

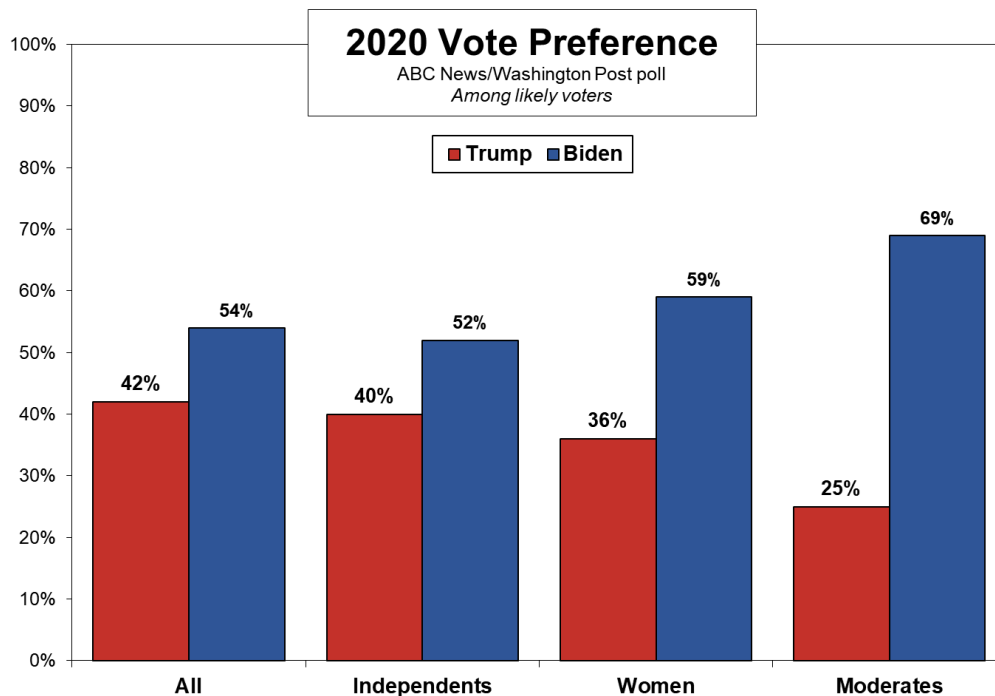
Powered by Trust on the Pandemic, Biden Leads by 12 Points Nationally

Joe Biden holds a 17-point lead over Donald Trump in trust to handle the coronavirus pandemic in a new ABC News/Washington Post poll, powering the Democrat to a double-digit advantage in vote preference with the presidential election three weeks off.

In the aftermath of his own COVID-19 diagnosis, two-thirds of registered voters say Trump failed to take appropriate precautions against the virus, 62 percent distrust what he says about it and, eight months since its arrival in the United States, just 21 percent say it's under control.

Also damaging to Trump: Fifty-eight percent disapprove of how he's handled the pandemic – essentially steady since July – and a new high, 73 percent, are worried they or an immediate family member might catch the coronavirus (or say it's already happened). Worry about the virus remains a significant independent predictor of support for Biden over Trump.

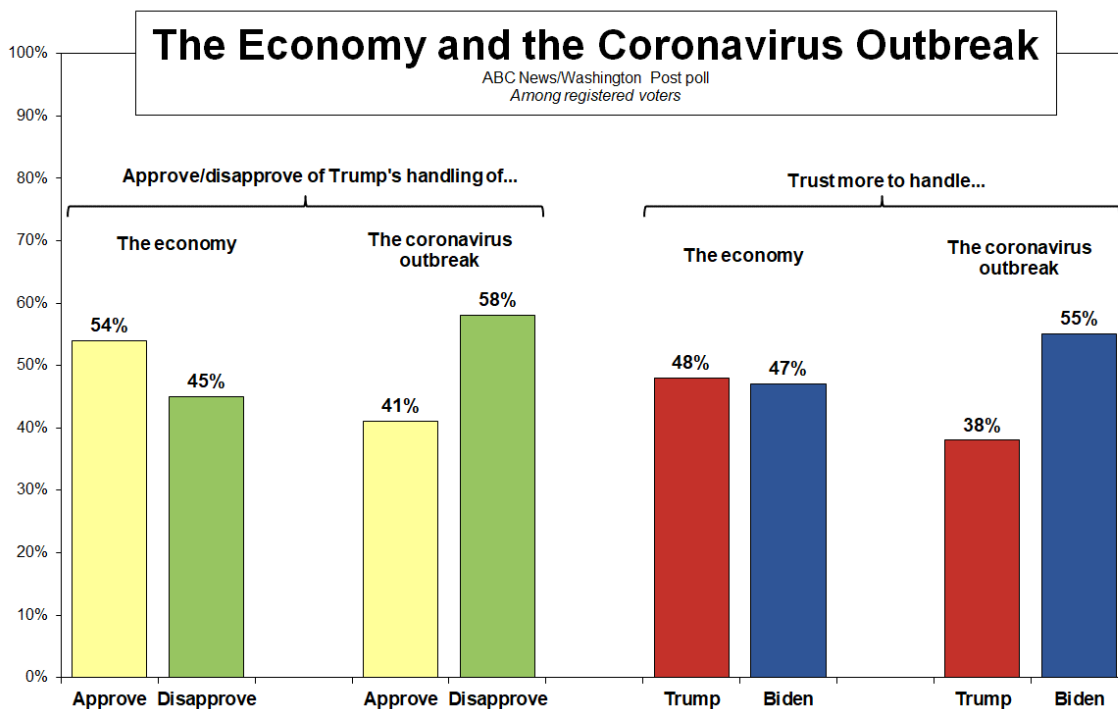
The presidential race stands at 53-41 percent, Biden-Trump, among registered voters, and a similar 54-42 percent among likely voters, with minimal support (in the low single digits) for the Libertarian and Green Party candidates. Biden's advantage rests on his support among women, racial and ethnic minorities, independents and an unusually wide lead among moderates.



The race is tied among men, 48-48 percent in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), while Biden is up 59-36 percent among women, the widest margin among women for any presidential candidate in exit polls dating to 1976. (That includes 62-34 percent among suburban women and 54-41 percent among suburban white women.) Biden's vast 69-25 percent lead among moderates, if it holds, would be a record by far. And his result among independents, while not a statistically significant lead, is the widest for a Democrat in exit polls since 1988.

This poll describes the current contest; it's not remotely close enough to Election Day to be predictive of the outcome. Look no further than 2016: Hillary Clinton held a 12-point lead on Oct. 22, 17 days before the election, following sexual assault allegations against Trump and disclosure of his lewd comments on the Access Hollywood tape. That contracted to Trump +1 eight days later, as GOP voters set aside their doubts and returned to his ranks, and +2 Clinton a week before the election.

Trump, moreover, has ammunition: Fifty-four percent now approve of his handling of the economy, the most since March (albeit by a single percentage point). In contrast with his deficit on the pandemic, he continues to run essentially even with Biden in trust to handle the economy, 48-47 percent.



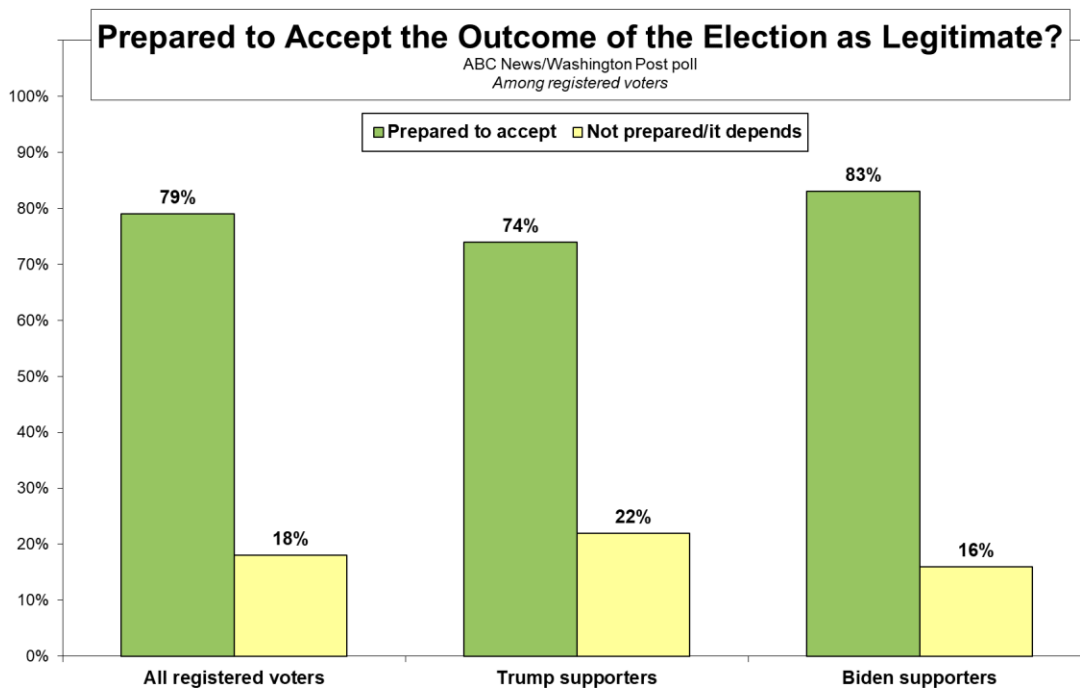
Nearly twice as many registered voters say the economy is the single most important issue in their vote, 29 percent, as pick the pandemic, 15 percent. While that's a 6-point increase for the economy as the top issue from Sept. 24, the potential benefit for Trump is mitigated by a 5-point drop in another of his go-to issues, crime and safety, as the top concern.

Trump also still has a substantial enthusiasm advantage; among likely voters, 75 percent of his supporters are very enthusiastic about him, a new high, vs. 60 strong enthusiasm for Biden. That said, while Trump held steady on this measure, Biden’s strong enthusiasm inched up by a slight 7 points from late September, and it’s advanced from a mere 28 percent among registered voters back in March.

Strong enthusiasm for Trump far surpasses its level among his supporters at this point in 2016, 47 percent. Biden, for his part, runs well ahead of Clinton’s strong enthusiasm, 43 percent.

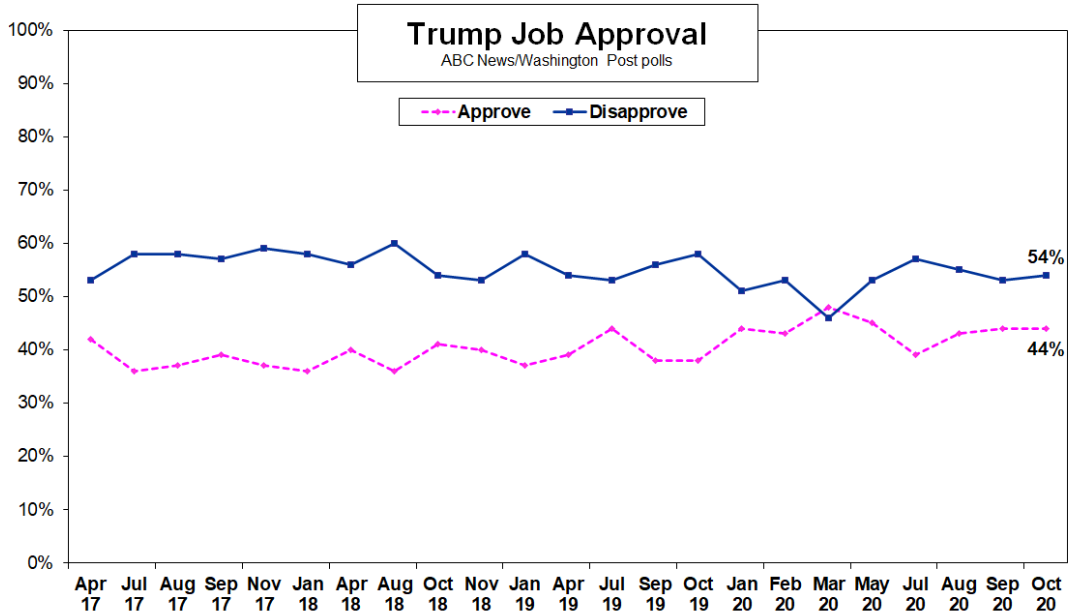
DISCONNECTS – Trump has disconnects beyond his pandemic response. Seventy-nine percent of registered voters say they’re prepared to accept the outcome of the election, a commitment Trump has refused to make. And 56 percent say he has not paid his fair share of taxes, following reporting by The New York Times that he paid \$750 in personal income taxes in 2017 and nothing at all in 11 out of 18 years for which it obtained his tax returns.

Eighteen percent say they’re either not prepared to accept the election’s legitimacy, or it depends on the outcome – identical to the result in 2016 when Trump, as now, threw shade on the vote count. Still, it’s a somewhat bipartisan result – while 22 percent of Trump’s supporters are unready at this time to accept the outcome as legitimate, so are 16 percent of Biden’s.



And there’s the question of Trump’s overall job performance. Among all Americans, 44 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove; it’s about the same among registered voters and likely voters alike. This result almost exactly matches vote preferences, underscoring the extent to which the election is a referendum on the incumbent.

That’s a major challenge for Trump. His approval rating has been underwater in 22 of 23 ABC/Post polls since he took office; the sole exception was a 48-46 percent result in late March, just as the pandemic was taking hold, with economic sentiment about to tank. Trump remains the first president in modern polling data since 1939 never to achieve majority approval, and his career average approval rating as president, 40 percent, is the lowest on record.



THE VIRUS – The pandemic is where Trump and the public most consequentially part company. In one example, while Trump has equivocated on mask wearing and social distancing, 74 percent of registered voters think these steps can substantially reduce their chance of catching the virus. Among likely voters who support Biden, 95 percent think so; among those who back Trump, it’s 46 percent.

Despite his diagnosis, 59 percent think Trump is healthy enough to carry out his duties. The issue, though, is his performance – and concerns there clearly are focused more on the president personally than on the federal government generally. Sixty-three percent of registered voters are very or somewhat confident that the federal government can handle the outbreak, about the same as expected this to be the case in March – even as 58 percent, as mentioned, disapprove of Trump’s handling of the issue.

The 21 percent who say the outbreak is completely or mostly under control is up from 14 percent in August, but many miles from a positive result. Impacts of this assessment are profound: Among people who think the outbreak is completely or mostly under control, 90 percent support Trump for re-election. Among those who think it’s somewhat under control it’s a close 51-43 percent, Trump-Biden. And among those who think it’s not at all under control – more than a third of likely voters – 91 percent pick Biden.

Virus is...	Trump-Biden	
	<i>(among likely voters)</i>	
Completely/mostly under control (21%)	90-7%	+83 pts.
Somewhat under control (40%)	51-43	+8
Not at all under control (38%)	5-91	-86

GROUPS – Biden’s best support groups among likely voters in this survey are Democrats (96 percent), liberals (93 percent), Black people (87 percent), those with a post-graduate degree (73 percent), moderates (69 percent) and city residents (65 percent). (Blacks from the last two ABC/Post polls are combined for an adequate sample size.)

Trump’s, conversely, are Republicans (90 percent), conservatives (84 percent), evangelical white Protestants (79 percent), rural residents (58 percent) and those with no more than a high school diploma (57 percent). Notable here is that Trump loses 9 percent of Republicans to Biden, while Biden loses 4 percent of Democrats to Trump – although it’s that 12-point Biden lead among independents that makes the big difference.

It stands out, as well, that the race has evened up among men, a group in which Trump has led in every previous ABC/Post poll save one this cycle; and is even among whites, 49-47 percent, Trump-Biden. In exit polls since 1976, only one Democrat, Bill Clinton, has done that well among whites.

Trump is a slight +11 points among white men, Biden, a non-significant +7 among white women. The far bigger gap among whites is on the basis of education: Among whites who have a four-year college degree, Biden leads by 2-1, 63-32 percent. Among those without a degree, the result is almost exactly reversed, 61-35 percent, Trump-Biden. The result among college-educated whites is another case of the largest Democratic lead compared with exit poll results in the last 11 presidential elections.

In another potentially key group, white Catholics divide 51-45 percent, Biden-Trump. Only two previous Democrats have done as well with white Catholics in the last 44 years, both winners – Jimmy Carter in 1976 and Clinton in 1996.

	Trump-Biden		Trump-Clinton	
	<i>(among likely voters)</i>		<i>(2016 exit poll)</i>	
All	42-54%	-12 pts.	46-48%	-2 pts.
Men	48-48	0	52-41	+11
Women	36-59	-23	41-54	-13
Whites	49-47	+2	57-37	+20
Independents	40-52	-12	47-41	+6
Moderates	25-69	-44	40-52	-12
White Catholics	45-51	-6	61-37	+24
Age 18-64	40-56	-16	45-49	-4

Compared just with 2016, Biden outpaces Clinton’s performance among many groups, including whites, women, men, independents, moderates, voters younger than 65 and white Catholics alike. (Among registered voters in this survey, 48 percent report having voted for Clinton in 2016, 44 percent for Trump – very near the 48-46 percent actual vote.)

AND HOW – A last question is how people vote: Just 40 percent of likely voters now say they plan to vote on Election Day, an historical low if it’s borne out. Fifty-eight percent instead say they’ll vote early or already have voted (6 percent). Compared with last month, slightly more say they’ll vote (or have voted) early in person (21 percent); 23 percent, by mail.

It matters: As has been the case all year, there’s a vast difference in vote preferences. Traditional Election Day voters support Trump over Biden by 64-32 percent. Those who voting early support Biden by an even wider margin, 70-26 percent.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Oct. 6-9, 2020, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 879 registered voters, including 725 likely voters. Results have margins of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points among registered voters and 4.0 points among likely voters, including design effects. Partisan divisions are 32-29-34 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents, among registered voters and 35-30-30 percent among likely voters.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling and data collection by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md. See details on the survey’s methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

23-24 held for release. * = less than 0.5 percent.

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	90	65	25	10	4	5	*
9/24/20	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*
8/15/20	RV	87	54	33	12	6	6	*
11/6/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
11/5/16	LV	94	64	29	6	4	2	*
11/4/16	LV	94	65	29	6	4	2	*
11/3/16	LV	94	65	29	6	3	2	1
11/2/16	LV	94	65	30	6	4	2	*

11/1/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
10/31/16	LV	94	66	28	5	3	2	*
10/30/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	2	*
10/29/16	LV	95	68	27	5	3	2	*
10/28/16	LV	94	66	29	5	3	2	*
10/27/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	3	*
10/26/16	LV	93	64	29	7	4	3	*
10/25/16	LV	92	62	30	7	5	3	*
10/24/16	LV	93	65	28	7	4	2	*
10/23/16	LV	94	66	28	6	4	2	*
10/22/16	LV	94	71	23	6	4	2	*
10/13/16	LV	94	66	28	5	4	1	1

Call for full trend.

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election this fall: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
10/9/20	RV	83	5	4	2	*	4	*
9/24/20	RV	89	5	4	2	*	*	1
8/15/20	RV	86	5	5	3	1	NA	*
7/15/20	RV	86	5	5	2	*	NA	1
5/28/20	RV	84	9	4	2	1	NA	*
4/25/19	RV	85	8	6	1	*	NA	1
10/31/16	RV	72	4	4	3	1	16	0
10/30/16	RV	72	5	4	3	1	15	0
10/29/16	RV	73	6	4	3	1	14	0
10/28/16	RV	76	5	4	3	1	11	0
10/27/16	RV	77	6	4	3	1	9	*
10/26/16	RV	78	6	4	3	*	8	*
10/25/16	RV	79	6	5	3	*	6	*
10/24/16	RV	78	7	5	4	1	5	*
10/23/16	RV	79	7	5	3	1	5	*
10/22/16	RV	80	7	5	2	1	5	*
10/13/16	RV	85	6	5	3	1	1	0

Call for full trend.

3. (ASK IF CERTAIN OR PROBABLY VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at a polling place ON Election Day), or (vote early either by mail or in person BEFORE Election Day)?

		Vote on Election Day	Vote early	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20	RV	41	51	6	2
9/24/20	RV	45	51	1	4

Compare to:

Do you think you'll (vote in person at your polling place on Election Day), or (vote before Election Day by early voting or mail-in ballot)?

		Vote in person	Early voting/ mail-in ballot	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
11/6/16	LV	52	13	34	*
11/5/16	LV	51	15	33	1
11/4/16	LV	50	17	33	1
11/3/16	LV	52	18	30	1

11/2/16	LV	52	20	27	1
11/1/16	LV	54	22	24	1
10/31/16	LV	54	22	23	1
10/30/16	LV	54	26	19	2
11/4/12	LV	58	13	28	1
11/3/12	LV	58	14	27	1
11/2/12	LV	58	16	25	*
11/1/12	LV	60	18	22	*
10/31/12	LV	60	19	21	*
10/30/12	LV	60	22	18	1
10/29/12	LV	61	21	17	1
10/28/12	LV	60	22	15	2
10/27/12	LV	62	24	12	2
10/26/12	LV	62	25	11	2
10/25/12	LV	61	29	8	1
10/24/12	LV	62	29	8	1
10/23/12	LV	62	28	7	2
10/22/12	LV	64	27	6	2
10/21/12	LV	66	27	5	2
10/13/12	LV	67	30	2	1

Call for full trend.

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY OR ALREADY VOTED) How do you think you will/did you vote - (in person at an early voting location), (by dropping off a ballot at a designated drop-box), or (by mail)?

	In person	Drop off ballot	Mail	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	36	22	41	2
9/24/20 RV	32	14	53	2

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	Vote on Election Day	NET	In person	Vote early Drop off ballot	Mail	No op.	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	41	57	20	12	23	1	2
9/24/20 RV	45	52	16	7	27	1	4

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats)], [(Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen of the Libertarian Party) or (Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward [(Trump), (Biden)], [(Jorgensen) or Hawkins]? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Trump	Biden	Jorgensen	Hawkins	Other (vol.)	None of these (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
10/9/20 LV*	42	54	2	1	0	*	0	2
10/9/20 RV*	41	53	2	1	0	1	0	2

* Hawkins included where on the ballot

Compare to:

9/24/20 LV*	43	49	4	3	*	*	1	1
9/24/20 RV*	41	47	5	3	*	1	1	2

*Asked after two-way matchup

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

		--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	93	71	22	6	3	3	1
9/24/20	RV	91	65	26	9	4	5	*
8/15/20	RV	89	65	24	10	7	4	1
7/15/20	RV	94	69	25	6	4	2	*
5/28/20	RV	90	69	21	9	5	3	2
3/25/20	RV	86	55	31	13	6	7	*
10/31/16	RV	83	48	34	17	11	6	1
10/30/16	RV	83	51	32	16	10	6	*
10/29/16	RV	84	51	33	15	10	6	*
10/28/16	RV	83	52	31	17	11	6	*
10/27/16	RV	82	51	31	17	10	7	1
10/24/16	RV	83	51	32	17	10	7	1
10/23/16	RV	84	51	33	16	10	6	*
10/13/16	RV	78	44	34	22	13	9	*
9/22/16	RV	88	49	39	11	6	5	1
9/8/16	RV	83	46	37	17	11	6	*

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

		--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	86	52	34	14	9	5	0
9/24/20	RV	79	47	33	20	12	9	*
8/15/20	RV	82	48	33	18	10	8	1
7/15/20	RV	79	39	40	20	10	10	1
5/28/20	RV	76	34	43	23	11	13	1
3/25/20	RV	74	28	46	26	14	11	*

8. (ASK IF NOT NAMED TRUMP OR BIDEN AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the only candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or toward (Biden and Harris)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

		Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20	LV	43	55	0	*	1	1
10/9/20	RV	43	54	0	1	1	2

Compare to:

If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/24/20	44	54	*	*	*	1
8/15/20	44	54	*	1	0	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/24/20	43	53	1	1	*	2
8/15/20	41	53	*	3	1	2
7/15/20*	40	55	2	2	1	1
5/28/20	43	53	1	1	*	1
3/25/20	47	49	*	2	1	1
2/17/20	45	52	0	2	1	1
1/23/20	46	50	*	2	1	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	*
9/5/19	40	55	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	43	53	*	1	*	1

*7/14/20 and prior: "2020 presidential election", "Joe Biden, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican"

9. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Which of the following is the single most important issue in your choice for president - (the economy), (the coronavirus outbreak), (crime and safety), (health care), (equal treatment of racial groups), or (the next appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court)?

	Economy	Coronavirus outbreak	Crime and safety	Health care	Equal treatment of racial groups	Appointment to U.S. Supreme Court	Other (vol.)	No op
10/9/20 RV	29	15	8	13	14	10	9	2
9/24/20 RV	23	17	13	14	13	13	5	2

10. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

10/9/20 - Summary table

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	48	47	*	3	1
b. the coronavirus outbreak	38	55	1	5	1

Trend where available:

a. the economy

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/9/20 RV	48	47	*	3	1
9/24/20 RV	48	47	*	2	2
9/24/20	49	46	1	3	2
7/15/20	47	45	1	4	2
3/25/20	50	42	1	5	2

b. the coronavirus outbreak

Both Neither No

	Trump	Biden	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
10/9/20 RV	38	55	1	5	1
9/24/20 RV	41	53	1	4	1
9/24/20	40	51	1	6	2
7/15/20	34	54	*	8	3
3/25/20	45	43	1	6	5

11. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Regardless of whom you support, are you prepared to accept the outcome of the election as legitimate, or are you not prepared to do that at this time?

	Prepared	Not prepared	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	79	14	5	3
11/5/16 LV	79	15	3	3

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/9/20	44	30	13	54	9	45	3
10/9/20 RV	45	32	13	54	7	47	1
9/24/20	44	28	16	53	8	46	2
8/15/20	43	29	15	55	7	47	2
7/15/20	39	28	11	57	9	48	3
5/28/20	45	32	12	53	11	42	3
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

13. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/9/20 RV	54	40	14	45	11	34	1
9/24/20	52	36	16	45	13	32	3
9/24/20 RV	51	38	13	46	11	35	3
7/15/20	50	36	14	47	11	36	3
5/28/20	52	37	15	44	13	30	4
3/25/20	57	38	19	38	13	24	6
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6

9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5
8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

14. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/9/20	RV	41	28	13	58	6	52	1
9/24/20		40	27	13	58	8	50	2
9/24/20	RV	40	29	11	59	6	53	1
8/15/20		40	27	13	59	8	50	2
7/15/20		38	25	13	60	8	52	2
5/28/20		46	28	17	53	10	43	1
3/25/20		51	36	15	45	8	36	4
3/7/20*		41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	11

*CNN

15. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

		----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught	No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	it (vol.)	op
10/9/20	RV	65	29	36	27	15	12	8	1
9/24/20		62	29	33	33	18	15	5	*
9/24/20	RV	63	27	35	32	18	15	5	*
8/15/20		65	31	34	29	15	14	5	*
7/15/20		66	33	33	29	17	12	5	1
5/28/20		63	30	33	35	22	13	2	*
3/25/20		69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20*	RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

*NBC/Wall Street Journal

16. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How much do you think that wearing a mask and practicing social distancing can reduce your chance of catching the coronavirus - can it reduce the chance a great deal, a good amount, just some or not at all?

		--- Great deal/Good amount ---			--- Just some/Not at all ---			No
		NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	74	56	19	24	17	7	1

17. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Overall, how confident are you that the federal government can handle the outbreak of the coronavirus in this country - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

		--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/9/20	RV	63	27	36	35	15	20	2
3/25/20**	RV	65	26	39	33	21	12	2
3/25/20		66	26	40	32	20	12	2
3/13/20*		61	24	37	38	22	16	*
2/16/20*		77	31	46	22	16	6	*

* Gallup, instead of "not so confident," Gallup's option was "not too confident"

**3/25/20 and prior "will be able to handle"

Compare to:

How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to an outbreak of Zika virus in the United States - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
8/4/16	69	24	45	29	15	14	2
6/23/16	66	18	48	33	21	12	1
The Ebola virus							
10/26/14	63	18	44	36	22	14	2
10/12/14	62	19	43	37	21	16	*
The H1N1 virus known as swine flu:							
10/18/09	69	19	50	31	18	12	1
8/17/09	73	23	50	26	18	9	1
Bird flu:							
3/5/06	59	16	44	40	25	15	*

18. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you think the coronavirus outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

	-- More under control --			---- Less under control ----			No opinion
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	
10/9/20 RV	21	5	17	78	43	35	1
8/15/20 RV	14	4	11	85	36	49	1
7/15/20* RV	20	8	12	78	27	51	2
6/16/20 RV	23	7	16	75	43	33	2
5/20/20 RV	21	5	15	78	43	35	1

*7/15/20 and previous: Fox News, "coronavirus in the United States"

19. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How much do you trust what Trump says about the coronavirus pandemic - a great deal, a good amount, not so much or not at all?

	--- Great deal/Good amount ---			---- Not much/Not at all ----			No opinion
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not so much	Not at all	
10/9/20 RV	37	19	18	62	14	48	1
7/15/20 RV	35	18	18	63	15	48	2

20. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) As you may know, Trump has tested positive and is being treated for the coronavirus. How confident are you that he is healthy enough to carry out his duties as president at this time - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
10/9/20 RV	59	41	19	40	13	27	1

21. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you trust the Trump administration to provide complete and accurate information on Trump's health condition, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	38	60	2

22. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you think Trump did or did not take appropriate precautions to reduce the chance that he would catch the coronavirus?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/9/20 RV	29	65	6

25. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) From what you know, do you think Trump has or has not paid his fair share of federal income taxes in recent years? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Paid fair share ----			-Has not paid fair share-			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/9/20 RV	35	28	7	56	7	48	10

Compare to:

Romney paid about a 14 percent federal tax rate on income of about 14 million dollars last year. Do you think he is or is not paying his fair share of taxes? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Paying fair share ---			- Not paying fair share -			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/29/12 RV	46	33	13	48	10	38	6
2/4/12* RV	30	16	14	66	15	51	4
2/4/12*	30	15	15	66	16	50	4

* "... income of about 22 million..."

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