

Yahoo! News Presidential Election - September 11, 2020 **YouGov**

Sample 1,577 U.S. Adults
Conducted September 9-11, 2020
Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	12%

2. When you registered to vote, did you register as a Democrat or a Republican or something else?

Among registered voters living in party registration states

Registered as a Democrat	45%
Registered as a Republican	33%
Other	3%
Not affiliated with any party	18%
Not sure	1%

3. How often would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections—that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections...?

Among registered voters

Always	46%
Nearly always	24%
Part of the time	11%
Seldom	8%
Never	7%
Unsure	2%

4. Do you usually vote in Democratic or Republican primary or caucus elections?

Among registered voters

Democratic primaries	47%
Republican primaries	34%
Both about equally	11%
Not sure	7%

5. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 presidential election in November?

Among registered voters

Definitely will vote	83%
Probably will vote	7%
Maybe will vote	2%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	4%
Don't know	1%

6. Who will you vote for in the election for president in November?

Among registered voters

Joe Biden	49%
Donald Trump	39%
Other	1%
Undecided	9%
Will not vote	2%

7. 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.	95%
There is a chance I will change my mind between now and the election.	5%

8. How do you plan to vote in November?

Among those planning to vote

By mail	40%
In person on election day	40%
In person before election day	14%
Not sure	6%

9. Have you requested a mail-in or absentee ballot?

Among those planning to vote by mail

Yes	89%
No	11%

10. Have you received a mail-in or absentee ballot?

Among those who have requested a mail-in or absentee ballot or live in a state that automatically sends mail-in ballots to all registered voters

Yes	19%
No	81%

11. As far as you know, what is the deadline for the return of mail-in ballots in your state?

Among registered voters

Must be received by election officials on or before election day	39%
Can be received after election day if postmarked on or before election day.	21%
Not sure	40%

12. How much do you care about who wins the presidential election in November?

Care a lot	67%
Care somewhat	17%
Care a little	8%
Do not care	8%

13. Which candidate do you think is most likely to win the presidential election in November?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	43%
Equally likely	22%

14. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in the district where you live, which party's candidate do you plan to vote for?

Among registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	49%
The Republican Party candidate	38%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	1%

15. How will most of your neighbors in the community where you live vote for president in November?

All or almost all for Joe Biden	8%
Most for Joe Biden	13%
About equally for Donald Trump and Joe Biden	9%
Most for Donald Trump	19%
All or almost all for Donald Trump	12%
Most will not vote	1%
I don't know how most will vote.	38%

16. Would it surprise many of your neighbors if they knew how you were planning to vote?

Yes	12%
No	55%
Not sure	33%

17. How often do you discuss politics with other people?

Every day	7%
A few times a week	18%
Occasionally	51%
Never	24%

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

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
Joe Biden is a radical socialist.	30%	40%	30%
Joe Biden wants to abolish the suburbs.	23%	40%	37%
If elected, Joe Biden will be controlled by the left wing of the Democratic party.	41%	31%	28%
Joe Biden doesn't have the mental acuity to be President.	40%	41%	19%
Joe Biden is honest and decent.	41%	36%	24%

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

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
Donald Trump only cares about himself.	52%	36%	12%
Donald Trump would like to be a dictator.	49%	34%	17%
Donald Trump says what other politicians are afraid to say.	56%	30%	14%
Donald Trump stands up for people like me.	37%	49%	14%

20. How much confidence do you have in the following institutions?

	A lot	Some	A little	None
The Military	45%	30%	15%	10%
U.S. Postal Service	31%	41%	19%	8%
CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)	22%	39%	28%	12%
Universities	17%	37%	26%	20%
The police	32%	32%	21%	15%
Churches and organized religion	24%	31%	23%	22%
The news media	11%	26%	30%	34%
FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)	17%	45%	28%	10%

21. Who shows more respect for the U.S. military?

Joe Biden	41%
Donald Trump	36%
Not sure	23%

22. Who would do a better job leading the U.S. military?

Joe Biden	41%
Donald Trump	38%
Not sure	22%

23. Have you read or heard anything about President Trump making disparaging remarks about members of the U.S. armed forces?

Yes	63%
No	25%
Not sure	12%

24. What effect, if any did these remarks have on how you intend to vote for President?

No effect	29%
Increased support for Biden	25%
Increased support for Trump	8%
Not heard remarks	37%

25. Here are some things that have been reported in the news recently. Please tell us whether you think each statement is true or false.

	True	False	Not sure
Donald Trump has referred to the U.S. armed forces, including those who died in battle, as "suckers" and "losers".	43%	36%	22%
Referring to the late Sen. John McCain, Donald Trump said "He's not a war hero" and "I like people who weren't captured."	57%	14%	29%
Donald Trump skipped a ceremony honoring Americans who died in World War I because he was concerned the rain would ruin his hair.	34%	39%	26%

26. A new book by journalist Bob Woodward reports that while Trump was telling Americans in February that coronavirus was no worse than a seasonal flu, he told Woodward that it was "deadly stuff" — "more deadly than even your strenuous flu" — while admitting that his goal was "to play it down." Does this information change your opinion of how well Trump has handled the coronavirus?

Yes	23%
No	77%

27. Does it make you more or less likely to vote for Trump in November?

Among those who say Trump's quotes in Woodward's book have changed their opinion of how well Trump has handled the coronavirus

More likely	11%
No effect	25%
Less likely	64%

28. How are race relations in the U.S.?

Generally good	24%
Generally bad	57%
Not sure	19%

29. How are race relations in your community?

Generally good	61%
Generally bad	17%
Not sure	22%

30. Is there a problem with systemic racism in America?

Yes	58%
No	24%
Not sure	19%

31. Which is the bigger problem in America today?

Systemic racism	49%
A breakdown of law and order	51%

32. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	29%
Not sure	13%

33. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
"Violent protest is never justified in the U.S. as a way for a group to accomplish its goals."	52%	18%	12%	7%	11%
"President Trump does not try to unite the American people—does not even pretend to try. Instead, he tries to divide us."	39%	13%	10%	26%	12%
"Racism is built into American society. The assumption of white superiority pervades schools, business, housing, and government."	26%	25%	11%	23%	14%
"I support the protests if they are peaceful, but they lose my support when they become violent."	46%	28%	10%	7%	8%

34. How would you describe the recent protests over police shootings of African-Americans?

Mostly peaceful protests	27%
About equally peaceful protests and violent riots	25%
Mostly violent riots	36%
Not sure	12%

35. Do you think the protests have gone too far?

Yes	57%
No	32%
Not sure	12%

36. Which is closer to your view?

Protesters want to improve America	53%
Protesters want to destroy America	47%

37. Should the protesters keep protesting or stop protesting?

Keep protesting	37%
Stop protesting	46%
Not sure	17%

38. Do you approve or disapprove the way Joe Biden has handled the protests of police shootings of African Americans?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	31%

39. Do you approve or disapprove the way Donald Trump has handled the protests of police shootings of African Americans?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	16%

40. Who do you think would have handled the protests better — Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

Biden better	40%
Trump better	31%
About the same	11%
Not sure	18%

41. Which comes closer to your view about when Donald Trump talks about race:

He makes things better	27%
He makes things worse	52%
Not sure	21%

42. If Joe Biden is elected president, will there be more or less violence of the sort seen in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

More violence	30%
Less violence	35%
About the same	34%

43. Does Joe Biden want to abolish the suburbs?

Yes	19%
No	35%
Not sure	45%

44. How worried are you about a breakdown of law and order in American cities?

Very worried	27%
Somewhat worried	29%
Slightly worried	23%
Not worried	20%

45. Which of these approaches would best help get things under control?

Law and order	40%
Bringing people together	60%

46. Do you think the police are usually held accountable for any misconduct?

Yes	37%
No	46%
Not sure	17%

47. Is there a problem with systemic racism in policing?

Yes	55%
No	25%
Not sure	20%

48. Which problem worries you more?

Police brutality against minorities	51%
Crime in your community	49%

49. How worried are you that violence will break out in your own community?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	39%
Not worried at all	22%

50. If Trump is re-elected, do you think we will see more or less violence of the sort that is occurring in Kenosha?

More violence	53%
Less violence	21%
About the same	26%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	9%

52. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried	27%
Somewhat worried	42%
Not very worried	19%
Not worried at all	13%

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

Most are underestimating the risks.	42%
Most are behaving appropriately.	30%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks.	19%
Not sure	9%

54. What do you think are the chances that you personally will become infected by the coronavirus?

Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	34%
Somewhat unlikely	40%
Very unlikely	18%

55. If you had to guess, how much longer do you expect COVID-19 to be a serious problem for you and your community?

A few weeks	6%
One month	4%
Two months	13%
Three months	13%
More than 3 months	65%

56. How worried are you about the U.S. experiencing another big increase in COVID-19 cases once temperatures drop and people are forced inside in the fall?

Very worried	28%
Somewhat worried	29%
Slightly worried	22%
Not worried	22%

57. Is President Trump focusing on coronavirus too much or not enough?

Too much	6%
Not enough	47%
About the right amount	32%
Not sure	16%

58. If Joe Biden had been president instead of Donald Trump, do you think the current coronavirus situation would have been better or worse?

Better	39%
Worse	28%
About the same	16%
Not sure	17%

59. In considering whether to reopen the economy, are you more concerned about lifting the restrictions too quickly or too slowly?

Concerned about lifting restrictions too quickly	64%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly	36%

60. Should all coronavirus restrictions in states and cities be lifted immediately?

Yes	21%
No	64%
Not sure	15%

61. Are coronavirus restrictions still in place in states and cities mostly because of political reasons or because of health reasons?

Health reasons	53%
Political reasons	30%
Not sure	17%

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

Always	55%
Most of the time	21%
Some of the time	17%
Never	6%

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

Yes	67%
No	33%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	16%

65. Should college students return to campus for in-person classes or attend classes remotely?

Return to campus for in-person classes	25%
Hold classes remotely	55%
Not sure	20%

66. How long do you think it will be before we have a vaccine against coronavirus? Please give us your best guess.

A few months	10%
Later this year	17%
Sometime in 2021	57%
In 2022 or later	16%

67. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?

Very concerned	42%
Somewhat concerned	33%
Not very concerned	11%
Not concerned at all	6%
Not sure	8%

68. Do you trust the CDC and public health authorities to judge the risks of vaccines?

Yes	36%
No	33%
Not sure	31%

69. If and when a coronavirus vaccine becomes available, will you get vaccinated?

Yes	32%
No	33%
Not sure	34%

70. How soon would you want to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

As soon as a vaccine is available	12%
After waiting and seeing what happens when others take it	51%
Never	21%
Not sure	16%

71. Split sample on vaccine development time

Previously, the fastest vaccine took four years to develop. If a COVID-19 vaccine were released before Election Day, do you think it would be safe?	51%
If a COVID-19 vaccine were released before Election Day, do you think it would be safe?	49%

72. [Previously, the fastest vaccine took four years to develop.] If a COVID-19 vaccine were released before Election Day, do you think it would be safe?

Respondents were randomly divided into two groups. The question wording for one group included the sentence, "Previously, the fastest vaccine took four years to develop.". The other group was not shown that sentence.

Yes	14%
No	55%
Not sure	31%

73. Is it a good or bad idea for President Trump to push health officials to release a COVID-19 vaccine before Election Day?

Good idea	16%
Bad idea	57%
Not sure	27%

74. If the Trump administration is able to get a COVID-19 vaccine released before the election, would this make you more or less likely to vote to re-elect President Trump?

Asked of undecided voters or voters who say they will vote for a candidate other than Donald Trump

More likely	7%
Less likely	34%
Makes no difference	59%

75. Do you think that President Trump is pushing for a vaccine to be released quickly mainly for political reasons or for medical reasons?

Political reasons	57%
Medical reasons	24%
Not sure	19%

76. Nine drugmakers just made a joint pledge to "stand with science" on coronavirus vaccines, reaffirming that they would not move forward with such products before thoroughly vetting them for safety and efficacy, regardless of political pressure. Do you think that they will be able to resist political pressure to release an unsafe or ineffective vaccine?

Yes	35%
No	26%
Not sure	39%

77. Have you read or heard anything about the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca halting global trials of its coronavirus vaccine because of a serious and unexpected adverse reaction of a participant?

Yes	42%
No	42%
Not sure	16%

78. How likely is it that other vaccines will have safety problems?

Very likely	34%
Somewhat likely	56%
Unlikely	10%

79. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	27%
Not sure	6%

80. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially	23%
Just about the same as now	46%
Worse off financially	15%
Not sure	16%

81. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	23%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	11%

82. How good a job do you think the Trump administration did handling the economy before 2020?

Excellent	25%
Good	20%
Fair	17%
Poor	30%
Not sure	8%

83. How good a job do you think the Trump administration has done handling the economy during the coronavirus pandemic?

Excellent	16%
Good	22%
Fair	15%
Poor	40%
Not sure	8%

84. If we are able to stop the spread of COVID-19, how long do you think it will be for the economy starts to improve?

Asked of those who think the economy is getting worse

Immediately	2%
A few months	14%
6-12 months	33%
One year or longer	51%

85. If we are able to stop the spread of COVID-19, how long do you think it will be for the economy starts to improve?

Economy already getting better	23%
Economy already the same	26%
Immediately	1%
A few months	6%
6-12 months	13%
One year or longer	20%
Not sure about economy	11%

86. Do you think the U.S. economy can get back to normal before a coronavirus vaccine is available?

Yes	30%
No	43%
Not sure	27%

87. If a coronavirus vaccine were to become available, about how long do you think it would take for the economy to get back to the level it was before the vaccine?

Immediately	8%
A few months	27%
About a year	33%
More than a year	32%

88. Have your taxes increased or decreased under the Trump administration?

Increased a lot	6%
Increased slightly	14%
No change	32%
Decreased slightly	16%
Decreased a lot	5%
Not sure	26%

89. Have the economic policies of the Trump administration helped or hurt the industries in your community?

Helped a lot	16%
Helped a little	11%
No effect	16%
Hurt a little	13%
Hurt a lot	16%
Not sure	27%

90. Which do you think was better?

USMCA	17%
NAFTA	12%
Not sure	71%

91. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	31%
About the same	25%
Lower	13%
Not sure	31%

92. 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%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	26%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	11%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	13%

95. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	64%
Not registered	36%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	8%

97. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

98. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

99. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	64%
Black	12%
Hispanic	16%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	40%
Some college	31%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	9%

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

Under \$50K	47%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	11%