



PRRI 2020 American Values Survey Supplement
Total = 1,070
October 9 – 12, 2020

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

a. as president

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2017</u>	
22	21	20	19	19	22	Strongly approve
16	19	23	20	22	19	Somewhat approve
14	13	12	16	16	12	Somewhat disapprove
46	46	44	44	42	42	Strongly disapprove
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	100	Total

b. dealing with the economy

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
31	26	Strongly approve
17	24	Somewhat approve
16	17	Somewhat disapprove
35	33	Strongly disapprove
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

c. dealing with the coronavirus pandemic

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
20	15	Strongly approve
13	20	Somewhat approve

15	15	Somewhat disapprove
50	50	Strongly disapprove
<u>2</u>	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

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

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	
20	14	Strongly approve
16	21	Somewhat approve
14	17	Somewhat disapprove
50	47	Strongly disapprove
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
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:**

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	
91	86	Yes, registered
9	10	No, not registered
-	3	Not sure if registered
<u>1</u>	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q7 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2020 presidential election?¹

ASK ALL:

	<u>Already voted</u>	<u>Absolutely certain to vote</u>	<u>Probably will vote</u>	<u>Chances are 50-50</u>	<u>Less than 50-50 chance</u>	<u>Definitely not voting</u>	<u>Skipped/ Refused</u>
Oct. 2020	15	62	11	4	7	-	1=100
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?

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
32	33	In person, on Election Day
17	17	In person, before Election

¹ Results in 2019 are for the 2020 election. Other years are for that year’s election.

39	32	By mail
12	18	Not sure
*	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

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 [N=978]

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	
55	57	Joe Biden, the Democrat
51	52	<i>Biden</i>
4	5	<i>Leans Biden</i>
36	42	Donald Trump, the Republican
34	37	<i>Trump</i>
3	5	<i>Leans Trump</i>
5	*	Some other candidate
*	*	Don't know
<u>3</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

LIKELY VOTERS [N=591]

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>
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54	55	Joe Biden, the Democrat
51	51	<i>Biden</i>
3	4	<i>Leans Biden</i>
40	44	Donald Trump, the Republican
37	40	<i>Trump</i>
2	4	<i>Leans Trump</i>
*	*	Don't know
<u>2</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	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=338]

Oct. 2020	Sept. 2020	
71	67	For Trump
28	33	Against Biden
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	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= 589]

Oct. 2020	Sept. 2020	
51	39	For Biden
48	60	Against Trump
<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
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

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	
22	18	Very confident
48	49	Somewhat confident
30	33	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

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

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	
30	27	Very confident
35	34	Somewhat confident
34	39	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

c. My vote will be counted accurately

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2016</u>	
41	35	43	Very confident
41	47	38	Somewhat confident
17	18	17	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused

100 100 100 Total

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

Oct. 2020 Sept. 2020

16	15	Very confident
31	30	Somewhat confident
53	55	Not at all confident
<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

Q17 Thinking about the November 2020 presidential election, how worried are you about each of the following? [**RANDOMIZE**]

a. People will be harassed or bothered while trying to vote

21	Very worried
48	Somewhat worried
30	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

b. There will be not be a peaceful transition of power after this election

29	Very worried
48	Somewhat worried
22	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. There will be violent protests in my community following this election

11	Very worried
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43	Somewhat worried
45	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. There will be widespread violent protests in cities across the country following this election

30	Very worried
56	Somewhat worried
14	Not at all worried
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

e. White supremacist groups will be a source of violent behavior in response to the results of the November 2020 presidential election

30	Very worried
40	Somewhat worried
29	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q20 Does each of the following make you more likely to support Donald Trump or less likely to support him? [RANDOMIZE]

a. Trump's personal conduct

Oct. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2020</u>	Sept. <u>2019</u>	
8	12	8	More likely to support him
57	59	62	Less likely to support him
34	29	30	Makes no difference

<u>1</u>	*	*	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

b. Trump's refusal to condemn white supremacist groups in the first debate

7	More likely to support him
53	Less likely to support him
38	Makes no difference
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. Trump's behavior after he became infected with the coronavirus

12	More likely to support him
44	Less likely to support him
42	Makes no difference
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. Revelations about Trump paying very little in federal income taxes

6	More likely to support him
48	Less likely to support him
44	Makes no difference
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

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

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2019</u>	<u>Oct. 2018</u>	
54	57	57	54	Have encouraged white supremacist groups
9	7	6	5	Have discouraged white supremacist groups
35	35	36	39	Have NOT had an impact either way
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

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

b. Racial inequality²

	<u>Critical issue</u>	One among many_important <u>issues</u>	Not that important <u>an</u> <u>issue</u>	Skipped/Refused
Oct. 2020	46	36	17	1=100
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

	<u>Critical issue</u>	One among many_important <u>issues</u>	Not that important <u>an</u> <u>issue</u>	Skipped/Refused
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² In September 2019 and earlier, this issue was phrased as "Race relations"

Oct. 2020	54	38	7	1=100
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

h. The coronavirus pandemic

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
57	60	Critical issue
34	29	One among many important issues
8	10	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

j. Fairness of presidential elections

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2019</u>	<u>Sept. 2016</u>	
50	57	48	41	Critical issue
40	34	39	42	One among many important issues
10	8	12	16	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

k. Foreign interference in presidential elections

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2019</u>
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37	49	46	Critical issue
41	35	39	One among many important issues
21	15	15	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

n. Abortion

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2016</u>	
33	36	29	34	31	Critical issue
45	38	40	38	35	One among many important issues
22	25	28	27	30	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	Total

o. Appointment of U.S. Supreme Court judges

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
43	40	Critical issue
40	45	One among many important issues
15	14	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

p. Countering the rise of white supremacist groups

34	One among many important issues
22	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q60 Do you think President Trump's experience of becoming infected with the Coronavirus will ...

13	Make him <i>more</i> likely to encourage people to wear masks
24	Make him <i>less</i> likely to encourage people to wear masks
62	Make no difference
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q61 Do you favor or oppose each of the following... [RANDOMIZE]

a. Allowing religiously affiliated agencies that receive taxpayer funding to refuse to accept qualified gay and lesbian couples as foster parents

11	Strongly favor
17	Favor
31	Oppose
39	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

b. Allowing transgender people to serve in the U.S. military

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Apr. 2019</u>	<u>Aug. 2017</u>	
31	22	32	Strongly favor
37	41	32	Favor
19	18	14	Oppose
10	14	16	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. Allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to gay or lesbian people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2020	13	19	27	38	2=100
Dec. 2019	12	25	30	26	6=100
Nov. 2019	12	24	30	27	7=100
Oct. 2019	12	24	30	27	8=100
Sept. 2019	13	26	30	25	7=100
Aug. 2019	12	27	29	24	9=100
July 2019	13	26	30	24	8=100
June 2019	12	24	32	24	7=100
May 2019	10	23	36	23	8=100
Apr. 2019	13	25	33	24	5=100
Mar. 2019	12	24	26	30	8=100
Sept. 2018	17	20	24	34	5=100
July 2018	17	25	25	24	9=100
Mar. 2018	15	22	26	31	6=100
Oct. 2017	13	19	29	34	5=100

Aug. 2017	16	23	24	32	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	40	4=100
Jan. 2017	12	17	29	34	8=100
Dec. 2016	14	14	30	35	8=100
Nov. 2016	11	16	26	36	11=100
Oct. 2016	14	17	25	37	7=100
Sept. 2016	10	21	25	33	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	14	16	28	35	7=100
Early Aug. 2016	9	20	31	30	9=100
July 2016	9	22	29	31	8=100
June 2016	13	17	29	31	9=100
May 2016	13	21	28	32	6=100
Dec. 2015	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov. 2015	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct. 2015	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept. 2015	17	18	28	32	5=100
Late Aug. 2015	14	21	29	28	8=100
Early Aug. 2015	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 2015	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 2015	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 2015	14	18	30	32	5=100

d. Increasing the number of Supreme Court justices from 9 to 13

12	Strongly favor
33	Favor
30	Oppose
22	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Skipped/Refused

100 Total

e Requiring Supreme Court justices to retire at a certain age or after a certain number of years instead of serving for life

35 Strongly favor

41 Favor

16 Oppose

7 Strongly oppose

2 Skipped/Refused

100 Total

f Increasing the tax rate on Americans earning more than \$250,000 per year

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2020	31	35	22	9	3=100
April 2017	43	34	16	7	1=100
Oct. 2016	27	30	22	15	6=100
Sept. 2016	41	31	19	8	1=100
May 2016	33	36	22	9	1=100
April 2016	27	32	21	14	5=100
Aug. 2014	26	31	24	13	5=100
June 2013	29	34	22	12	3=100
Sept. 2012	33	28	19	17	4=100

g Requiring all presidential candidates to make their income tax returns public

40 Strongly favor

32	Favor
19	Oppose
8	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q62 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. If the 2020 presidential election results are disputed and are decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, president Trump's new appointee Amy Coney Barrett should recuse herself and not vote on the decision.

37	Completely agree
21	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
21	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

- b. President Trump has used the tax system in an unethical way to get out of paying his fair share of income taxes.

40	Completely agree
20	Mostly agree
18	Mostly disagree
20	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

- c. President Trump and people in his administration contracted the Coronavirus because they behaved irresponsibly by ignoring basic safety guidelines like wearing masks.

22	Mostly agree
18	Mostly disagree
13	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. China is threatening our economy by taking manufacturing jobs away from the U.S.

24	Completely agree
39	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
6	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q63 Thinking about the November 2020 presidential election, how important do you think it is for religious leaders to speak out about the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. The importance of a peaceful transition of power no matter who wins the election.

58	Very important
23	Somewhat important
9	Somewhat unimportant
9	Very unimportant
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

b. Support a particular presidential candidate.

16	Very important
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29	Somewhat important
22	Somewhat unimportant
32	Very unimportant
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. Support for a particular issue or issues.

26	Very important
36	Somewhat important
18	Somewhat unimportant
19	Very unimportant
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. The importance of de-escalating anger before it turns violent and peaceful protests.

60	Very important
24	Somewhat important
7	Somewhat unimportant
8	Very unimportant
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

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

<u>Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
15	16	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
15	11	CNN
17	15	Fox News
7	5	MSNBC
11	12	Local television news
9	9	Public television
6	5	Other [SPECIFY]
20	27	Do not watch television news
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	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 1,070 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 110 respondents, were interviewed via telephone by professional interviewers under the direction of NORC. Interviewing was conducted in both Spanish and English between October 9 and October 12, 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 +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes the design effect for the survey of 1.8. 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, 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 70% of adults are deemed likely to vote and constitutes the high turnout estimate reported.

Because 70% 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 70% turnout model includes 752 likely voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.8 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes the design effect. The 55% turnout model includes 591 likely voters, with a margin of error of +/- 5.4 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= 1,070

Total Sample	
Male	556
Female	514
Democrat	416
Independent	392
<i>Leans Democrat</i>	139
<i>Independent (no lean)</i>	133
<i>Leans Republican</i>	120
Republican	257
White, non-Hispanic	627
Black, non-Hispanic	152
Hispanic	217
Asian	29
Multiracial	26
Something else	19
Age 18-29	163
30-49	400
50-64	264

65+	243
White evangelical Protestant	127
White mainline Protestant	151
Black Protestant	122
Hispanic Protestant	70
Catholic	209
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>114</i>
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	<i>84</i>
Other Christian	55
Non-Christian religion	83
Religiously unaffiliated	262
