

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 U.S. Registered Voters
Conducted October 11 - 13, 2020
Margin of Error ±4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	8%

2. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	13%
Equally positive and negative	28%
Mostly negative	48%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	10%

3. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	47%
Somewhat serious	38%
A minor problem	11%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	4%

4. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	22%
Somewhat serious	39%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	10%

5. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	10%
The unemployment rate and job reports	39%
The prices of goods and services you buy	26%
Your personal finances	14%
Don't know	12%

6. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 4%	0%
Between 4% and 5%	3%
Between 5% and 6%	3%
Between 6% and 7%	5%
Between 7% and 8%	18%
Greater than 8%	0%
Between 8% and 10%	22%
Between 10% and 12%	10%
Between 12% and 15%	10%
Greater than 15%	11%
Not sure	17%

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	27%
Stayed the same	23%
Decreased	34%
Don't know	15%

8. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate explains the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	8%
Good	26%
Fair	37%
Poor	12%
Very poor	6%
Don't know	11%

9. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	53%
The government numbers are accurate	20%
Fewer unemployed people	9%
Don't know	18%

10. Do you think improving the economy is...

Something the president can do a lot about	50%
Something the president can do a little about	35%
Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control	15%

11. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country?

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	34%
Not sure	24%

12. Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

Better off now	44%
Better off four years ago	39%
Not sure	16%

13. Is the country better off now than it was four years ago?

Better off now	29%
Better off four years ago	57%
Not sure	13%

14. How much attention have you been paying to the 2020 election campaign for president?

A lot	46%
Some	34%
Only a little	17%
None at all	3%

15. Did you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2020?

Democratic primary/caucus	43%
Republican primary/caucus	30%
Neither one	25%
Not sure	2%

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

Definitely will not vote	9%
Probably will not vote	2%
Maybe will vote	3%
Probably will vote	5%
Definitely will vote	62%
Already voted	19%
Don't know	1%

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

Those who already have voted were asked, "Who did you vote for in the election for President in November?"

Joe Biden	46%
Donald Trump	37%
Other	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	10%

18. 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. 97%
- There is a chance I will change my mind between now and the election. 3%

19. How do you plan on voting in the presidential election this year?

Those who already have voted were asked, "How did you vote in the presidential election this year?"

- In person on election day 28%
- In person before the election 24%
- By mail 39%
- I will not vote this year 10%

20. Have you requested your mail-in ballot?

Among those who plan on voting by mail but do not live in states that automatically send mail-in ballots

- Yes 89%
- No, not yet 10%
- Not sure 1%

21. Have you received your mail-in ballot?

Among those who have already requested a mail-in ballot or live in states that automatically send mail-in ballots

- Yes 61%
- No, not yet 36%
- Not sure 3%

22. Do you know where your polling location is?

Among those who intend to vote in person

- Yes 90%
- No, not yet 8%
- Not sure 2%

23. How important is voting for president this November?

- Very important 89%
- Somewhat important 8%
- Not very important 1%
- Not important at all 2%

24. How enthusiastic [are / were] you about voting for president in the upcoming presidential election in November?

- Extremely enthusiastic 49%
- Very enthusiastic 17%
- Somewhat enthusiastic 14%
- Not too enthusiastic 13%
- Not at all enthusiastic 6%

25. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?

Asked of those who would vote for Joe Biden

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden	41%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	58%
Not sure	1%

26. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?

Asked of those who would vote for Donald Trump

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump	72%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	26%
Not sure	1%

27. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	21%	25%	21%	30%	3%
Donald Trump	27%	13%	10%	48%	2%

28. Who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	39%
Donald Trump	38%
Not sure	24%

29. Who do you think will win the popular vote in the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	51%
Donald Trump	28%
Not sure	21%

30. Who do you think will win the Electoral College vote in the 2020 presidential election?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	37%
Not sure	28%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	1%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	11%

32. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. Senate in 2020?

The Democratic Party	35%
The Republican Party	39%
Not sure	26%

33. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2020?

The Democratic Party	46%
The Republican Party	28%
Not sure	26%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of voting by mail?

Strongly approve	41%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	5%

35. How much confidence do you have that your vote in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately?

A great deal	28%
Quite a bit	22%
A moderate amount	21%
Only a little	11%
None at all	4%
Not sure	4%
Will not vote in 2020 presidential election	10%

36. How much confidence do you have that the 2020 presidential election will be held fairly?

A great deal	14%
Quite a bit	21%
A moderate amount	32%
Only a little	22%
None at all	7%
Not sure	4%

37. From what you know about the presidential election process, when do you think we will know who won the presidential election this November?

The night of the election	15%
The day after the election	14%
A few days after the election	20%
A week after the election	15%
A few weeks after the election	14%
A month after the election or later	10%
Don't know	10%

38. Do you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable for us to know the results [the night of the election / the day after the election / a few days after the election / a week after the election / a few weeks after the election / a month after the election or later]?

Acceptable	70%
Unacceptable	22%
Not sure	8%

39. If Joe Biden wins the election, how likely do you think it is that there will be a peaceful transition of power in January?

Very likely	24%
Somewhat likely	23%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	17%
Not sure	13%

40. As you may know, the vice-presidential debate took place last week on Wednesday, October 7. Did you watch this debate?

I watched the entire debate	33%
I watched part of it	22%
I watched clips or highlights of the debate	15%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the debate	18%
I haven't heard anything about it	13%

41. Who do you think won Wednesday's vice-presidential debate?

Among those who watched the VP debate on Wednesday or watched clips or analysis about it later

Kamala Harris	41%
Mike Pence	38%
A tie	6%
Not sure	14%

42. Do you think there should be any more debates before the presidential election in November?

Yes	49%
No	34%
Not sure	17%

43. Do you think future debates should be:

Held in person	34%
Held virtually	21%
Not held at all	35%
Not sure	10%

44. Have you seen or heard anything from either of the two debates that has changed how you will vote in the November election?

Asked of those who have not already voted

Yes	6%
No	87%
Not sure	6%

45. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	10%

46. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	29%
Some	21%
Not much	17%
Doesn't care at all	28%
Not sure	5%

47. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	23%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	22%
Dislike somewhat	12%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	3%

48. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	34%

49. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	45%
Not honest and trustworthy	41%
Not sure	14%

50. Are you confident in Joe Biden’s ability to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	45%
Uneasy	44%
Not sure	11%

51. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Joe Biden is elected President in 2020?

Get better	41%
Get worse	40%
Stay the same	8%
Not sure	11%

52. Do you approve or disapprove of the way of the way Kamala Harris is handling her job as a U.S. Senator?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	17%

53. Regardless of your overall opinion of Kamala Harris, do you feel she has the qualifications to be president if something were to happen to Joe Biden?

Qualified to be president	47%
Not qualified to be president	41%
Not sure	13%

54. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal	40%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	12%

55. How much do you think Kamala Harris cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	29%
Some	18%
Not much	11%
Doesn’t care at all	34%
Not sure	7%

56. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like or dislike Kamala Harris as a person?

Like a lot	25%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	27%
Not sure	6%

57. Would you say Kamala Harris is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	28%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	25%

58. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	40%
Not sure	19%

59. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	27%
Not sure	23%

60. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	27%
Some	14%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	47%
Not sure	2%

61. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	13%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	46%
Not sure	2%

62. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?	
Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	19%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	41%
63. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?	
Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	59%
Not sure	10%
64. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?	
Confident	36%
Uneasy	57%
Not sure	7%
65. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Donald Trump is re-elected President in 2020?	
Get better	42%
Get worse	41%
Stay the same	9%
Not sure	9%
66. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Melania Trump?	
Very favorable	31%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	24%
Don't know	12%
67. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Pence is handling his job as Vice President?	
Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	8%
68. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mike Pence, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president if something were to happen to Donald Trump?	
Qualified to be president	51%
Not qualified to be president	35%
Not sure	13%

69. Would you say Mike Pence is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	6%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	51%
Not sure	12%

70. How much do you think Mike Pence cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	27%
Some	17%
Not much	16%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	4%

71. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Mike Pence as a person?

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	12%
Neither like nor dislike	16%
Dislike somewhat	11%
Dislike a lot	30%
Not sure	5%

72. Would you say Mike Pence is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	23%
Very weak	27%

73. Do you think Mike Pence is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	42%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	14%

74. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in the United States today?

Completely satisfied	7%
Somewhat satisfied	24%
Somewhat dissatisfied	39%
Completely dissatisfied	23%
Not sure	6%

75. Do you agree or disagree with the following:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Elected officials care what ordinary people think	2%	28%	35%	28%	7%
No matter who wins an election, things do not change very much	9%	26%	31%	27%	7%
The more people who vote, the better American democracy is	50%	31%	8%	4%	7%
Many citizens are not smart enough to vote	12%	24%	21%	36%	7%
Americans should be required to pass a test before being allowed to vote	10%	14%	18%	48%	10%
Democracy isn't the objective; liberty, peace, and prosperity are. We want the human condition to flourish. Rank democracy can thwart that.	14%	27%	17%	19%	23%
We're not a democracy.	18%	30%	22%	18%	12%

76. Which comes closest to your opinion:

Voting is a privilege	27%
Voting is a right	73%

77. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Mail ballots are being manipulated to favor Joe Biden	16%	22%	16%	46%
Illegal immigrants voted fraudulently in 2016 and will try again in 2020	21%	27%	18%	34%
Russia is attempting to influence the election in favor of President Trump	26%	30%	27%	18%
We will never know the real outcome of this election	7%	33%	35%	25%

78. How much have you heard in the news recently about a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer?

A lot	31%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	18%

79. This past Wednesday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arrested 6 people in Michigan, charging them with conspiring to kidnap Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Seven others tied to a related paramilitary group were also arrested and charged with state terrorism threats against law enforcement officers. Do you believe that these people arrested by the FBI...

- Presented a real threat to Governor Whitmer's safety 64%
- Did not present a real threat to Governor Whitmer's safety 11%
- Not sure 25%

80. Is plotting to kidnap a sitting governor an example of terrorism?

- Yes 79%
- No 9%
- Not sure 12%

81. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?

- Very closely 37%
- Somewhat closely 44%
- Not very closely 16%
- Not following at all 4%

82. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.

- Yes, me 10%
- Yes, a family member 20%
- Yes, a close friend 24%
- No 51%
- Prefer not to say 1%

83. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.

- Yes, me 2%
- Yes, a family member 16%
- Yes, a close friend 26%
- No 59%
- Prefer not to say 2%

84. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.

- Yes, a family member 6%
- Yes, a close friend 11%
- No 83%
- Prefer not to say 2%

85. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried	21%
Somewhat worried	42%
Not too worried	24%
Not worried at all	14%

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

Always	56%
Most of the time	24%
Some of the time	15%
Never	5%

87. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the community where you live is...

Increasing	39%
Not changing	24%
Decreasing	19%
Not sure	18%

88. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse	47%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	23%
Not sure	20%

89. How many Americans, in total, do you think will have died this year due to complications from COVID-19?

Fewer than 100,000 Americans	11%
100,000-150,000 Americans	10%
150,000-200,000 Americans	12%
200,000-250,000 Americans	38%
250,000-1 million Americans	24%
More than 1 million Americans	4%

90. When do you think it will be safe to end social distancing measures and reopen businesses as normal?

It is safe right now	16%
In about two weeks	2%
In a month or so	6%
In several months	20%
In about a year or longer	35%
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	36%
No	27%
Not sure	36%

92. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available to the public?

Before the end of the summer	0%
Before November	2%
By the end of 2020	18%
By the summer of 2021	39%
By the end of 2021	19%
2022 or later	5%
Not sure	17%

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

Very concerned	45%
Somewhat concerned	29%
Not very concerned	13%
Not concerned at all	6%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Not sure	4%

95. How well do you think the federal government has handled COVID-19 so far?

Excellent	7%
Good	24%
Fair	20%
Poor	44%
Not sure	5%

96. How well do you think your state government has handled COVID-19 so far?

Excellent	12%
Good	32%
Fair	27%
Poor	27%
Not sure	3%

97. How well do you think your local government has handled COVID-19 so far?

Excellent	11%
Good	35%
Fair	30%
Poor	18%
Not sure	6%

98. Do you believe that a federal mask mandate would be a violation of your civil liberties, or not?

It would be a violation of civil liberties	26%
It would not be a violation of civil liberties	63%
Don't know	11%

99. Do you believe that local stay-at-home orders (with limited allowances for essential workers and to run essential errands) due to COVID-19 are a violation of your civil liberties, or not?

They are a violation of civil liberties	29%
They are not be a violation of civil liberties	59%
Don't know	12%

100. Do you think Congress should or should not pass a new economic stimulus bill in response to the coronavirus pandemic?

It should	74%
It should not	10%
Not sure	15%

101. Who do you think is at least somewhat responsible for the end of negotiations over the coronavirus stimulus bill? Select all that apply.

Democrats in Congress	45%
Republicans in Congress	40%
President Trump	44%
Not sure	13%
None of the above	2%

102. How much have you heard about President Trump contracting the coronavirus?

A lot	65%
A little	34%
Nothing at all	1%

103. How much do you trust President Trump's physicians to provide accurate information about his medical condition?

Trust completely	26%
Trust somewhat	18%
Don't trust very much	24%
Don't trust at all	33%

104. Do you think President Trump has fully recovered from coronavirus?

Yes	28%
No	51%
Not sure	21%

105. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	24%
Legal in most cases	33%
Illegal in most cases	30%
Illegal in all cases	12%

106. Which comes closest to your position on fetal stem cell research? Should research on fetal stem cells be...

Illegal in all cases	18%
Legal, but not funded by federal funds	18%
Legal in all cases where the research could save human lives	42%
Legal in all cases	22%

107. How about in the case of treating COVID-19? Do you approve or disapprove of a treatment for COVID-19 derived from fetal stem cells?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	33%

108. How do you think President Trump contracting COVID-19 will affect the presidential election?

More people will vote for Joe Biden	22%
It will have no effect on the presidential election	36%
More people will vote for Donald Trump	13%
Not sure	28%

109. In light of the recent coronavirus outbreaks, do you think Joe Biden should campaign in-person?

Yes	39%
No	39%
Not sure	22%

110. In light of the recent coronavirus outbreaks, do you think President Trump should continue to campaign in-person?

Yes	34%
No	55%
Not sure	12%

111. How likely do you believe it is that more politicians will contract COVID-19?

Very likely	45%
Somewhat likely	38%
Not very likely	5%
Not likely at all	1%
Not sure	10%

112. How concerned are you that politicians getting coronavirus could prevent the U.S. government from functioning properly?

Very concerned	12%
Somewhat concerned	35%
Not very concerned	36%
Not concerned at all	18%

113. How much have you heard about Donald Trump nominating federal judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States?

A lot	52%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	7%

114. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Amy Coney Barrett?

Very favorable	28%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	25%
Don't know	21%

115. Would you say Amy Coney Barrett is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	1%
Moderate	7%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	43%
Not sure	19%

116. From what you know now, do you think Amy Coney Barrett is or is not qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Qualified	48%
Not qualified	23%
Not sure	29%

117. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Amy Coney Barrett as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm	42%
Should not confirm	40%
Not sure	18%

118. Should Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement be confirmed...

Before election day	34%
After election day, but before new lawmakers are sworn in	10%
After new lawmakers are sworn in, in January 2021	44%
Not sure	12%

119. How important to you is the appointment of a new Supreme Court justice when deciding who to vote for?

Very important	37%
Important	32%
Not very important	16%
Not at all important	15%

120. On September 26, a ceremony for Amy Coney Barrett was held in the Rose Garden, with a gathering of members of the Trump Administration and other Republican politicians. Do you think holding this event with an audience was a good idea or a bad idea?

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

121. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	72%	25%	3%	0%
Immigration	42%	42%	14%	2%
Climate change and the environment	44%	28%	16%	13%
National Security and foreign policy	55%	36%	7%	2%
Education	56%	32%	9%	3%
Health care	72%	22%	4%	2%
Taxes and government spending	58%	36%	5%	1%
Civil rights and civil liberties	59%	32%	6%	3%
Gun control	49%	26%	15%	9%
Crime and criminal justice reform	53%	35%	9%	3%

122. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Jobs and the economy	23%
Immigration	4%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security and foreign policy	6%
Education	5%
Health care	28%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Civil rights and civil liberties	10%
Gun control	3%
Crime and criminal justice reform	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	12%	6%	52%	1%
Joe Biden	24%	23%	16%	34%	2%
Mike Pence	28%	17%	12%	39%	4%
Kamala Harris	26%	21%	11%	36%	6%
Nancy Pelosi	16%	22%	12%	45%	5%
Mitch McConnell	8%	21%	12%	43%	16%

124. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	15%	28%	16%	38%	3%
The Republican Party	18%	21%	15%	42%	4%

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

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	1%

126. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	30%	19%	12%	34%	5%
Immigration	29%	13%	7%	47%	4%
Climate change and the environment	19%	14%	9%	48%	10%
Terrorism	29%	13%	9%	42%	7%
Education	18%	21%	10%	40%	11%
Health care	18%	20%	10%	46%	7%
Taxes and government spending	22%	18%	10%	42%	7%
Civil rights and civil liberties	19%	22%	7%	44%	8%
Gun control	24%	18%	7%	40%	9%
Crime and criminal justice reform	23%	18%	10%	41%	9%

127. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	63%
Not sure	13%

128. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	30%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	8%

129. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	9%

130. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	15%

131. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	7%
Not sure	21%

132. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	6%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	43%
Not sure	8%

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

Higher	32%
About the same	21%
Lower	14%
Not sure	33%

135. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	45%
No	55%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	24%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	5%

137. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	33%
The same amount of jobs	24%
Fewer jobs	17%
Not sure	26%

138. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	64%

139. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	40%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	11%

140. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	24%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

141. 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	31%
Some of the time	40%
Only now and then	19%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

142. Which cable news network do you watch the most?

CNN	16%
Fox News	23%
MSNBC	11%
Other cable news network	4%
I don't watch any cable news	45%

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

Liberal	30%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	34%
Not sure	4%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	4%

145. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	100%
Not registered	0%

146. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Yes, I voted in the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	39%
Yes, I voted in the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	36%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	19%
I don't remember	6%

147. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus

Hillary Clinton	61%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Bernie Sanders	35%
Someone else	2%

148. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus

Donald Trump	62%
Someone else	38%

149. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?

Yes	91%
No	9%

150. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	41%
Donald Trump	40%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	2%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	2%
Did not vote for President	14%

151. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?

Barack Obama	44%
Mitt Romney	32%
Other candidate	3%
I did not vote	22%

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

Democrat	38%
Republican	30%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	3%

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

Strong Democrat	27%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	13%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%

154. Are you... ?

Male	46%
Female	54%

155. Please select from the list the country / region where you were born. If you would prefer not to say, please select that option at the bottom.

United States	95%
Canada	0%
United Kingdom	0%
Afghanistan	0%
Aland Islands	0%
Albania	0%
Algeria	0%
American Samoa	0%
Andorra	0%
Angola	0%
Anguilla	0%
Antarctica	0%
Antigua and Barbuda	0%
Argentina	0%

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Armenia	0%
Aruba	0%
Australia	0%
Austria	0%
Azerbaijan	0%
Bahamas	0%
Bahrain	0%
Bangladesh	0%
Barbados	0%
Belarus	0%
Belgium	0%
Belize	0%
Benin	0%
Bermuda	0%
Bhutan	0%
Bolivia	0%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0%
Botswana	0%
Bouvet Island	0%
Brazil	0%
British Indian Ocean Territory	0%
Brunei Darussalam	0%
Bulgaria	0%
Burkina Faso	0%
Burundi	0%
Cambodia	0%
Cameroon	0%
Cape Verde	0%
Cayman Islands	0%
Central African Republic	0%
Chad	0%
Chile	0%
China	0%
Christmas Island	0%
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0%
Colombia	0%
Comoros	0%
Congo	0%
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	0%
Cook Islands	0%
Costa Rica	0%
Cote d'Ivoire	0%
Croatia	0%
Cuba	0%

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Cyprus	0%
Czech Republic	0%
Denmark	0%
Djibouti	0%
Dominica	0%
Dominican Republic	0%
Ecuador	0%
Egypt	0%
El Salvador	0%
Equatorial Guinea	0%
Eritrea	0%
Estonia	0%
Ethiopia	0%
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0%
Faroe Islands	0%
Fiji	0%
Finland	0%
France	0%
French Guiana	0%
French Polynesia	0%
French Southern Territories	0%
Gabon	0%
Gambia	0%
Georgia	0%
Germany	0%
Ghana	0%
Gibraltar	0%
Greece	0%
Greenland	0%
Grenada	0%
Guadeloupe	0%
Guam	0%
Guatemala	0%
Guernsey	0%
Guinea	0%
Guinea-Bissau	0%
Guyana	0%
Haiti	0%
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0%
Holy See (Vatican City State)	0%
Honduras	0%
Hong Kong	0%
Hungary	0%
Iceland	0%

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India	0%
Indonesia	0%
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0%
Iraq	0%
Ireland	0%
Isle of Man	0%
Israel	0%
Italy	0%
Jamaica	0%
Japan	0%
Jersey	0%
Jordan	0%
Kazakhstan	0%
Kenya	0%
Kiribati	0%
Kosovo	0%
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	0%
Korea, Republic of	0%
Kuwait	0%
Kyrgyzstan	0%
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0%
Laos	0%
Latvia	0%
Lebanon	0%
Lesotho	0%
Liberia	0%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0%
Liechtenstein	0%
Lithuania	0%
Luxembourg	0%
Macao	0%
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of	0%
Madagascar	0%
Malawi	0%
Malaysia	0%
Maldives	0%
Mali	0%
Malta	0%
Marshall Islands	0%
Martinique	0%
Mauritania	0%
Mauritius	0%
Mayotte	0%
Mexico	1%

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Micronesia, Federated States of	0%
Moldova, Republic of	0%
Monaco	0%
Mongolia	0%
Montserrat	0%
Morocco	0%
Mozambique	0%
Myanmar	0%
Namibia	0%
Nauru	0%
Nepal	0%
Netherlands	0%
Netherlands Antilles	0%
New Caledonia	0%
New Zealand	0%
Nicaragua	0%
Niger	0%
Nigeria	0%
Niue	0%
Norfolk Island	0%
Northern Mariana Islands	0%
Norway	0%
Oman	0%
Pakistan	0%
Palau	0%
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	0%
Panama	0%
Papua New Guinea	0%
Paraguay	0%
Peru	0%
Philippines	0%
Pitcairn	0%
Poland	0%
Portugal	0%
Puerto Rico	1%
Qatar	0%
Reunion	0%
Romania	0%
Russian Federation	0%
Rwanda	0%
Saint Helena	0%
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0%
Saint Lucia	0%
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	0%

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0%
Samoa	0%
San Marino	0%
Sao Tome and Principe	0%
Saudi Arabia	0%
Senegal	0%
Serbia and Montenegro	0%
Seychelles	0%
Sierra Leone	0%
Singapore	0%
Slovakia	0%
Slovenia	0%
Solomon Islands	0%
Somalia	0%
South Africa	0%
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	0%
Spain	0%
Sri Lanka	0%
Sudan	0%
Suriname	0%
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	0%
Swaziland	0%
Sweden	0%
Switzerland	0%
Syrian Arab Republic	0%
Taiwan	0%
Tajikistan	0%
Tanzania, United Republic of	0%
Thailand	0%
Timor-Leste	0%
Togo	0%
Tokelau	0%
Tonga	0%
Trinidad and Tobago	0%
Tunisia	0%
Turkey	0%
Turkmenistan	0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	0%
Tuvalu	0%
Uganda	0%
Ukraine	0%
United Arab Emirates	0%
United States Minor Outlying Islands	0%
Uruguay	0%

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Uzbekistan	0%
Vanuatu	0%
Venezuela	0%
Viet Nam	0%
Virgin Islands, British	0%
Virgin Islands, U.S.	0%
Wallis and Futuna	0%
Western Sahara	0%
Yemen	0%
Zambia	0%
Zimbabwe	0%
Don't know	0%
Prefer not to say	0%

156. Respondent age by category

Under 30	15%
30-44	21%
45-64	37%
65+	26%

157. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	72%
Black	13%
Hispanic	10%
Other	5%

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

HS or less	30%
Some college	34%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	12%

159. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	7%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

160. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	19%
No	81%

161. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	22%

162. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

A large city	18%
A suburb near a large city	36%
A small city or town	27%
A rural area	19%

163. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?

Excellent	16%
Very good	34%
Good	35%
Only fair	12%
Poor	4%

164. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

Personally own a gun	22%
Don't personally own a gun, but someone in the household owns a gun	14%
No one in the household owns a gun	58%
Not sure	5%

165. States where the number of new cases over the previous week are higher and staying high, higher but going down, lower but going up, or lower and staying low, according to a New York Times database.
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html?action=click&module=Spotlight&pgtype=Homepage#map> accessed: October 13, 2020

Where new cases are higher and staying high	31%
Where new cases are higher but going down	0%
Where new cases are lower but going up	37%
Where new cases are lower and staying low	32%

166. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, dozens of states have modified their rules for absentee voting in November's elections.
https://www.npr.org/2020/09/14/909338758/map-mail-in-voting-rules-by-state?utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=... accessed: September 15, 2020

Mail-in ballots automatically sent to all voters	21%
Mail-in ballot applications automatically sent to all voters	19%
All voters can request a mail-in ballot	44%
Voters need an excuse beyond COVID-19 to request a mail-in ballot	15%

167. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	35%
Part-time employed	9%
Self-employed	5%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	25%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	7%
Other	1%

168. How would you describe your social class?

Rich	0%
Upper-middle class	9%
Middle class	44%
Working class	35%
Poor	12%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	31%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	11%

170. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	6%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	42%
Military Household - None	47%

171. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	84%

172. We are interested in volunteer activities, that is, activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while. In the last 12 months, that is since September 2019, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

Yes	28%
No	72%

173. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	21%

174. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	21%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

175. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	29%
No	71%

176. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	17%
Don't know	3%

177. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	7%

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 11 - 13, 2020
Target population	US Registered Voters
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2016 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.102 to 6.129, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.201.
Number of respondents	1500
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	31 questions not reported.