PRRI 2020 American Values Survey
Total = 2,538 (2,496 Online, 42 Telephone)
September 9 – September 22, 2020

Q1   Thinking about the past four years, do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are going in the wrong direction?[1]

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Mixed	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	32	67	-	1=100
Sept. 2019	36	64	-	0=100
June 2018	35	64	-	1=100
Sept. 2016	25	74	-	1=100
May 2016	28	72	-	1=100
Dec. 2013	26	65	-	8=100
Sept. 2012	34	57	5	4=100
July 2011	21	71	-	8=100
May 2011	29	65	-	7=100

Q2   In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

Sept. 2020	April 2017	Sept. 2016	Oct. 2015	Aug. 2012	
58	52	48	49	54	Ahead of us
41	46	50	49	38	Behind us
-	-	-	-	4	Depends
1	2	1	2	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

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[1] On September 2019 and earlier surveys the "wrong direction" response option was "wrong track"

Q3   Since the 1950s, do you think American culture and way of life has mostly changed for the better, or has it mostly changed for the worse?

	Mostly changed for the better	Mostly changed for the worse	Both/ Neither	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	55	44	-	1=100
Oct. 2018	50	47	-	3=100
Sept. 2016	48	51	-	1=100
May 2016	49	50	-	1=100
Oct. 2015	46	53	-	1=100
Dec. 2013	44	46	7	3=100
Feb. 2013	40	54	3	3=100

Q4   Please indicate if your overall opinion of the following people is favorable or unfavorable. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Donald Trump

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	15	21	13	49	1	*=100
Aug. 2020	16	22	18	41	*	3=100
July 2020	18	20	21	38	*	3=100
July 2020	15	20	19	42	*	3=100
May 2020	18	23	19	36	0	3=100
Apr. 2020	17	26	20	34	*	2=100
Mar. 2020	24	25	17	29	*	4=100
Feb. 2020	20	20	17	39	*	4=100
Dec. 2019	20	20	18	37	*	3=100
Nov. 2019	19	21	16	39	*	5=100
Oct. 2019	18	21	16	39	*	6=100
Sept. 2019	15	20	16	48	-	1=100
Apr. 2019	21	23	18	34	1	3=100
Dec. 2018	14	22	16	44	-	4=100
Oct. 2018	14	21	13	47	2	2=100
Sept. 2018	20	22	15	37	1	5=100
July 2018	16	25	17	36	*	5=100
June 2018	14	23	19	41	-	2=100
Mar. 2018	13	29	18	36	*	3=100
Jan. 2018	14	23	17	42	*	5=100
Oct. 2017	15	26	18	37	*	3=100
Aug. 2017	18	20	15	41	1	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	27	16	34	*	6=100

Jan. 2017	17	26	17	35	1	5=100
Sept. 2016	10	23	15	50	2	1=100
May 2016	10	18	16	53	1	1=100
Apr. 2016	8	16	18	52	*	6=100
Jan. 2016	12	19	22	42	*	5=100
Nov. 2015	11	16	21	44	2	6=100
Oct. 2015	9	21	21	45	3	1=100

b. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Nancy Pelosi **[N=1,254]**

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	9	27	18	37	7	1=100
Oct. 2019	14	20	14	33	17	1=100
Sept. 2019	8	31	29	29	1	2=100

c. **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Mitch McConnell **[N=1,284]**

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	4	17	23	33	23	1=100
Sept. 2019	2	23	36	34	2	4=100

[d. held for future analysis]

e. Joe Biden

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	16	33	18	31	2	1=100
Aug. 2020	15	36	22	23	2	3=100
July 2020	14	34	20	25	3	4=100
Oct. 2019	17	25	21	22	13	1=100
Sept. 2019	13	35	24	21	4	1=100
Sept. 2013	9	31	22	26	8	4=100
Sept. 2012	16	28	21	24	4	8=100

f. Mike Pence

16	Very favorable
20	Mostly favorable
23	Mostly unfavorable
34	Very unfavorable
6	Have not heard of
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

g. Kamala Harris

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	15	31	13	28	12	1=100
Oct. 2019	10	18	14	23	34	1=100
Sept. 2019	8	25	17	23	24	4=100

Q5   Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing… **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. as president

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017	
21	20	19	19	22	Strongly approve
19	23	20	22	19	Somewhat approve
13	12	16	16	12	Somewhat disapprove
46	44	44	42	42	Strongly disapprove
1	1	*	1	5	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

b. dealing with the economy

26	Strongly approve
24	Somewhat approve
17	Somewhat disapprove
33	Strongly disapprove
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. dealing with the coronavirus pandemic

15	Strongly approve
20	Somewhat approve
15	Somewhat disapprove
50	Strongly disapprove
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. dealing with the protests following recent killings of Black Americans by police

14	Strongly approve
21	Somewhat approve
17	Somewhat disapprove
47	Strongly disapprove
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q6a   Which better describes your opinion? **[ROTATE OPTIONS] IF DISAPPROVE (Q.5a=3,4), ASK [N=1,560]:**

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017	
21	18	24	22	37	President Trump could do something to win my approval
78	81	75	78	61	There's almost nothing President Trump could do to win my approval
*	1	*	1	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

Q6b   Which better describes your opinion? **[ROTATE OPTIONS] IF APPROVE (Q4=1,2), ASK [N=965]:**

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017	
63	64	66	65	58	President Trump could do something to lose my approval
37	35	33	35	37	There's almost nothing President Trump could do to lose my approval
1	1	1	1	5	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far? **ASK ALL:**

Sept.
<u>2020</u>
86	Yes, registered
10	No, not registered
3	Not sure if registered
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

PARTY   Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these? **ASK ALL:**

27	A Republican
33	A Democrat
28	An independent
12	None of these
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

PARTYLN   Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans? **IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER [PARTY=3,4], ASK [N=989]:**

26	Republican
36	Democrat
38	Don't lean
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q7   How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2020 presidential election?[2]
ASK ALL:

	Already voted	Absolutely certain to vote	Probably will vote	Chances are 50-50	Less than 50-50 chance	Definitely not voting	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	1	76	9	5	8	-	*=100
Oct. 2019	-	70	13	9	7	0	1=100
Sept. 2019	-	72	13	8	7	-	*=100
Late Oct. 2018	-	60	9	12	3	15	1=100
October 2018	-	54	19	11	7	8	1=100
Sept. 2018	-	60	15	9	3	12	1=100
June 2018	-	50	16	11	9	12	2=100
March 2018	-	58	13	12	12	3	1=100
Late Oct. 2016	-	66	6	9	16	-	2=100
Oct. 2016	-	63	9	10	16	-	3=100
Sept. 2016	-	66	12	8	4	-	*=100
Aug. 2014	-	56	16	13	11	3	1=100
April 2014	-	51	21	13	12	3	*=100
Sept. 2012	-	71	9	10	9	-	1=100
Aug. 2012	-	70	10	8	9	-	2=100

Q7a   How **[IF Q7 = 2-5** "do you plan to"**] [IF Q7 = 1** "did you"**]** cast your ballot this year?

33	In person, on Election Day
17	In person, before Election
32	By mail
18	Not sure
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

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[2] Results in 2019 are for the 2020 election. Other years are for that year's election.

Q7b   Regardless of whether you plan on voting, how many of your close friends do you think will vote in the 2020 presidential election?[3]

	All of them	Most of them	About half of them	Few of them	None of them	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	27	52	13	5	2	*=100
Sept. 2019	22	49	18	8	2	*=100
Late Oct. 2018	29	33	17	13	5	3=100
October 2018	11	49	23	13	3	1=100
Sept. 2018	12	46	22	13	6	2=100
June 2018	12	42	22	16	5	2=100

Q8   If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, for whom would you vote?

IF OTHER, NOT SURE (Q8=3,4), ASK:
Q8a   If you had to choose between these two candidates, whom do you lean toward?

REGISTERED VOTERS

Sept. 2020	
57	Joe Biden, the Democrat
52	*Biden*
5	*Leans Biden*
42	Donald Trump, the Republican
37	*Trump*
5	*Leans Trump*
*	Some other candidate
*	Don't know
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

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[3] Results from 2018 are for the 2018 midterm elections.

LIKELY VOTERS

Sept. 2020	
55	Joe Biden, the Democrat
51	*Biden*
4	*Leans Biden*
44	Donald Trump, the Republican
40	*Trump*
4	*Leans Trump*
*	Don't know
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

IF VOTING FOR TRUMP OR LEANING (Q8=2 OR Q8A=2), ASK:

Q8b   Would you say that your choice is more a vote for Donald Trump or more a vote against Joe Biden? **[N=1,033]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2016[4]	
67	40	For Trump
33	59	Against Biden
*	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

IF VOTING FOR BIDEN OR LEANING (Q8=1 OR Q8A=1), ASK:

Q8c   Would you say that your choice is more a vote for Joe Biden or more a vote against Donald Trump? **[N=1,464]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2016[5]	
39	46	For Biden
60	54	Against Trump
*	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

FORM 1 ONLY:

Q9a   Do you think Joe Biden's choice to pick a woman as his vice-presidential running mate was a good decision or a bad decision, or does the decision not matter either way? **[N=1,254]**

46   Good decision

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[4] 2016 question was Clinton instead of Biden.

[5] 2016 question was Clinton instead of Biden.

12	Bad decision
42	Doesn't matter either way
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

FORM 2 ONLY:
Q9b Do you think Joe Biden's choice to pick a Black woman as his vice-presidential running mate was a good decision or a bad decision, or does the decision not matter either way? **[N=1,284]**

    41   Good decision
     8   Bad decision
    50   Doesn't matter either way
     *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

ASK ALL
Q10 If Joe Biden wins the presidential election, which would you prefer? **(ROTATE)**

    44   Republican-controlled Congress
    54   Democrat-controlled Congress
     2   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q11 If Donald Trump wins the presidential election, which would you prefer? **(ROTATE)**

    41   Republican-controlled Congress
    56   Democrat-controlled Congress
     3   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2)
Q12 Do you think that Joe Biden is…? **[N=1,265]**

     6   Too progressive
    15   Too conservative
    78   Neither too progressive nor too conservative
     *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q13   Thinking back to the Democratic primaries in early 2020, which candidate did you hope would become the nominee? **[RANDOMIZE 1-7] [N=1,265]**

     28   Joe Biden
     10   Pete Buttigieg
      6   Michael Bloomberg
      4   Amy Klobuchar
     31   Bernie Sanders
      2   Tom Steyer
     14   Elizabeth Warren
      4   Someone else (SPECIFY)
      1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)
Q14.   Do you think Donald Trump is? **[N=919]**

      4   Too progressive
      7   Too conservative
     88   Neither too progressive nor too conservative
      *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q15   Do you believe presidential elections should be decided based on the popular vote or by the Electoral College? **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	June 2018	
66	66	65	Popular vote
33	32	32	Electoral college
1	2	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Q16   Thinking about the November 2020 presidential election, how confident are you about each of the following statements? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. The election will be conducted fairly and accurately

     18   Very confident
     49   Somewhat confident
     33   Not at all confident
      *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

b. Voting by mail will be as secure as voting in person

    27   Very confident
    34   Somewhat confident
    39   Not at all confident
    *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

c. My vote will be counted accurately

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2016[6]	
35	43	Very confident
47	38	Somewhat confident
18	17	Not at all confident
*	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

d. We will know the winner of the election on election night

    14   Very confident
    42   Somewhat confident
    44   Not at all confident
    *   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

e. If Donald Trump loses the presidential election, he will accept the results and concede defeat

    15   Very confident
    30   Somewhat confident
    55   Not at all confident
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

f. If Joe Biden loses the presidential election, he will accept the results and concede defeat

    42   Very confident
    35   Somewhat confident
    23   Not at all confident
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

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[6] In 2016, answer options were: A great deal of confidence, Only some confidence, and Hardly any confidence.

g. If Donald Trump loses the election but refuses to concede defeat, Republican leaders in Congress will demand that he leave the White House

    21   Very confident
    41   Somewhat confident
    36   Not at all confident
     2   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q17   Do you think an elected official who commits an immoral act in their personal life can still behave ethically and fulfill their duties in their public and professional life?

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2016	June 2011	
57	61	44	Yes
42	29	44	No
-	5	10	Depends (VOL.)
1	5	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Q18   Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies more to Donald Trump or more to Joe Biden. **[RANDOMIZE CANDIDATE NAMES] [RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Has strong religious beliefs

    18   Donald Trump
    36   Joe Biden
    11   Both equally
    33   Neither
     1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

b. Is mostly using religion for political purposes

    39   Donald Trump
    14   Joe Biden
    16   Both equally
    30   Neither
     1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

c. Is being called by God to lead during this critical time in our country

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 19     Donald Trump
 15     Joe Biden
  6     Both equally
 59     Neither
  1     Skipped/Refused
100     Total
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d. Models religious values with his actions and leadership

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 21     Donald Trump
 36     Joe Biden
  8     Both equally
 35     Neither
  1     Skipped/Refused
100     Total
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e. Is honest and trustworthy

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 21     Donald Trump
 41     Joe Biden
  6     Both equally
 31     Neither
  1     Skipped/Refused
100     Total
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f. Is a strong and decisive leader

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 36     Donald Trump
 35     Joe Biden
  7     Both equally
 21     Neither
  1     Skipped/Refused
100     Total
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g. Cares about people like you

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 24     Donald Trump
 43     Joe Biden
  7     Both equally
 24     Neither
  1     Skipped/Refused
100     Total
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f. Has the right temperament and personality to be president

    25   Donald Trump
    48   Joe Biden
     6   Both equally
    21   Neither
     1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q19   Regardless of whether you support or oppose President Trump, do you:

a. wish his speech and behavior were more consistent with previous presidents, or not?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	
68	73	69	Yes
31	27	29	No
1	*	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

b. think he has damaged the dignity of the presidency, or not?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	
63	65	69	Yes
36	35	30	No
1	*	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Q20   Does Donald Trump's personal conduct make you more likely to support him or less likely to support him?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
12	8	More likely to support him
59	62	Less likely to support him
29	30	Makes no difference
*	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q21   Do you think that President Trump's decisions and behavior as president...

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	
57	57	54	Have encouraged white supremacist groups
7	6	5	Have discouraged white supremacist groups
35	36	39	Have NOT had an impact either way
1	2	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

[Q22 held for future analysis.]

Q23   Which of the following statements about the Democratic Party comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[ROTATE Q23 AND Q24] [RANDOMIZE]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
52	53	The Democratic Party is trying to make capitalism work for average Americans
45	44	The Democratic Party has been taken over by socialists
3	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q24   Which of the following statements about the Republican Party comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
50	50	The Republican Party is trying to protect the American way of life against outside threats
47	48	The Republican Party has been taken over by racists
2	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q25   How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a.   Because things have gotten so far off track in this country, we need a leader who is
        willing to break some rules if that's what it takes to set things right

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	17	27	32	23	1=100
Oct. 2017	19	24	25	28	3=100
Sept. 2016	19	27	29	23	1=100
May 2016	19	30	27	23	1=100
April 2016	19	26	24	27	4=100

b.   Because things have gotten so far off track in this country, we need major policy
        change to help everyday Americans

38	Completely agree
41	Mostly agree
15	Mostly disagree
6	Completely disagree
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c.   Today discrimination against white Americans has become as big a problem as
        discrimination against Black Americans and other minorities

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	20	22	25	33	1=100
June 2020	16	22	27	34	1=100
Sept. 2019	17	25	26	32	*=100
Oct. 2018	16	25	28	29	2=100
April 2017	22	26	27	24	1=100
Oct. 2016	17	22	27	30	3=100
Sept. 2016	20	27	30	21	1=100
May 2016	23	26	26	23	1=100
Oct. 2015	17	26	29	26	1=100
Aug. 2014	19	26	28	23	4=100
Aug. 2012	18	29	30	21	3=100
Aug. 2011	15	31	33	18	2=100

d.   Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make
        it difficult for Black Americans to work their way out of the lower class

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	24	28	23	24	1=100
June 2020	22	27	29	20	1=100
Oct. 2018	19	30	30	19	2=100
Oct. 2015	14	27	34	24	2=100

e.   Religion causes more problems in society than it solves

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	15	23	32	29	1=100
Sept. 2019	11	25	34	29	1=100
Aug. 2016	16	21	27	34	3=100
Oct. 2013	10	22	37	24	6=100
Aug. 2011	15	25	30	28	2=100

f.   It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	17	22	22	38	1=100
Sept. 2019	18	22	22	37	1=100
Aug. 2016	27	22	20	30	1=100
Oct. 2013	20	28	22	24	6=100
June 2013	27	25	20	27	1=100
Sept. 2012	25	26	21	25	1=100

g.   The values of Islam are at odds with American values and way of life

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	17	26	32	22	2=100
Oct. 2015	26	30	28	13	3=100
March 2013	23	24	25	19	9=100
Sept. 2011	17	30	32	16	5=100

h. God always rewards those who have faith with good health and will protect them from being infected by the coronavirus

8	Completely agree
15	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
56	Completely disagree
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

i. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** These days society seems to punish men just for acting like men **[N=1,274]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2016	
15	13	14	Completely agree
23	25	19	Mostly agree
32	34	31	Mostly disagree
28	28	27	Completely disagree
1	*	8	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

j. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Society as a whole has become too soft and feminine **[N=1,274]**

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	14	25	31	28	1=100
Sept. 2019	14	28	31	26	2=100
Oct. 2016	20	22	30	23	5=100
April 2016	16	26	29	24	5=100
Oct. 2011	15	23	33	26	3=100

k.	**[FORM 2 ONLY]** God has granted America a special role in human history **[N=1,264]**

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Do not believe in God (VOL.)	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	13	27	18	40	-	1=100
Oct. 2016	27	30	14	22	-	7=100
June 2015	35	27	14	19	-	5=100
Late June 2013	27	33	16	21	-	3=100
Early June 2013	33	31	12	17	-	6=100
Aug. 2012	30	32	14	18	-	6=100
May 2011	30	21	18	22	1	7=100

l.	**[FORM 2 ONLY]** America today sets a good moral example for the world **[N=1,264]**

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	4	22	39	35	1=100
June 2018	14	26	30	28	2=100
Oct. 2017	10	31	32	25	2=100
June 2015	12	31	33	20	4=100

Q26	How important are the following issues to you personally? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a.	Growing gap between rich and poor

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	42	42	15	1=100
Sept. 2019	38	46	16	*=100
Sept. 2018	38	38	21	2=100
Sept. 2016	52	36	12	*=100
May 2016	43	41	15	1=100
Oct. 2015	48	38	13	1=100

b.   Racial inequality[7]

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	43	41	16	*=100
Sept. 2019	44	44	11	1=100
Apr. 2017	37	44	18	1=100
Sept. 2016	47	40	12	1=100
May 2016	36	45	19	*=100
Oct. 2015	39	42	19	1=100

c.   Jobs and unemployment

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	52	42	5	*=100
Sept. 2019	45	48	7	*=100
Sept. 2016	61	36	3	*=100
May 2016	55	41	3	*=100
Oct. 2015	60	35	4	1=100
Dec. 2013	62	29	8	2=100

d.   Immigration

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	33	52	14	*=100
Sept. 2019	49	42	9	1=100
Sept. 2016	44	43	12	1=100
May 2016	43	44	12	*=100
Oct. 2015	46	40	13	1=100
Dec. 2013	34	39	24	2=100

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[7] In September 2019 and earlier, this issue was phrased as "Race relations"

e.   Health care

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	56	38	5	*=100
Sept. 2019	65	32	3	*=100
April 2017	65	31	4	*=100
Oct. 2015	63	32	4	1=100
Dec. 2013	57	31	10	2=100

f.   Terrorism

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	45	43	11	1=100
Sept. 2019	54	37	8	*=100
Sept. 2016	70	24	5	*=100
May 2016	69	27	4	*=100
Oct. 2015	62	29	8	1=100

g.   Climate change

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2015	
43	49	34	Critical issue
35	32	39	One among many important issues
22	18	27	Not that important an issue
1	1	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

h.   The coronavirus pandemic

60	Critical issue
29	One among many important issues
10	Not that important an issue
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

i.   Crime

	Critical issue	One among many important issues	Not that important an issue	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	46	46	7	1=100
Sept. 2019	45	48	7	*=100
Apr. 2017	54	39	7	1=100
Sept. 2016	54	39	7	*=100
May 2016	48	45	7	*=100
Oct. 2015	53	39	8	1=100

j.   Fairness of presidential elections

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2016	
57	48	41	Critical issue
34	39	42	One among many important issues
8	12	16	Not that important an issue
1	1	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

k.   Foreign interference in presidential elections

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
49	46	Critical issue
35	39	One among many important issues
15	15	Not that important an issue
*	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

l.   **[FORM 1 ONLY]** The federal deficit **[N=1,216]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2016	
36	40	49	Critical issue
52	51	40	One among many important issues
11	8	9	Not that important an issue
1	1	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

m.   **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Trade agreements with other countries **[N=1,216]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2016	May 2016	
23	35	33	26	Critical issue
65	58	56	59	One among many important issues
11	6	10	15	Not that important an issue
1	*	1	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

n.   **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Abortion **[N=1,322]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2016	May 2016	
36	29	34	31	Critical issue
38	40	38	35	One among many important issues
25	28	27	30	Not that important an issue
*	2	1	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

o.   **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Appointment of U.S. Supreme Court judges **[N=1,322]**

40	Critical issue
45	One among many important issues
14	Not that important an issue
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q27   How much do you favor or oppose the following issues that are being discussed in the country today? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a.   **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Creating a "Medicare for All" plan that would replace private health insurance with government-backed health insurance coverage for all Americans **[N=1,302]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
32	33	Strongly favor
30	30	Favor
19	18	Oppose
18	18	Strongly oppose
*	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

b. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Making college tuition free at public institutions **[N=1,302]**

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
29	34	Strongly favor
34	34	Favor
19	17	Oppose
17	13	Strongly oppose
1	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

c. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Guaranteeing all Americans a minimum income **[N=1,302]**

33	Strongly favor
37	Favor
17	Oppose
12	Strongly oppose
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Guaranteeing all Americans access to affordable childcare **[N=1,302]**

39	Strongly favor
44	Favor
11	Oppose
5	Strongly oppose
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

e. **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Making the use of marijuana legal **[N=1,237]**

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	32	36	21	10	1=100
Sept. 2019	34	33	17	14	2=100
Sept. 2016	31	32	19	17	1=100
Aug. 2014	18	26	26	24	6=100
Dec. 2013	20	31	25	19	4=100
Oct. 2013	19	32	25	19	4=100
April 2013	24	21	21	28	6=100
Sept. 2012	18	25	24	28	4=100

f.   **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally
     [N=1,237]

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	41	29	17	11	2=100
Sept. 2019	37	29	16	16	1=100
July 2019	27	35	18	13	7=100
Apr. 2019	25	37	20	13	5=100
July 2018	35	29	13	15	8=100
Mar. 2018	28	32	19	14	7=100
Oct. 2017	31	30	17	16	5=100
Aug. 2017	38	28	12	16	6=100
Feb. 2017	36	27	15	19	4=100
Jan. 2017	30	30	17	14	9=100
Dec. 2016	29	29	19	15	8=100
Nov. 2016	33	26	17	15	10=100
Oct. 2016	31	26	16	19	8=100
Late Sept. 2016	34	30	16	18	1=100
Early Sept. 2016	28	29	16	16	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	31	31	15	15	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	29	28	19	14	11=100
July 2016	28	28	21	13	10=100
June 2016	25	30	20	15	10=100
Late May 2016	25	30	17	19	8=100
Early May 2016	32	30	18	18	2=100
Dec. 2015	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov. 2015	32	24	17	20	8=100
Late Oct. 2015	27	28	19	19	6=100
Early Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100
Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Late Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
Early Aug. 2015	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
Late Aug. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Aug. 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100

Dec. 2013	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
June 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Feb. 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100
Aug. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100
Oct. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100
Aug. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
July 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

g.   **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Laws that would protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people against discrimination in jobs, public accommodations, and housing? **[N=1,237]**

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	45	38	11	5	1=100
Apr. 2019	31	40	15	10	4=100
July 2018	38	33	12	10	7=100
Mar. 2018	34	36	16	9	5=100
Oct. 2017	38	32	15	11	4=100
Aug. 2017	42	30	13	11	5=100
Feb. 2017	42	28	11	15	5=100
Aug. 2016	38	34	13	10	5=100
Dec. 2015	32	37	16	10	5=100
Nov. 2015	39	33	12	11	6=100
Oct. 2015	34	35	15	11	4=100
Sept. 2015	37	34	15	10	4=100
Late Aug. 2015	37	33	15	9	6=100
Early Aug. 2015	35	36	13	11	5=100
July 2015	34	34	14	11	6=100
June 2015	40	29	13	12	6=100
May 2015	35	36	15	9	5=100

Q28   Do you see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism? **[Rotate]**

Sept. 2020	June 2020	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2016	Oct. 2015	
47	48	52	51	51	Southern pride
51	49	45	41	40	Racism
-	-	-	4	4	Other [SPECIFY]
-	-	-	2	2	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
1	2	3	3	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

Q29   Do you see monuments to Confederate soldiers more as symbols of Southern pride or more as symbols of racism? **[Rotate]**

Sept. 2020	June 2020	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017	
59	59	62	58	Southern pride
39	38	35	30	Racism
-	-	-	3	Other [SPECIFY – VOL.]
2	3	3	9	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

Q30   Do you think recent killings of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents or are they part of a broader pattern of how police treat Black Americans?

Sept. 2020	June 2020	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2015	May 2015[8]	
43	42	45	53	39	Isolated incidents
56	56	53	44	49	Part of a broader pattern
1	1	2	2	13	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

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[8] This survey relied on a slightly different question wording. The May 2015 question asked: "Do you think the recent killings of African American men by police in Ferguson, Missouri, New York City, and Baltimore are isolated incidents, or are they part of a broader pattern of how police treat African Americans?"

Q31   When you hear people say they want to "Defund the Police," which of the following best reflects what theey mean by that?

    28   Eliminate police departments completely
    70   Redirect some police department funding to other social services
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

Q32   In general, how much do you favor or oppose each of the following:

    a. The goals of the "Defund the Police" movement

    12   Strongly favor
    25   Favor
    25   Oppose
    37   Strongly oppose
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

    b. The goals of the "Black Lives Matter" movement

    25   Strongly favor
    33   Favor
    16   Oppose
    25   Strongly oppose
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

    c. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Hiring policies that encourage special efforts to help Black and other minority candidates in order to make up for past discrimination? **[N=1,251]**

    16   Strongly favor
    37   Favor
    29   Oppose
    18   Strongly oppose
    1   Skipped/Refused
    100   Total

d. **[FORM 2 ONLY]** College admissions policies that encourage special efforts to help Black and other minorities candidates in order to make up for past discrimination? **[N=1,287]**

17	Strongly favor
35	Favor
27	Oppose
19	Strongly oppose
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q33 As a way to make up for the harm caused by slavery, segregation, and other forms of racial discrimination, do you think the U.S. government should provide some form of economic compensation to African Americans who are the descendants of enslaved people, or should the U.S. government not do this?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
27	21	Should
71	63	Should not
-	15	Not familiar with the issue
1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

On a different topic,

Q34 Today, would you say that a college education is a smart investment in the future or is it more of a gamble that may not pay off in the end?

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2016	
49	55	Smart investment
50	43	Gamble
*	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q35   What kind of shape would you say your current financial situation is in?

	Excellent shape	Good shape	Only fair shape	Poor shape	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	9	42	36	12	*=100
Sept. 2019	9	40	35	16	*=100
Oct. 2016	8	35	36	19	1=100
April 2016	8	36	37	17	2=100
Aug. 2014	7	34	37	20	2=100
Aug. 2012	6	36	36	20	1=100
March 2010	9	41	33	13	3=100

Q36   Suppose that you have an emergency expense that costs $400. Based on your current financial situation, how difficult would it be for you to pay for this expense?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2016	
57	51	52	Not too difficult
22	24	23	Somewhat difficult
12	14	13	Very difficult
8	10	11	Nearly impossible
*	1	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Q37   Which of the following have you or someone in your household experienced in 2020? **[Check all that apply]**

22	Lost a job due to the coronavirus pandemic
38	Had hours or pay cut due to the coronavirus pandemic
6	Tested positive for COVID-19
10	Gotten sick with COVID-19 symptoms
2	Been hospitalized for COVID-19
34	Known someone who has been hospitalized for COVID-19
22	Known someone who died from COVID-19
27	None of these/Skipped/Refused

Q38   How much trust do you have in each of the following to provide accurate
       information and advice regarding the ongoing coronavirus pandemic?
       [RANDOMIZE]

    a.   Donald Trump

14   A lot
24   A little
61   Not at all
1   Skipped/Refused
100   Total

    b.   Joe Biden

28   A lot
32   A little
39   Not at all
1   Skipped/Refused
100   Total

    c.   Dr. Anthony Fauci

49   A lot
33   A little
17   Not at all
1   Skipped/Refused
100   Total

    d.   University research centers

51   A lot
40   A little
8   Not at all
1   Skipped/Refused
100   Total

    e.   **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Centers for Disease Control (CDC) **[N=1,200]**

48   A lot
42   A little
9   Not at all
1   Skipped/Refused
100   Total

f. **[FORM 1 ONLY]** World Health Organization (WHO) **[N=1,200]**

42	A lot
38	A little
20	Not at all
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

g. **[FORM 2 ONLY]** State and local government **[N=1,338]**

24	A lot
59	A little
16	Not at all
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

h. **[FORM 2 ONLY]** State and local health organizations **[N=1,338]**

40	A lot
48	A little
12	Not at all
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

[FORM 1 ONLY]
Q39a Do you think shutdowns, mask mandates, and other steps taken by state and local governments since the coronavirus pandemic began are unreasonable attempts to control people, or reasonable measures to protect people? **[N=1,253]**

23	Unreasonable attempts to control people
76	Reasonable attempts to protect people
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

[FORM 2 ONLY]
Q39b Which of these two statements do you think is most likely to be true? **[N=1,285]**

50	The coronavirus was developed intentionally by scientists in a lab
49	The coronavirus developed naturally
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

[ASK ALL]

Q40   When you are in public places, how often do you personally wear a mask to protect against COVID-19 transmission?

    78   Always
    19   Sometimes
     3   Never
     *   Skipped/Refused
   100   Total

Q41   Do you think the spread of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, in the United States could have been controlled better, or was an outbreak of this size inevitable?

    69   Could have been controlled better
    30   Outbreak of this size was inevitable
     1   Skipped/Refused
   100   Total

Q42   Turning to the issue of immigration, how much do you favor or oppose each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

    a.   Allowing immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Dec. 2018	Oct. 2018	Mar. 2018	
26	27	24	25	24	Strongly favor
40	36	33	37	38	Favor
22	22	24	21	20	Oppose
11	14	15	14	13	Strongly oppose
1	1	3	2	5	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

    b.   Building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	23	19	23	34	1=100
Sept. 2019	24	18	19	37	1=100
Oct. 2018	21	20	19	39	2=100
June 2018	18	13	25	38	5=100
Oct. 2017	19	17	21	42	2=100
Sept. 2016	20	21	24	34	1=100
May 2016	16	25	27	31	1=100

c.   Passing a law to prevent refugees from entering the U.S.

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	June 2018	Oct. 2017	
13	15	14	13	14	Strongly favor
23	20	23	18	22	Favor
38	37	34	27	31	Oppose
24	27	26	32	28	Strongly oppose
1	1	2	10	5	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

d.   An immigration border policy that separates children from their parents and charges parents as criminals when they enter the country without permission

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	June 2018	
6	8	11	10	Strongly favor
17	15	15	12	Favor
31	29	25	26	Oppose
45	46	47	45	Strongly oppose
1	1	2	6	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

[Q43 held for future analysis.]

Q44   Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should… **[FORM 1 READ IN ORDER (1-3), FORM 2 READ REVERSE ORDER (3-1)]**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport them	None of these (VOL.)	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	64	16	19	-	1=100
Sept. 2019	67	13	20	-	1=100
Dec. 2018	62	16	18	-	3=100
Oct. 2018	62	16	21	-	2=100
Oct. 2016	63	16	17	1	2=100
Sept. 2016	65	15	16	2	2=100
Late Aug. 2016	64	14	18	1	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	66	13	16	1	4=100
July 2016	61	13	21	1	3=100
June 2016	64	14	17	1	4=100
Late May 2016	62	16	18	1	3=100
Early May 2016	61	17	21	-	1=100
Dec. 2015	63	15	18	2	2=100
Nov. 2015	64	14	16	1	5=100
Oct. 2015	66	13	19	1	2=100
Sept. 2015	63	12	21	1	3=100
Late Aug. 2015	63	16	19	1	2=100
Early Aug. 2015	60	16	19	2	3=100
July 2015	64	14	17	2	3=100
Late June 2015	64	15	16	1	4=100
Early June 2015	61	17	18	2	3=100
May 2015	60	14	21	1	3=100
Feb. 2015	59	19	18	1	3=100
Dec. 2014	65	18	15	1	1=100
Late Nov. 2014	58	19	20	1	2=100
Early Nov. 2014	59	16	22	1	3=100
Oct. 2014	60	17	20	1	2=100
Sept. 2014	57	17	23	1	2=100
Aug. 2014	57	19	21	1	2=100
Late July 2014	58	17	22	1	2=100
Early July 2014	58	18	19	2	4=100
June 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100

May 2014	64	16	17	1	2=100
April 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
Nov. 2013	63	14	18	1	4=100
Aug. 2013	63	12	19	1	4=100
Feb. 2013	63	14	21	1	1=100

Q45   In general, how well do you think each of the following describes immigrants coming to the U.S. today? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a.   They are hardworking

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	May 2016	Aug. 2011	
40	40	36	36	44	Very well
46	45	50	47	43	Somewhat well
9	10	10	12	7	Not too well
3	3	2	3	3	Not at all well
2	1	2	2	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

b.   They make an effort to learn English

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	May 2016	Aug. 2011	
14	17	15	13	15	Very well
42	39	41	38	32	Somewhat well
29	26	29	31	30	Not too well
14	16	13	17	21	Not at all well
1	2	2	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

c.   They have strong family values

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	May 2016	Aug. 2011	
32	31	33	34	42	Very well
51	50	51	49	38	Somewhat well
13	13	12	13	9	Not too well
3	4	3	2	4	Not at all well
1	3	2	3	6	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

d.   They increase crime in local communities

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	May 2016	
10	11	9	10	Very well
28	27	30	30	Somewhat well
38	38	39	40	Not too well
22	22	20	18	Not at all well
2	1	2	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

e.   They increase disease in local communities

6	Very well
20	Somewhat well
37	Not too well
34	Not at all well
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

f.   They burden local communities by using more than their share of social services

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	
17	20	16	Very well
31	29	33	Somewhat well
32	32	32	Not too well
18	17	17	Not at all well
1	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

g.   They compete with hard-working Americans for jobs

18	Very well
37	Somewhat well
29	Not too well
15	Not at all well
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q46   How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

a.   Immigrants are invading our country and replacing our cultural and ethnic background.

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	
9	13	Completely agree
22	23	Mostly agree
31	27	Mostly disagree
37	35	Completely disagree
*	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

b.   The idea of America where most people are not white bothers me.

Sept. 2020	May 2016	Feb. 2013	
5	5	5	Completely agree
13	16	9	Mostly agree
29	34	29	Mostly disagree
52	44	55	Completely disagree
1	1	3	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

c.   Efforts to increase diversity always come at expense of whites.

10	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
31	Mostly disagree
32	Completely disagree
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d.   **[FORM 1 ONLY]** When Americans speak up and protest unfair treatment by the government, it always makes our country better. **[N=1,271]**

Sept. 2020	June 2015	
17	20	Completely agree
44	43	Mostly agree
27	22	Mostly disagree
10	10	Completely disagree
3	5	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

e.   **[FORM 2 ONLY]** When Black Americans speak up and protest unfair treatment by the government, it always makes our country better. **[N=1,267]**

Sept. 2020	June 2015	
16	18	Completely agree
36	36	Mostly agree
28	22	Mostly disagree
19	17	Completely disagree
1	7	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q47   Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against any of the following groups, or not? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a.   Asian people

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	
55	44	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
44	54	No, not a lot of discrimination
1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

b.   Black people

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	75	24	1=100
Oct. 2018	73	25	1=100
Feb. 2017	58	41	1=100
Jan. 2017	60	36	3=100
Dec. 2016	56	42	2=100
Nov. 2016	54	42	4=100
Oct. 2016	64	32	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	40	5=100
Late Aug. 2016	60	37	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	56	39	5=100
July 2016	55	40	5=100
June 2016	57	40	3=100
Oct. 2015	63	36	1=100
Dec. 2013	52	44	3=100

c.   Hispanic people

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2015	
69	69	56	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
30	30	42	No, not a lot of discrimination
1	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

d.   White people

Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	
32	33	30	29	25	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
66	65	68	68	73	No, not a lot of discrimination
1	2	2	3	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

e.   Christians

Oct. 2020	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016	
37	33	35	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
62	63	61	No, not a lot of discrimination
1	4	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Turning to another subject,
Q48   Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal? **[FORM 1 "legal or illegal", FORM 2 "illegal or legal"]**

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	22	38	27	13	1=100
Sept. 2019	24	34	29	11	1=100
Sept. 2018	24	35	23	14	4=100
Mar. 2018	21	33	29	14	3=100
Sept. 2016	26	36	25	12	1=100
Oct. 2015	22	35	27	14	1=100
Aug. 2015	20	33	26	17	4=100
Dec. 2014	23	33	25	15	3=100
Nov. 2014	24	33	25	14	4=100
Oct. 2014	23	34	25	15	4=100
Late Sept. 2014	20	33	24	17	6=100

Early Sept. 2014	19	33	28	16	4=100
Aug. 2014	23	33	23	18	3=100
July 2014	20	31	27	17	6=100
June 2014	21	32	28	16	3=100
May 2014	20	32	26	17	5=100
April 2014	19	30	26	19	7=100
Feb. 2014	20	32	27	14	6=100
July 2013	19	35	28	14	4=100
March 2013	23	33	24	14	5=100
Oct. 2012	22	34	24	15	5=100
Sept. 2012	20	34	27	14	4=100
Nov. 2011	21	32	29	14	3=100
Aug. 2011	18	34	29	15	4=100
June 2011	19	37	26	14	4=100
Oct. 2010	18	37	27	15	3=100

Q49   Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you:

	Only vote for a candidate who shares your views on abortion	Consider a candidate's position on abortion as just one of many important factors	Not see abortion as a major issue	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	20	52	26	1=100
Sept. 2019	25	52	22	1=100
Sept. 2018	22	50	23	5=100
Mar. 2018	18	47	31	4=100
May 2016	20	49	28	4=100
May 2015	21	46	27	5=100
May 2014	19	48	28	6=100
Sept. 2012	18	44	33	5=100

Q50   How much harm do you think climate change will cause you personally?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2014	
25	24	24	A great deal
33	35	30	A moderate amount
26	26	23	Only a little
16	15	22	None at all
1	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

Q51   How do you consider each of the following countries as it relates to the US?

a. Russia

	Ally of the US	Friendly, but not an ally	Unfriendly, but not an enemy	Enemy of the US	Skipped/Refused
Sept. 2020	4	23	37	34	1=100
Oct. 2018	5	24	45	23	2=100
Aug. 2017	8	26	31	24	10=100

b. China

4	Ally of the US
21	Friendly, but not an ally
41	Unfriendly, but not an enemy
33	Enemy of the US
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

ATTEND   Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

9	More than once a week
21	Once a week
6	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
24	Seldom
25	Never
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

[Q52-54 held for future analysis.]

Q55 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	America has always been and is currently a Christian nation	America was a Christian nation in the past but is not now	America has never been a Christian nation	Skipped/ Refused
Sept. 2020	36	40	22	2=100
Sept. 2019	38	42	18	2=100
Oct. 2018	40	38	19	3=100
May 2016	41	42	15	2=100
Jun 2015	35	45	14	7=100
Aug. 2012	39	41	15	5=100
Sept. 2010	42	37	17	4=100

IF NO LONGER A CHRISTIAN NATION (Q55=2), ASK: [N=971]

Q56a And do you think this is generally a good thing or a bad thing?

Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018	June 2015	
39	35	36	29	Good thing
59	63	63	61	Bad thing
2	2	1	10	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

Q57a Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself on the following scale. **[1-10 SLIDER]**

Sept. 2020	Feb. 2019	
26	25	1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people belonging to a wide variety of religions.
6	4	2
6	5	3
5	5	4
14	19	5
9	7	6
8	6	7
8	8	8
5	4	9
12	12	10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people who follow the Christian faith.
2	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q57b   Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself on the following scale. **[1-10 SLIDER]**

Sept. 2020	Feb. 2019	
31	32	1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people from all over the world.
9	7	2
8	8	3
6	5	4
18	21	5
10	7	6
6	6	7
4	4	8
2	2	9
4	3	10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people from western European heritage.
2	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

[Q58a-l held for future analysis.]

Q59   Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

16	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
11	CNN
15	Fox News
5	MSNBC
12	Local television news
9	Public television
5	Other [SPECIFY]
27	Do not watch television news
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

EMPLOY2   Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

44	Employed full-time
10	Employed part-time
21	Retired
6	A homemaker or stay at home parent
5	A student
6	Unemployed but looking for work
1	Unemployed and not looking for work
5	Disabled
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

IF EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=1,2,3,6,7), ASK:
JOBPAY Even if you are not currently employed, which of the following best describes how you **[IF RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=3,6,7), ASK: "got"] [IF EMPLOY2=1,2 INSERT: "get"]** paid? **[N=2,171]**

50	Paid an hourly rate
39	Paid a salary
9	Paid by the job
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI. The survey was made possible through the generous support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional support from the Ford Foundation, the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, and the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,538 adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Interviews were conducted both online using a self-administered design and by telephone using live interviewers. All interviews were conducted among participants in AmeriSpeak, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the national U.S. adult population run by NORC at the University of Chicago. Panel participants without Internet access, which included 42 respondents, were interviewed via telephone by professional interviewers under the direction of NORC. Interviewing was conducted in both Spanish and English between September 9 and September 22, 2020.

NORC's AmeriSpeak Panel provides a representative panel of civilian, non-institutional adults (age 18 and over) living in the United States. The sample frame was developed using a two-stage probability sample design to create a representative sample of households in the United States. The first stage uses National Frame Areas (NFAs), geographic areas that have a population of at least 10,000 people. The National Sample Frame contains almost 3 million households and includes 80,000 rural households. Additionally, NORC oversampled housing units in segments (Census tracts or block groups) that include hard-to-reach populations, including young adults, Hispanics and African Americans. Panel recruitment proceeded in two stages. First, a mail solicitation is sent to a randomly selected household along with follow-up telephone calls and email solicitations if necessary. In the second stage, households that have not responded to the initial inquiry or follow-ups receive an enhanced incentive offer and a personal visit from NORC field interviewers. Members typically participate in panel surveys two or three times a month. For more information about AmeriSpeak, please visit: http://amerispeak.norc.org

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. First, panel base weights are calculated for every household based on the probability of selection from the NORC National Frame, the sampling frame that is used to sample housing units for AmeriSpeak. Household level weights are then assigned to each eligible adult in every recruited household. In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, and division (U.S. Census definitions), housing type, and telephone usage. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use

of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.6 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes the design effect for the survey of 1.83. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

Likely Voter Models

Three questions were used to identify likely voters: Whether the respondent is registered to vote, how they plan to vote (e.g., by mail or in person on Election Day), and how likely they think they are to vote (including an option for having already voted). Due to the overwhelming majority of respondents saying they are both registered and absolutely certain to vote or had already voted (76%), we determined that a "cutoff" model based on those factors alone resulted in an unrealistic estimate of voter turnout. Using the assumption that if people are unsure of how they will actually cast their ballot, they are a bit less likely to vote, we used the plan to vote question to decrease the likelihood of voting among those who report not knowing how they would vote. Then a probability model was applied in order to avoid the sharp exclusions of a cutoff model. This process resulted in a model in which 68% of adults are deemed likely to vote and constitutes the high turnout estimate reported.

Because 68% would be historically high turnout, we estimated a second likely voter model that forced the data to replicate the roughly 55% voting age population turnout of 2016. This was achieved by adjusting the probability of turnout downward among one key demographic of the likely voter sample that was highly overrepresented compared to the 2016 national exit polls – those who report their ideology to be moderate. Remaining demographics were not significantly impacted. After this process, the sample resembled 2016 turnout at 55% and constitutes the lower turnout estimate reported.

The 68% turnout model includes 1,736 likely voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes the design effect. The 55% turnout model includes 1,387 likely voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes the design effect.

Appendix

Table 1. Demographic, Political, and Religious Subgroup Sample Sizes
(All figures are unweighted)

	N= 2, 538
Total Sample	
Male	1,245
Female	1,293
Democrat	893
Independent	716
Leans Democrat	*292*
Independent (no lean)	*209*
Leans Republican	*214*
Republican	656
White, non-Hispanic	1,618
Black, non-Hispanic	305
Hispanic	435
Asian	64
Multiracial	87
Something else	29
Age 18-29	361
30-49	954
50-64	673
65+	550
White evangelical Protestant	326
White mainline Protestant	406
Black Protestant	214
Hispanic Protestant	139
Catholic	415
White Catholic	*251*
Hispanic Catholic	*164*
Other Christian	148
Non-Christian religion	223
Religiously unaffiliated	667