a lot or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Quite a lot</u>	<b>(VOL.) Some</b>	<u>Only a little</u>	<b>(VOL.) None</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
<b>2020 Election</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	75	2	22	1	*
<b>2016 Election</b>					
Oct 20-25, 2016	84	3	12	1	1
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	75	4	17	3	1
Aug 9-16, 2016	80	1	17	1	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	80	3	15	1	*
Apr 12-19, 2016	79	4	14	1	1
Mar 17-26, 2016	85	3	12	1	*
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	81	2	14	2	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	78	3	15	3	1
Oct 4-7, 2012	73	3	21	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1

## THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
<b>1988 Election</b>					
Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0
Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0
Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0
Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0

## ASK ALL:

Q.17 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2016 — the last presidential election year?

	More	Less	(VOL.) Same	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>2020 Election</b>				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	54	25	20	1
<b>2016 Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	58	19	21	2
<b>2012 Election</b>				

**Q.17 CONTINUED...**

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	45	34	19	2
<b>2008 Election</b>				
Mid-September, 2008	63	13	22	2
June, 2008	60	20	18	2
<b>2004 Election</b>				
June, 2004	47	28	23	2
<b>2000 Election</b>				
June, 2000	38	38	22	2
<b>1996 Election</b>				
July, 1996	42	38	19	1
June, 1996	41	35	22	2
<b>1992 Election</b>				
June, 1992	55	24	19	2
March, 1992	57	27	14	2

**NO QUESTIONS 18-19****ASK ALL:**

Q.20 What's your impression...do **[RANDOMIZE: Donald Trump and Joe Biden]** take different positions on the issues, or are they pretty similar in their positions on the issues?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Different</u>	<u>Similar</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b>			
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	86	9	5
<b>Obama/Romney</b>			
June 7-17, 2012	75	17	8
<b>Obama/McCain</b>			
June 2008	75	17	8
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>			
June 2004	68	21	11
<b>Bush/Gore</b>			
Late Oct 2000	60	34	6
Early Oct 2000	61	30	9
Sept 2000	56	32	12
June 2000	51	33	16
July 1999	47	24	29

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 What's your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Fairly satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2020</b>					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	21	27	27	21	4
<b>2016</b>					
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	10	22	30	33	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	13	27	27	31	2
<b>2012</b>					
September 20-23, 2012	20	35	21	18	6

**Q.21 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Fairly satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June 7-17, 2012	17	39	26	14	3
<b>2008</b>					
Mid-September, 2008 <sup>8</sup>	24	48	17	9	2
June, 2008	19	41	24	14	2
<b>2004</b>					
Mid-October, 2004	23	43	22	9	3
June, 2004	17	48	19	12	4
<b>2000</b>					
June, 2000	14	50	22	11	3
March, 2000	13	47	27	11	2
July, 1999	13	40	25	12	10
<b>1996</b>					
Late October, 1996	11	48	27	11	3
Late September, 1996	11	50	26	10	3
June, 1996	10	37	31	18	4
<b>1992</b>					
October, 1992	10	41	33	14	2
August, 1992	11	42	31	15	27
June, 1992	6	29	36	27	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2020 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,455]:**

	<u>Really matters who wins the election</u>	<u>Things will pretty much be the same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	83	16	1
Oct 20-25, 2016	77	19	4
Jun 15-26, 2016	74	22	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	76	20	4
Jun 7-17, 2012	63	34	3
Oct 2008	72	24	4
Mid-Sep 2008	70	24	6
June 2008	63	32	5
Jun 2004	67	29	4
Mid-Mar 2004	70	26	4
Jun 2000	50	44	6
Aug 1976 <sup>9</sup>	45	46	9

**NO QUESTION 23**

<sup>8</sup> In September 2008, June 2008, June 2004, and March 2000 the question was worded "As it's shaping up so far, what's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?"

<sup>9</sup> August 1976 question asked by Opinion Research Corporation, based on general public.

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=849]:**

Q.24F1 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between [**RANDOMIZE**: Joe Biden and Donald Trump] because EITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=715]:**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b> July 23-Aug 4, 2020	8	91	1
<b>Trump/Clinton</b> June 15-26, 2016	11	87	2
<b>Obama/Romney</b> June 7-12, 2012	24	73	3
<b>Obama/McCain</b> June 2008	29	67	4
<b>Kerry/Bush</b> June 2004	19	77	4
<b>Gore/Bush</b> June 2000	29	64	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:**

Q.25F2 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between [**RANDOMIZE**: Joe Biden and Donald Trump] because NEITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=740]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
<b>Trump/Biden</b> July 23-Aug 4, 2020	21	78	2
<b>Trump/Clinton</b> June 15-26, 2016	41	56	3
<b>Obama/Romney</b> June 7-12, 2012	29	67	4
<b>Obama/McCain</b> June 2008	31	65	4
<b>Kerry/Bush</b> June 2004	26	68	6
<b>Gore/Bush</b> June 2000	36	58	6

**NO QUESTIONS 26-33**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Overall, how would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it **[READ ITEM a. FIRST, THEN RANDOMIZE ITEMS b. THRU c.]**

	<u>Interesting</u>	<u>Dull</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	46	47	3	4
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<b>2016 Presidential Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	73	21	5	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	67	26	4	3
<b>2012 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 18-21, 2012	63	28	5	4
Sep 7-9, 2012	53	37	5	6
Jun 21-24, 2012	34	56	4	5
Mar 22-25, 2012	38	52	4	7
Jan 12-15, 2012	36	55	3	5
Oct 20-23, 2011	35	51	4	10
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 10-13, 2008	71	25	3	1
Sep 12-15, 2008	68	26	5	1
June, 2008	59	35	2	4
Apr 18-21, 2008	59	35	5	1
Feb 15-18, 2008	70	25	4	1
November, 2007	41	53	3	3
October, 2007	37	55	5	3
April, 2007	34	52	6	8
<b>2004 Presidential Election</b>				
Mid-October, 2004 (RV)	66	28	5	1
Early September, 2004 (RV)	50	42	6	2
June, 2004	33	57	4	6
<b>2000 Presidential Election</b>				
June, 2000	28	65	4	3
<b>1996 Presidential Election</b>				
July, 1996	21	73	3	3
	<u>Too negative</u>	<u>Not too negative</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	51	40	3	5
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<b>2016 Presidential Election</b>				
Jun 15-26, 2016	65	30	3	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	54	39	2	4
<b>2012 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 18-21, 2012	55	37	3	5
Sep 7-9, 2012	51	39	3	6
Jun 21-24, 2012	53	37	3	8
Mar 22-25, 2012	52	34	3	11
Jan 12-15, 2012	50	41	1	7
Oct 20-23, 2011	44	41	4	11
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>				
Oct 10-13, 2008	55	41	3	1
Sep 12-15, 2008	43	51	4	2
Apr 18-21, 2008	50	44	4	2
Feb 15-18, 2008	28	66	3	3
<b>2004 Presidential Election</b>				
Mid-October, 2004 (RV)	57	38	3	2

**Q.34b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	Too <u>negative</u>	Not too <u>negative</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 2004 (RV)	62	32	1	5
June, 2004	45	46	2	7
Mid-March, 2004	47	47	2	4
	Focused on important policy <u>debates</u>	Not focused on important policy <u>debates</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. July 23-Aug 4, 2020	<u>32</u>	59	3	<u>5</u>

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:****2016 Presidential Election**

Jun 15-26, 2016	27	65	4	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	34	58	2	6

**NO QUESTIONS 35-39, 41-45,47  
QUESTIONS 40, 46 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Thinking about the political parties ...

Q.48 Which party could do a better job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?][IF NECESSARY READ CATEGORIES: The Republican Party or the Democratic Party]

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=849]:</b>					
a.F1 Dealing with terrorism					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	45	35	7	7	6
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Dealing with the terrorist threat at home</i>					
Jun 5-12, 2018	43	32	10	7	7
Oct 25-30, 2017	37	38	12	9	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	48	36	8	6	3
Apr 12-19, 2016	46	37	5	8	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	46	34	4	9	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	44	34	8	9	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	51	31	10	5	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9	14
May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28

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		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.F1	Dealing with global climate change					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	26	56	3	8	6
	Apr 12-19, 2016	30	51	4	10	5
	Dec 8-13, 2015	32	46	2	8	11
c.F1	Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	35	50	3	6	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	31	50	4	5	9
	Oct 25-30, 2017	33	47	6	7	7
	Apr 5-11, 2017	33	53	3	6	6
	Jul 14-20, 2015	31	50	4	8	7
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	43	3	7	7
	Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5	11
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7
d.F1	Handling law enforcement and criminal justice					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	43	42	4	7	5
e.F1	Handling the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	34	46	4	10	6
f.F1	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	40	39	3	11	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	41	35	6	12	6
	Oct 25-30, 2017	37	39	6	12	6
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	37	5	12	5
	Oct 15-20, 2014	42	36	4	10	8
	Jan 15-19, 2014	45	35	6	6	8
	Sep 4-8, 2013	43	35	7	9	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	40	39	7	8	6
	Dec 5-9, 2012	43	38	4	7	9
	Mar 7-11, 2012	42	41	2	7	7
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
	Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8
	May 25-30, 2011 <sup>10</sup>	41	38	4	9	8
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
	May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
	February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
	Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
	June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
	December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15

<sup>10</sup> From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" an experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a standalone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."



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		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=901]:</b>						
g.F2	Dealing with the economy					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	47	40	4	5	4
	Sep 18-24, 2018	40	41	6	5	7
	Jun 5-12, 2018	45	36	8	6	5
	Oct 25-30, 2017	38	41	11	7	3
	Apr 5-11, 2017	46	43	5	5	2
	Apr 12-19, 2016	45	41	4	6	4
	Dec 8-13, 2015	42	37	4	9	7
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	44	4	8	4
	Feb 18-22, 2015	44	41	7	6	3
	Oct 15-20, 2014	41	39	6	8	6
	Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
	Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
	Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
	May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
	May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
	Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
	May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
	February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
	October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
	September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
	February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
	Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
	July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
	Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
	January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
	May, 2001 <sup>11</sup>	33	44	8	5	10
	June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
	March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
	Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
	March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
	October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
	Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
	Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
h.F2	Dealing with health care					
	July 23-Aug 4, 2020	37	50	4	6	4
	Sep 18-24, 2018	35	51	3	5	6
	Jun 5-12, 2018	32	48	8	7	5
	Oct 25-30, 2017	32	50	6	9	3
	Apr 5-11, 2017	35	54	2	6	3
	Jul 14-20, 2015	36	46	4	9	5
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	47	4	7	2
	Oct 15-20, 2014	38	46	3	7	6
	Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
	Jan 15-19, 2014	37	45	3	6	8
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
	Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6

<sup>11</sup> In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

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Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14
i.F2	<i>Dealing with immigration</i>				
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	39	48	3	6	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	39	46	4	5	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	48	6	6	6
Oct 25-30, 2017	38	44	6	7	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	50	2	6	3
Apr 12-19, 2016	42	44	3	7	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	40	3	9	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	40	42	4	9	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	43	45	4	4	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	40	5	7	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9

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	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
<b>j.F2</b>					
Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	42	5	7	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	37	45	6	5	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	36	44	8	6	7
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	44	7	9	6
Apr 5-11, 2017	36	49	5	6	4
Apr 12-19, 2016	46	38	4	8	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	38	41	5	8	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	35	6	6	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	40	39	6	9	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
July, 1994 <sup>12</sup>	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
<b>k.F2</b>					
Reflecting your views about gun policy					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	46	42	2	5	5
Jun 5-12, 2018	38	44	4	7	7
Oct 25-30, 2017	39	44	4	5	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	46	41	2	5	6
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reflecting your views about gun control</i>					
Dec 8-13, 2015	43	37	3	8	10
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	36	3	6	7
May 1-5, 2013	42	39	4	6	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
Dec 17-19, 2012 <sup>13</sup>	27	28	12	15	18
July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21
Late October, 2002 (RV)	36	38	5	5	16
April, 2000	30	36	4	7	23
June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18
<b>l.F2</b>					
Dealing with issues involving race and ethnicity					
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	35	49	5	8	4

<sup>12</sup> In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."  
<sup>13</sup> In December 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

**Q.48IF2 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 5-12, 2018	28	52	8	6	6

**NO QUESTION 49, 52,55-56,59-65**

**QUESTIONS 50-51 , 53-54,57-58,66 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	26	30	39	2	1	2	16	18
Jan 8-13, 2020	27	27	39	3	1	2	15	18
Sep 5-16, 2019	26	29	39	2	1	2	15	18
July 10-15, 2019	28	30	36	3	1	2	15	17
Mar 20-25, 2019	26	30	37	3	1	3	14	19
Jan 9-14, 2019	25	31	40	2	1	2	16	18
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	32	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	31	38	3	1	2	15	18
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	27	28	38	4	1	2	14	19
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2019	26.4	30.2	37.9	2.5	1.0	2.1	15.1	18.0
2018	25.7	30.8	37.6	3.0	.8	2.0	14.7	18.3
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

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