

Sample 1,145 U.S. Adults  
 Conducted August 21-23, 2020  
 Margin of Error ±4%

## 1. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	23%	25%	13%	32%	6%
Donald Trump	25%	15%	10%	47%	3%
Mike Pence	21%	17%	13%	38%	10%
Kamala Harris	25%	20%	12%	31%	12%

## 2. How much attention are you paying to the Presidential election?

A lot	35%
Some	34%
A little	23%
None	8%

## 3. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 Presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	57%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	8%
Probably will not vote	4%
Definitely will not vote	15%
Don't know	5%

## 4. Who will you vote for in the election for President in November?

*Among registered voters; half of respondents were shown the presidential candidates' names alone, the other half were shown the names of both the presidential candidates and their running mates*

Joe Biden (and Kamala Harris)	50%
Donald Trump (and Mike Pence)	39%
Other	3%
Undecided	7%
Will not vote	2%

## 5. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?

*Among registered voters who intend to vote for either Joe Biden or Donald Trump*

I will definitely vote for [Joe Biden/Donald Trump] in November.	96%
There is a chance I will change my mind between now and the election.	4%

6. Is your vote more a vote FOR [Joe Biden/Donald Trump] or a vote AGAINST [Donald Trump/Joe Biden]?

*Among registered voters who intend to vote for either Joe Biden or Donald Trump*

For [Joe Biden/Donald Trump]	67%
Against [Donald Trump/Joe Biden]	33%

7. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate	50%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	0%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	2%

8. How do you plan to vote in November?

*Among those planning to vote*

By mail	35%
In person on election day	37%
In person before election day	11%
Not sure	17%

9. Did you watch any of the live broadcasts of the Democratic national conventions this past week?

Yes	34%
No	66%

10. How did you watch? Check all that apply.

*Among DNC Watchers*

On a broadcast network (ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS)	45%
On a cable news network (CNN, Fox News, MSNBC)	46%
Via online streaming or a set-top app	20%

11. On which nights did you watch live convention coverage? Check all that apply.

*Among DNC Watchers*

Monday night	48%
Tuesday night	59%
Wednesday night	56%
Thursday night	54%

12. Did you watch more or less of the Democratic convention than you have in previous years?

*Among DNC Watchers*

Watched more	38%
Watched less	22%
About the same	35%
Not sure	5%

13. How would you rate the convention?

*Among DNC Watchers*

Excellent .....	32%
Good .....	32%
Fair .....	23%
Poor .....	13%

14. Was the virtual format better or worse than a normal convention?

*Among DNC Watchers*

Better .....	46%
Worse .....	27%
About the same .....	27%

15. Did the convention go better or worse than you expected?

*Among DNC Watchers*

Better .....	55%
Worse .....	16%
About the same .....	28%

16. Did the Democratic convention make you more or less likely to vote for Joe Biden?

*Among DNC Watchers*

More likely .....	48%
Less likely .....	15%
About the same .....	37%

17. Did the Democratic convention make you more or less excited about voting for Joe Biden?

*Among DNC Watchers Voting for Biden*

More excited .....	69%
Less excited .....	0%
About the same .....	31%

18. Which of these leadership qualities does Joe Biden possess? Check all that apply.

Strength .....	25%
Audacity .....	11%
Empathy .....	38%
Honesty .....	31%
Competence .....	32%
Takes responsibility .....	30%
Decency .....	37%
Intelligence .....	34%
None of the above .....	36%

19. Here are some statements about Joe Biden. Please tell us which you agree or disagree with.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The only thing Joe Biden cares about is himself.	30%	48%	22%
Joe Biden says what other politicians are afraid to say.	25%	48%	27%
Joe Biden stands up for people like me.	41%	39%	20%
Joe Biden is a good person.	49%	27%	24%
Joe Biden shares my values.	37%	41%	22%
Joe Biden has the mental ability a president needs.	44%	38%	18%

20. Do you think Joe Biden respects women?

Yes	46%
No	32%
Not sure	22%

21. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	21%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	20%

22. Did Joe Biden make the right decision in picking Kamala Harris as his running mate?

Yes	41%
No	32%
Not sure	27%

23. How would you rate Joe Biden's choice of Kamala Harris as his running mate?

Excellent	25%
Good	21%
Fair	10%
Poor	29%
Not sure	15%

24. Do you think it was a good or bad idea for Joe Biden to consider only women as possible running mates?

A good idea	38%
A bad idea	27%
Neither good nor bad	35%

25. Do you think it was a good or bad idea for Joe Biden to pick a black woman as his running mate?

A good idea	41%
A bad idea	14%
Neither good nor bad	45%

26. Should anything happen to Joe Biden, do you think Kamala Harris is ready to serve as president?

Yes	39%
No	39%
Not sure	22%

27. If Joe Biden is elected president and decides to only serve one term, would you support Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's 2024 nominee?

*Among Democrats*

Yes	50%
No	8%
Too early to say	36%
Not sure	6%

28. Is Kamala Harris the most liberal person in the U.S. Senate?

Yes	23%
No	35%
Not sure	42%

29. Is Kamala Harris a radical?

Yes	27%
No	37%
Not sure	36%

30. Who do you think will do better in the 2020 vice presidential debate?

Kamala Harris	47%
Mike Pence	33%
Not sure	20%

31. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	24%

32. Do you plan to watch any of the live broadcasts of the Republican national convention this year?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	51%
Not sure .....	21%

33. The broadcast television networks plan to air an hour of live coverage for four nights for each convention. How much of next week's Republican convention do you plan to watch?

All .....	7%
Most .....	13%
Some .....	31%
None .....	49%

34. Are you more or less interested in this year's Republican convention than usual?

More interested .....	16%
Less interested .....	30%
The same .....	41%
Not sure .....	12%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve .....	23%
Somewhat approve .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	43%
Not sure .....	6%

36. Which of these leadership qualities does Donald Trump possess? Check all that apply.

Strength .....	33%
Audacity .....	33%
Empathy .....	18%
Honesty .....	23%
Competence .....	28%
Takes responsibility .....	26%
Decency .....	18%
Intelligence .....	29%
None of the above .....	41%

37. Here are some statements about Donald Trump. Please tell us which you agree or disagree with.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The only thing Donald Trump cares about is himself.	56%	33%	11%
Donald Trump says what other politicians are afraid to say.	59%	28%	13%
Donald Trump stands up for people like me.	34%	56%	11%
Donald Trump is a good person.	30%	54%	16%
Donald Trump shares my values.	31%	57%	12%
Donald Trump has the mental ability a president needs.	37%	53%	10%

38. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	10%

39. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	15%
Out of control	71%
Not sure	15%

40. What comes closest to your view?

Things are under control	15%
Trump will protect us from the chaos	21%
Trump is the source of the chaos	48%
Not sure	16%

41. How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

	Very big problem	Somewhat big problem	Small problem	Not a problem
The coronavirus pandemic	60%	20%	14%	5%
Race relations	46%	31%	18%	4%
The economy	45%	35%	15%	5%
Political correctness	34%	30%	23%	13%
Protesters who want to tear down statues	41%	22%	22%	14%
Violent crime	48%	32%	17%	3%

42. Over the past four years, have things in the U.S. generally gotten better or worse?

Gotten better	24%
No change	15%
Gotten worse	61%

43. When you think about the future of the country, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic?

Optimistic .....	35%
Pessimistic .....	32%
Unsure .....	33%

44. How important are each of the following leadership qualities in a president right now?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not important
Strength	67%	23%	8%	2%
Audacity	36%	28%	21%	15%
Empathy	59%	28%	10%	4%
Honesty	76%	16%	6%	2%
Competence	78%	14%	5%	2%
Takes responsibility	79%	14%	5%	3%
Decency	66%	24%	7%	3%
Intelligence	80%	13%	5%	2%

45. How worried are you about the following things happening in the 2020 election?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Slightly worried	Not worried
Fraudulent postal voting	30%	24%	16%	30%
Interference by foreign countries	27%	25%	22%	25%
Legitimate mail ballots will not be counted	41%	29%	15%	16%
The outcome of the election will not be accepted by one of the candidates	33%	28%	19%	20%
People will be prevented from voting	34%	24%	17%	25%

46. Do you think the U.S. Postal Service should be provided with funding to ensure there are no delays in mail delivery during the election?

Yes .....	60%
No .....	23%
Not sure .....	17%

47. Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that the 2020 election will be "rigged" against him. Which comes closest to your view?

Trump legitimately fears that fraudulent postal-voting will cost him the election .....	43%
Trump is trying to delegitimize the outcome because he doesn't think he will win a majority of votes .....	57%

48. Which candidate is more likely to try to 'steal' the election?

Joe Biden .....	41%
Donald Trump .....	59%



**49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled COVID-19?**

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Not sure	4%

**50. How worried are you about COVID-19?**

Very worried	30%
Somewhat worried	39%
Not very worried	20%
Not worried at all	12%

**51. How would you describe the way most Americans are dealing with COVID-19?**

Most are underestimating the risks.	41%
Most are behaving appropriately.	32%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks.	18%
Not sure	9%

**52. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?**

Always	54%
Most of the time	26%
Some of the time	13%
Never	7%

**53. Should it be mandatory to wear a mask in public?**

Yes	68%
No	32%

**54. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled school reopening?**

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	9%

**55. Why do you believe some officials do not yet support fully reopening schools?**

Health reasons	63%
Political reasons	37%

56. Given the current state of the coronavirus pandemic, how should Democrats and Republicans be conducting their 2020 conventions: in person or remotely?

In person	31%
Remotely	69%

57. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	24%
Some of the time	38%
Only now and then	24%
Hardly at all	13%
Don't know	1%

58. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	35%
Republican	27%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

59. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	11%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	64%
Not registered	36%

61. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

62. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	19%

63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	62%
Black	12%
Hispanic	16%
Other	11%

64. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	40%
Some college	31%
College grad	21%
Postgrad	8%

65. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	47%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	13%
Prefer not to say	12%