Post-Election Survey 2020

Survey Flow

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Elec1 Did you vote in the November 2020 General Election?

- ○ I definitely voted in the November General Election (1)
- ○ I wanted to vote in the November General Election, but I was unable to (2)
- ○ I did not vote in the election this November (3)

Display This Question:

If Did you vote in the November 2020 General Election? != I definitely voted in the November General Election

Elec2 How much of a factor did the following reasons play in your not voting in the November General Election?

	Not a factor (1)	A minor factor (2)	A major factor (3)	I don't know (4)
Fear of contracting COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) (1)	○	○	○	○
Illness or disability (own or family's) (4)	○	○	○	○
Out of town or away from home (5)	○	○	○	○
I forgot to vote (6)	○	○	○	○
I requested but did not receive an absentee ballot (7)	○	○	○	○
I was too busy/had a conflicting work, family, or school schedule (8)	○	○	○	○
Transportation problems (9)	○	○	○	○
I didn't like the candidates or campaign issues (10)	○	○	○	○
There were problems with my registration (11)	○	○	○	○
Bad weather (12)	○	○	○	○
The polling place hours, or location, were inconvenient	○	○	○	○

(13) The line at the polls was too long (14)	○	○	○	○
I did not know where to vote (15)	○	○	○	○
I did not receive my ballot in the mail, or it arrived too late for me to vote (16)	○	○	○	○

Elec3 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations...

- ○ Deal fairly with all sides (1)
- ○ Tend to favor one side (2)
- ○ I don't know (3)

Elec4 How closely have you been following news about the November 2020 General Election?

- ○ Very closely (1)
- ○ Fairly closely (2)
- ○ Not too closely (3)
- ○ Not at all closely (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

Elec5 Which websites do you visit to get political and election news? (select all that apply)

- [ ] CNN website (1)
- [ ] NBC News website (2)
- [ ] Fox News website (3)
- [ ] USA Today website (4)
- [ ] New York Times website (5)
- [ ] Washington Post website (6)
- [ ] Wall Street Journal website (7)
- [ ] New York Post website (8)
- [ ] Washington Examiner website (9)
- [ ] HuffPost (10)
- [ ] Breitbart (11)
- [ ] Google News (12)
- [ ] Yahoo! News (13)
- [ ] The Drudge Report (14)
- [ ] Other (please specify) (15)

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- [ ] None of these websites (16)

Elec6 In presenting the news dealing with political issues, do you think the following media organizations…

	Tend to strongly favor the Democratic Party (1)	Tend to somewhat favor the Democratic Party (2)	Deal fairly with the Democratic Party and the Republican Party (3)	Tend to somewhat favor the Republican Party (4)	Tend to strongly favor the Republican Party (5)	I don't know (6)
CNN (1)	○	○	○	○	○	○
MSNBC (2)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Fox News (3)	○	○	○	○	○	○
USA Today (4)	○	○	○	○	○	○
New York Times (5)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Wall Street Journal (6)	○	○	○	○	○	○

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Elec7 Did you vote in the following general elections?

	Yes (1)	No (2)	I don't remember (3)
November 2018 Midterm General Election (1)	○	○	○
November 2016 Presidential General Election (2)	○	○	○

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Elec8 How confident are you that your vote in the General Election was counted as you intended?

- ○ Very confident (1)
- ○ Somewhat confident (2)
- ○ Not too confident (3)
- ○ Not at all confident (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

Elec9 Think about vote counting throughout your county, and not just your own personal situation. How confident are you that votes in your county were counted as voters intended?

- Very confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Not too confident (3)
- Not at all confident (4)
- I don't know (5)

Elec10 Think about vote counting throughout your state, and not just your own personal situation. How confident are you that votes in your state were counted as voters intended?

- Very confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Not too confident (3)
- Not at all confident (4)
- I don't know (5)

Elec11 Think about vote counting throughout the country, and not just your own personal situation. How confident are you that votes in the country were counted as voters intended?

- Very confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Not too confident (3)
- Not at all confident (4)
- I don't know (5)

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Elec12 The following is a list of activities that are usually against the law. Please indicate how often you think these activities occur in your county?

	It is very common (1)	It occurs occasionally (2)	It occurs infrequently (3)	It almost never occurs (4)	I'm not sure (5)
People voting more than once in an election (1)	○	○	○	○	○
People stealing or tampering with ballots that have been voted (2)	○	○	○	○	○
People pretending to be someone else when going to vote (3)	○	○	○	○	○
People voting who are not U.S. citizens (4)	○	○	○	○	○
People voting an absentee ballot intended for another person (5)	○	○	○	○	○
Officials changing the reported vote count in a way that is not a true reflection of the ballots that were actually counted (6)	○	○	○	○	○

Elec13 How much of a problem do you believe computer hacking was nationwide in the administration of elections in 2020?

- ○ Major problem (1)
- ○ Minor problem (2)
- ○ Not a problem at all (3)
- ○ I'm not sure (4)

Elec14 How much of a problem do you believe computer hacking was locally in the administration of elections in 2020?

- ○ Major problem (1)
- ○ Minor problem (2)
- ○ Not a problem at all (3)
- ○ I'm not sure (4)

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Elec15 Do you use social networking services like Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram daily?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I don't know (3)

Elec16 Which social networking services do you use every day? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Twitter (1)
- ☐ Facebook (2)
- ☐ Instagram (3)
- ☐ WhatsApp (4)
- ☐ YouTube (5)
- ☐ WeChat (6)
- ☐ Snapchat (7)
- ☐ LinkedIn (8)
- ☐ TikTok (9)
- ☐ Other (please describe) (10) _____

Elec17 Did you use a social networking service to discuss concerns with election integrity, if you have any, in the 2020 election?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I don't know (3)

Elec18 Did you receive any messages on a social networking service that made you more concerned about election integrity?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I don't know (3)

Display This Question:

If Did you receive any messages on a social networking service that made you more concerned about el... = Yes

Elec19 What was the content of the messages that made you more concerned about election integrity? (select all that apply)

- [ ] Non-citizens voting (1)
- [ ] Voter suppression or intimidation (2)
- [ ] Voting machine tampering (3)
- [ ] Election manipulation by foreign powers (4)
- [ ] Duplicate voting (5)
- [ ] Voter fraud (6)
- [ ] Other (please specify below) (7)

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Elec20 How worried are you about the spread of coronavirus in your community?

- ○ Very worried (1)
- ○ Somewhat worried (2)
- ○ Not too worried (3)
- ○ Not at all worried (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

Elec21 Did the coronavirus outbreak make you worried about the safety of voting in the November 2020 general election?

- ○ Very worried (1)
- ○ Somewhat worried (2)
- ○ Not too worried (3)
- ○ Not at all worried (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

Elec22 Have you, or has anyone in your household, experienced a loss of employment income as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

- [ ] Yes, me (1)
- [ ] Yes, someone in my household (2)
- [x] No (3)
- [x] Not sure (4)

Elec23 How worried are you about your personal financial situation?

- ○ Very worried (1)
- ○ Somewhat worried (2)
- ○ Not too worried (3)
- ○ Not at all worried (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

Elec24 How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak?

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	Not sure (5)
Donald Trump (1)	○	○	○	○	○
Mike Pence (2)	○	○	○	○	○
The CDC (3)	○	○	○	○	○
Congress (4)	○	○	○	○	○
Governor of your state (5)	○	○	○	○	○
Your local government officials (6)	○	○	○	○	○

Elec25 Compared to other wealthy nations, would you say that the United States' response to the coronavirus outbreak has been more effective, less effective, about as effective?

- ○ More effective than other countries (1)
- ○ Less effective than other countries (2)
- ○ About as effective as other countries (3)

Elec26 Compared to other states, would you say that your state's response to the coronavirus outbreak has been more effective, less effective, about as effective?

- ○ More effective than other states (1)
- ○ Less effective than other states (2)
- ○ About as effective as other states (3)

Elec27 Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that your state has been lifting restrictions too quickly, or not lifting the restrictions quickly enough?

- ○ My state has been lifting restrictions too quickly (1)
- ○ My state has not been lifting the restrictions quickly enough (2)

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Elec28 In the 2020 presidential general election, who did you vote for?

- Donald Trump (the Republican) (1)
- Joe Biden (the Democrat) (2)
- neither (3)
- someone else (4)

Elec29 How important, if at all, were each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2020 presidential election?

	very important (1)	somewhat important (2)	not too important (3)	not important at all (4)
immigration (1)	○	○	○	○
abortion (2)	○	○	○	○
foreign policy (3)	○	○	○	○
economic inequality (4)	○	○	○	○
the covid-19 outbreak (5)	○	○	○	○
violent crime (6)	○	○	○	○
the economy (7)	○	○	○	○
health care (8)	○	○	○	○
racial and ethnic inequality (9)	○	○	○	○
climate change (10)	○	○	○	○
gun policy (11)	○	○	○	○
Supreme Court appointments (12)	○	○	○	○

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Elec30 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

- ○ Democrat (1)
- ○ Republican (2)
- ○ Independent (3)
- ○ Other (4) _____
- ○ Not sure (5)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Democrat

Elec31 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- ○ Strong Democrat (1)
- ○ Not very strong Democrat (2)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Republican

Elec32 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- ○ Not very strong Republican (1)
- ○ Strong Republican (2)

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If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Independent

Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Other

Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Not sure

Elec33 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or the Republican Party?

- ○ The Democratic Party (1)
- ○ The Republican Party (2)
- ○ Neither (3)
- ○ Not sure (4)

Elec34 Which political party could do a better job of...?

	Democratic Party (1)	Republican Party (2)	Not sure (3)
dealing with terrorism (1)	○	○	○
dealing with climate change (2)	○	○	○
dealing with policies on abortion and contraception (3)	○	○	○
handing law enforcement and criminal justice (4)	○	○	○
handing the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak (5)	○	○	○
handling the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak (6)	○	○	○
dealing with the federal budget deficit (7)	○	○	○
dealing with the economy (8)	○	○	○
dealing with health care (9)	○	○	○
dealing with foreign policy (10)	○	○	○

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Elec35 Have you ever done any of the following in the past year? (select all that apply)

- [ ] contacted a public official to express your opinion on issues related to race or racial equality (1)
- [ ] contributed money to a group or organization that focuses on race or racial equality (2)
- [ ] attended a protest or rally that focused on issues related to race or racial equality (3)
- [ ] had conversations with family or friends about issues related to race or racial equality (4)
- [ ] posted or shared content (5)

Elec36 From what you've read and heard, how do you feel about the Black Lives Matter movement?

- ○ strongly support (1)
- ○ somewhat support (2)
- ○ somewhat oppose (3)
- ○ strongly oppose (4)

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Elec37 In your everyday life, which of the following do you do to help protect the environment? (select all that apply)

- [ ] eat less meat (1)
- [ ] drive less or carpool (2)
- [ ] reduce your food waste (3)
- [ ] use fewer plastics that can't be reused (4)
- [ ] reduce the amount of water you use (5)
- [ ] compose kitchen waste (6)
- [ ] reduce the electricity you use in the summer (7)

Elec38 How much of a difference does it make when people do the following in their everyday lives to help protect the environment?

	A big difference (1)	A slight difference (2)	A very small difference (3)	No difference at all (4)	Not sure (5)
eat less meat (1)	○	○	○	○	○
drive less or carpool (2)	○	○	○	○	○
reduce your food waste (3)	○	○	○	○	○
use fewer plastics that can't be reused (4)	○	○	○	○	○
reduce the amount of water you use (5)	○	○	○	○	○
compose kitchen waste (6)	○	○	○	○	○
reduce the electricity you use in the summer (7)	○	○	○	○	○

Elec39 Which of the following are important ways that global climate change is affecting you and your family? (select all that apply)

- [ ] droughts and water shortages (1)
- [ ] electricity outages (2)
- [ ] unusually hot weather (3)
- [ ] very severe weather, like floods, hurricanes, and strong storms (4)
- [ ] rising sea levels (5)
- [ ] more frequent and widespread wildfires (6)
- [ ] damage to forests and wildlife (7)

Elec40 Do you think that the federal government is doing enough, or not enough, to...

	Doing enough (1)	Not doing enough (2)	Not sure (3)
prevent droughts and water shortages (1)	○	○	○
prevent electricity outages (2)	○	○	○
deal with unusually hot weather (3)	○	○	○
mitigate the effects of severe weather, like floods, hurricanes, and strong storms (4)	○	○	○
mitigate rising sea levels (5)	○	○	○
prevent and stop wildfires (6)	○	○	○
protect forests and wildlife (7)	○	○	○
reduce the effects of global climate change (8)	○	○	○

Elec41 Do you think that your state's government is doing enough, or not enough, to...

	Doing enough (1)	Not doing enough (2)	Not sure (3)
prevent droughts and water shortages (1)	○	○	○
prevent electricity outages (2)	○	○	○
deal with unusually hot weather (3)	○	○	○
mitigate the effects of severe weather, like floods, hurricanes, and strong storms (4)	○	○	○
mitigate rising sea levels (5)	○	○	○
prevent and stop wildfires (6)	○	○	○
protect forests and wildlife (7)	○	○	○
reduce the effects of global climate change (8)	○	○	○

Elec42 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 (1)
- ○ Some of the time (2)
- ○ Only now and then (3)
- ○ Hardly at all (4)
- ○ I don't know (5)

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