

**PRRI Nebraska Pluralism Survey**

**Total = 1,321**

**August 23 - October 7, 2019**

Q.1 Do you think that things in Nebraska[[1]](#footnote-1) today are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Right direction | Wrong track | Mixed (VOL.) | Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 58 | 41 | - | 1=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

Q.2 Do you live in the community in which you grew up?

**IF STILL LIVE IN CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY (Q.2=1), ASK [N=586]:**

Q.3a Compared to when you were young, do you think the quality of life in your community has gotten better, gotten worse or has stayed about the same?

**IF NO LONGER LIVE IN CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY (Q.2=2), ASK [N=652]:**

Q.3b Do you live within a two-hour drive from where you grew up, or do you live farther away than that?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Oct. 2016 | Feb. 1985[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| 46 | 33 | 35 | Yes |
|  *26* |  *22* |  *-* |  *Gotten better* |
|  *34* |  *38* |  *-* |  *Gotten worse* |
|  *38* |  *39*  |  *-* |  *About the same* |
|  *2* |  *1* |  *-* |  *Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)* |
| 54 | 67 | 65 | No |
|  *43* |  *-* |  *-* |  *Yes, within two-hour drive* |
|  *14* |  *-* |  *-* |  *Two to four hours away* |
|  *43* |  |  |  *Live more than four hours away* |
|  *0* |  *-* |  *-* |  *Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)* |
| \* | \* | - | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 How long have you lived in Nebraska?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | Less than 1 year |
| 5 | Between 1 and 5 years |
| 7 | Between 6 and 10 years |
| 10 | Between 11 and 20 years |
| 25 | More than 20 years |
| 52 | Born in Nebraska |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.5 Do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you'll get ahead—still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Still holds true | Never held true | Once held true, but not anymore | Other (VOL.) | Don’t know/ Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 54 | 9 | 37 | - | \*=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2016 | 50 | 6 | 41 | \* | 2=100 |
| Aug. 2014 | 42 | 7 | 48 | - | 3=100 |
| Aug. 2012 | 53 | 4 | 42 | \* | 1=100 |
| Nov. 2011 | 44 | 6 | 48 | \* | 1=100 |

Q.6 Do you think the American Dream is easier to achieve in Nebraska than elsewhere in the U.S. or harder to achieve?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 27 | Easier to achieve |
| 22 | Harder to achieve |
| 50 | About the same |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.7 Would you say your overall opinion of Donald Trump is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very favorable | Mostly favorable | Mostly unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Have not heard of (VOL.) | Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 16 | 32 | 16 | 36 | - | \*=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| April 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 |

Q.8. Thinking about your interactions with other people, how frequently do you interact with those who do NOT share your **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

a. race or ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 53 | 52 | More than once a week |
| 14 | 10 | Once a week |
| 10 | 8 | Once or twice a month |
| 7 | 6 | A few times a year |
| 9 | 11 | Seldom |
| 6 | 10 | Never |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. sexual orientation

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 38 | 31 | More than once a week |
| 14 | 10 | Once a week |
| 14 | 12 | Once or twice a month |
| 9 | 11 | A few times a year |
| 16 | 16 | Seldom |
| 9 | 15 | Never |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. political party

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 56 | 48 | More than once a week |
| 11 | 9 | Once a week |
| 10 | 9 | Once or twice a month |
| 6 | 7 | A few times a year |
| 7 | 14 | Seldom |
| 8 | 10 | Never |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

d. religion

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 56 | 50 | More than once a week |
| 10 | 10 | Once a week |
| 10 | 8 | Once or twice a month |
| 6 | 8 | A few times a year |
| 12 | 13 | Seldom |
| 7 | 9 | Never |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

**IF Q8x=1,2,3,4,5, ASK:**

Q.9 Where do you frequently interact with people who do NOT share your **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q8]**?

a. race or ethnicity **[N=1,245]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 23 | 22 | In my family |
| 49 | 46 | In my friendship circles |
| 47 | 53 | In my workplace |
| 6 | 7 | In a school I am attending |
| 10 | 9 | In a school my child is attending |
| 14 | 14 | At religious services |
| 17 | 17 | At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings |

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

b. sexual orientation **[N=1,210]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 29 | 26 | In my family |
| 43 | 42 | In my friendship circles |
| 40 | 43 | In my workplace |
| 6 | 5 | In a school I am attending |
| 5 | 4 | In a school my child is attending |
| 6 | 7 | At religious services |
| 15 | 14 | At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings |

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

c. political party **[N=1,221]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 45 | 39 | In my family |
| 57 | 48 | In my friendship circles |
| 47 | 53 | In my workplace |
| 7 | 5 | In a school I am attending |
| 9 | 6 | In a school my child is attending |
| 12 | 12 | At religious services |
| 14 | 14 | At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings |

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

d. religion **[N=1,229]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 37 | 32 | In my family |
| 55 | 48 | In my friendship circles |
| 43 | 51 | In my workplace |
| 8 | 5 | In a school I am attending |
| 8 | 7 | In a school my child is attending |
| 8 | 5 | At religious services |
| 13 | 14 | At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings |

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Would you describe your interactions with people who differ from you in the following ways as mostly positive or mostly negative?**[INSERT; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q8]**

a. race or ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 51 | 48 | Mostly positive |
| 18 | 11 | Somewhat positive |
| 25 | 30 | Neither positive nor negative |
| 4 | 3 | Somewhat negative |
| 1 | 3 | Mostly negative |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. sexual orientation

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 45 | 44 | Mostly positive |
| 16 | 11 | Somewhat positive |
| 31 | 33 | Neither positive nor negative |
| 4 | 4 | Somewhat negative |
| 2 | 3 | Mostly negative |
| 0 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. political party

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 28 | 24 | Mostly positive |
| 21 | 16 | Somewhat positive |
| 32 | 36 | Neither positive nor negative |
| 13 | 13 | Somewhat negative |
| 5 | 6 | Mostly negative |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

d. religion

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 40 | 40 | Mostly positive |
| 22 | 14 | Somewhat positive |
| 31 | 35 | Neither positive nor negative |
| 3 | 5 | Somewhat negative |
| 2 | 3 | Mostly negative |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.11 When you are deciding whether or not to spend time with someone you recently met socially, how likely are you to consider their **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q8]** before deciding if you want to spend time with that person or not?

a. race or ethnicity

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 6 | Very likely |
| 9 | Somewhat likely |
| 23 | Somewhat unlikely |
| 62 | Very unlikely |
| 0 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

b. sexual orientation

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 10 | Very likely |
| 16 | Somewhat likely |
| 22 | Somewhat unlikely |
| 52 | Very unlikely |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

c. political party

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 7 | Very likely |
| 17 | Somewhat likely |
| 28 | Somewhat unlikely |
| 48 | Very unlikely |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

d. religion

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 6 | Very likely |
| 12 | Somewhat likely |
| 27 | Somewhat unlikely |
| 54 | Very unlikely |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.12 How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

a. someone who is a different race or ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 26 | 23 | Very happy |
| 13 | 9 | Somewhat happy |
| 52 | 52 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 8 | 9 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 2 | 4 | Very unhappy |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. someone who is the same gender as your son or daughter

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 18 | 16 | Very happy |
| 11 | 8 | Somewhat happy |
| 40 | 36 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 14 | 17 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 17 | 20 | Very unhappy |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. someone who identifies as transgender

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 15 | 11 | Very happy |
| 7 | 7 | Somewhat happy |
| 34 | 34 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 20 | 18 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 23 | 27 | Very unhappy |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

d. a supporter of the Democratic Party

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 21 | 25 | Very happy |
| 11 | 12 | Somewhat happy |
| 53 | 45 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 10 | 8 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 5 | 6 | Very unhappy |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

e. a supporter of the Republican Party

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 23 | 21 | Very happy |
| 18 | 11 | Somewhat happy |
| 49 | 45 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 8 | 13 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 3 | 8 | Very unhappy |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

f. someone who belongs to a different religious group

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 18 | 18 | Very happy |
| 13 | 8 | Somewhat happy |
| 55 | 56 | Neither happy nor unhappy |
| 9 | 10 | Somewhat unhappy |
| 4 | 6 | Very unhappy |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

**[ROTATE Q13 AND Q14]**

Q.13 Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself on the following scale. **[1-10 Slider]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 35 | 32 | 1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people from all over the world. |
| 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 8 | 8 | 3 |
| 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 23 | 21 | 5 |
| 7 | 7 | 6 |
| 7 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 3 | 3 | 10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people from western European heritage.  |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.14 Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself on the following scale. **[1-10 Slider]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 31 | 25 | 1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people belonging to a wide variety of religions. |
| 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 21 | 19 | 5 |
| 9 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4 | 8 | 8 |
| 4 | 4 | 9 |
| 10 | 12 | 10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people who follow the Christian faith.  |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.15 Do you think the following institutions are mostly bringing people together or mostly pushing people apart? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Public schools

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 50 | 41 | Bringing people together |
| 19 | 21 | Pushing people apart |
| 31 | 35 | Neither |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Workplaces

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 49 | 40 | Bringing people together |
| 12 | 13 | Pushing people apart |
| 38 | 43 | Neither |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Religious organizations

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 43 | 40 | Bringing people together |
| 35 | 30 | Pushing people apart |
| 22 | 27 | Neither |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

d. Colleges and universities

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 49 | 43 | Bringing people together |
| 25 | 25 | Pushing people apart |
| 26 | 29 | Neither |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

e. The media

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 10 | 9 | Bringing people together |
| 72 | 64 | Pushing people apart |
| 17 | 23 | Neither |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

f. The military

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 41 | 41 | Bringing people together |
| 18 | 16 | Pushing people apart |
| 40 | 39 | Neither |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

g. Community organizations and non-profits

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 64 | 54 | Bringing people together |
| 10 | 12 | Pushing people apart |
| 25 | 31 | Neither |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

h. Political parties

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 6 | 5 | Bringing people together |
| 83 | 78 | Pushing people apart |
| 10 | 13 | Neither |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=656]**

Q.16 The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country much stronger, moderately stronger, neither stronger nor weaker, moderately weaker, or much weaker?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 34 | 36 | Much stronger |
| 36 | 26 | Moderately strongly |
| 25 | 23 | Neither stronger nor weaker |
| 4 | 8 | Moderately weaker |
| 2 | 5 | Much weaker |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=665]**

Q.16 Nebraska has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country much stronger, moderately stronger, neither stronger nor weaker, moderately weaker, or much weaker?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 32 | Much stronger |
| 32 | Moderately strongly |
| 28 | Neither stronger nor weaker |
| 6 | Moderately weaker |
| 2 | Much weaker |
| 0 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 These days, how divided do you think Americans are over the following? Are Americans very divided, somewhat divided, not that divided or not at all divided by **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Race or ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 30 | 35 | Very divided |
| 49 | 48 | Somewhat divided |
| 19 | 10 | Not that divided |
| 1 | 3 | Not at all divided |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Politics

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 73 | 74 | Very divided |
| 21 | 17 | Somewhat divided |
| 5 | 3 | Not that divided |
| 1 | 2 | Not at all divided |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Religion

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 31 | 27 | Very divided |
|  46 | 50 | Somewhat divided |
| 22 | 16 | Not that divided |
| 1 | 3 | Not at all divided |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 27 | Total |

Q.18 These days, do you feel optimistic that Americans who **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** can still come together and solve the country’s problems, or are you pessimistic that Americans can do that now?

a. Belong to different racial or ethnic groups

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | Sept. 2018 |  |
| 74 | 66 | 36 | Optimistic |
| 26 | 30 | 62 | Pessimistic |
| 0 | 4 | 2 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Hold different political views

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 |  |
| 43 | 38 | Optimistic |
| 57 | 59 | Pessimistic |
| \* | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Belong to different religious groups

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 |  |
| 72 | 66 | Optimistic |
| 28 | 30 | Pessimistic |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.19 Now, please read the following statements on a few different topics and indicate if you agree or disagree with each one. **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Efforts to increase diversity almost always come at the expense of whites

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 13 | Completely agree |
| 28 | Mostly agree |
| 35 | Mostly disagree |
| 24 | Completely disagree |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

b. Things have changed so much that I often feel like a stranger in my own country

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Oct. 2018 | April 2017 | Nov. 2016 | Oct. 2016 |  |
| 12 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 17 | Completely agree |
| 36 | 32 | 29 | 27 | 24 | Mostly agree |
| 32 | 32 | 33 | 29 | 30 | Mostly disagree |
| 20 | 19 | 22 | 24 | 27 | Completely disagree |
| \* | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

c. The American way of life needs to be protected from foreign influence

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Oct. 2018 | Oct. 2016 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 |  |
| 21 | 19 | 29 | 21 | 27 | Completely agree |
| 36 | 31 | 26 | 34 | 26 | Mostly agree |
| 26 | 27 | 23 | 27 | 24 | Mostly disagree |
| 18 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 21 | Completely disagree |
| \* | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

d. Today, America is in danger of losing its culture and identity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Oct. 2016 |  |
| 19 | 28 | Completely agree |
| 35 | 27 | Mostly agree |
| 31 | 23 | Mostly disagree |
| 15 | 18 | Completely disagree |
| \* | 3 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Oct. 2015 | March 2013 | Sept. 2011 |  |
| 23 | 26 | 23 | 17 | Completely agree |
| 34 | 30 | 24 | 30 | Mostly agree |
| 31 | 28 | 25 | 32 | Mostly disagree |
| 12 | 13 | 19 | 16 | Completely disagree |
| \* | 3 | 9 | 5 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

f. It bothers me when I come into contact with immigrants who speak little or no English

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Completely agree | Mostly agree | Mostly disagree | Completely disagree | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 18 | 30 | 29 | 23 | \*=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2018 | 13 | 28 | 30 | 28 | 2=100 |
| Oct. 2017 | 11 | 20 | 27 | 39 | 2=100 |
| April 2017 | 16 | 24 | 28 | 31 | 1=100 |
| May 2016 | 20 | 30 | 27 | 22 | 1=100 |
| April 2016 | 14 | 20 | 30 | 34 | 3=100 |
| Oct. 2015 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 1=100 |

Q.20 We would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

1. Increasing the minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $15 an hour

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly favor | Favor | Oppose | Strongly oppose | Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 35 | 29 | 24 | 11 | 1=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec. 2018 | 35 | 28 | 23 | 10 | 4=100 |
| Oct. 2016 | 34 | 26 | 20 | 17 | 4=100 |
| Sept. 2016 | 32 | 28 | 25 | 14 | \*=100 |
| Oct. 2015 | 34 | 25 | 25 | 15 | \*=100 |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans |  | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Sept. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | Oct. 2018 | Mar. 2018 |  |
| 25 | 27 | 24 | 25 | 24 | Strongly favor |
| 37 | 36 | 33 | 37 | 38 | Favor |
| 22 | 22 | 24 | 21 | 20 | Oppose |
| 16 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 13 | Strongly oppose |
| \* | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Protecting health care coverage for people with pre-existing conditions

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec. 2018 |  |
| 59 | 61 | Strongly favor |
| 35 | 28 | Favor |
| 5 | 4 | Oppose |
| 1 | 3 | Strongly oppose |
| 1 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

d. Enacting stricter gun control laws

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec. 2018 |  |
| 36 | 44 | Strongly favor |
| 26 | 22 | Favor |
| 23 | 17 | Oppose |
| 15 | 14 | Strongly oppose |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

e. A law in your state requiring drug treatment instead of jail time for people convicted of illegal drug use for the first or second offense

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec. 2018 | Oct. 2016 |  |
| 35 | 34 | 37 | Strongly favor |
| 46 | 44 | 37 | Favor |
| 14 | 12 | 13 | Oppose |
| 5 | 6 | 8 | Strongly oppose |
| \* | 4 | 5 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

f. Changing the Constitution to prevent children who are born in the United States to non U.S. citizens from automatically being granted American citizenship.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec. 2018 |  |
| 17 | 19 | Strongly favor |
| 26 | 23 | Favor |
| 31 | 27 | Oppose |
| 25 | 27 | Strongly oppose |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

g. Increased tariffs (taxes) on products imported from other countries to protect American businesses

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 14 | Strongly favor |
| 42 | Favor |
| 33 | Oppose |
| 11 | Strongly oppose |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.21 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 IN 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.) | Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 69 | 13 | 18 | - | \*=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

Q.22 How important is the issue of immigration to you personally?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 30 | Very important |
| 45 | Somewhat important |
| 21 | Somewhat unimportant |
| 3 | Very unimportant |
| \* | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.23 Do you live in a community with many new immigrants, some new immigrants, only a few new immigrants, or almost no new immigrants?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 |  |
| 24 | 15 | 24 | Many new immigrants |
| 37 | 32 | 23 | Some new immigrants |
| 24 | 26 | 23 | Only a few new immigrants |
| 15 | 26 | 27 | Almost no new immigrants |
| \* | 1 | 3 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

**ROTATE QUESTION BLOCK Q24 & Q25 AND Q26 & Q27**

Q.24 How much, if at all, do you think immigrants today are changing your COMMUNITY and way of life? Would you say a lot, a little or not at all?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 | Aug. 2011 |  |
| 23 | 22 | 32 | 38 | A lot |
| 56 | 50 | 46 | 47 | A little |
| 20 | 26 | 21 | 14 | Not at all |
| \* | 1 | 1 | 1 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.25 And all in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

**IF A LOT OR A LITTLE [Q.24=1,2], ASK [N=989]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 | Aug. 2011 |  |
| 62 | 50 | 54 | 52 | Good thing |
| 37 | 49 | 37 | 41 | Bad thing |
| - | - | 4 | 4 | Depends (VOL.) |
| \* | 1 | 4 | 4 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.26 How much, if at all, do you think that immigrants today are changing AMERICAN SOCIETY and way of life? Would you say a lot, a little or not at all?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 | Aug. 2011 |  |
| 30 | 39 | 46 | 53 | A lot |
| 59 | 49 | 45 | 39 | A little |
| 10 | 11 | 8 | 8 | Not at all |
| \* | 1 | 1 | 1 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.27 And all in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

**IF A LOT OR A LITTLE [Q.27=1,2], ASK [N=1,120]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | May 2016 | Feb. 2013 | Aug. 2011 |  |
| 59 | 48 | 50 | 51 | Good thing |
| 41 | 50 | 41 | 42 | Bad thing |
| - | - | 5 | 3 | Depends (VOL.) |
| \* | 2 | 4 | 4 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.28 In your opinion, are concerns about immigration generally more about discriminating against non-white people or more about securing the country’s borders?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Sept. 2017[[3]](#footnote-3) |  |
| 29 | 35 | Discriminating against non-white people |
| 53 | 51 | Securing the country’s borders  |
| 18 | 14 | Don’t know/refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.29 Some people say the following things are important for being truly American. In your opinion, do you think the following is a very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important part of being truly American? **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Being a Christian

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | June 2015 |  |
| 24 | 19 | 33 | Very important |
| 24 | 20 | 20 | Somewhat important |
| 24 | 23 | 16 | Not too important |
| 28 | 33 | 27 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | 5 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Being born in America

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | June 2015 |  |
| 22 | 24 | 33 | Very important |
| 30 | 26 | 25 | Somewhat important |
| 27 | 27 | 18 | Not too important |
| 21 | 19 | 22 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Being able to speak English

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | June 2015 |  |
| 48 | 54 | 66 | Very important |
| 34 | 29 | 23 | Somewhat important |
| 10 | 8 | 5 | Not too important |
| 8 | 4 | 4 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

d. Believing in God

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec. 2018 | June 2015 |  |
| 34 | 31 | 52 | Very important |
| 23 | 21 | 17 | Somewhat important |
| 19 | 17 | 9 | Not too important |
| 22 | 26 | 20 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

e. Being of Western European heritage

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 5 | 3 | Very important |
| 20 | 14 | Somewhat important |
| 34 | 31 | Not too important |
| 41 | 47 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

f. Accepting people of diverse racial and religious backgrounds

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 55 | 58 | Very important |
| 36 | 28 | Somewhat important |
| 6 | 7 | Not too important |
| 3 | 3 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

g. Respecting American political institutions and laws

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 66 | 66 | Very important |
| 26 | 24 | Somewhat important |
| 5 | 4 | Not too important |
| 3 | 2 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

h. Believing in individual freedoms, such as freedom of speech

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 73 | 73 | Very important |
| 21 | 18 | Somewhat important |
| 3 | 3 | Not too important |
| 2 | 1 | Not at all important |
| \* | 4 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

i. Believing that capitalism is the best economic system

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Dec.2018 |  |
| 23 | 20 | Very important |
| 38 | 36 | Somewhat important |
| 27 | 26 | Not too important |
| 11 | 12 | Not at all important |
| 1 | 5 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.30 Please tell me if completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with this statement: Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Completely agree | Mostly agree | Mostly disagree | Completely disagree | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| Nebraskans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 2019 | 19 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 10=100 |
| All Americans |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

Q.31 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?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct. 2019 | Oct.2016 |  |
| 42 | 55 | Smart investment |
| 49 | 43 | Gamble |
| 11 | 2 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.32 Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019. | Dec.2018 |  |
| 94 | 84 | Born in the U.S. |
| 5 | 13 | Born in another country |
| \* | \* | Born in Puerto Rico (VOL.) |
| \* | \* | Born in U.S. territories (Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands) (VOL.)  |
| \* | 2 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.33 Thinking about your family, were one or more of your **[INSERT]** born outside of the U.S.?

a. Parents

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018. |  |
| 15 | 25 | Yes, at least one was born outside of the U.S. |
| 85 | 72 | No, none of them were born outside of the U.S. |
| \* | 2 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Grandparents

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Dec.2018. |  |
| 31 | 39 | Yes, at least one was born outside of the U.S. |
| 68 | 58 | No, none of them were born outside of the U.S. |
| 2 | 3 | Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.34 Are you, or is a close friend or family member working in the meat packing or agriculture industry?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 8 | Yes, myself |
| 20 | Yes, a close friend or family member |
| 71 | No |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.35 How important is the meat packing or agriculture industry to your community?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 51 | Very important |
| 38 | Somewhat important |
| 8 | Not very important |
| 3 | Not important at all |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Now we have a few more questions about you…

**ASK ALL:**

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?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Sept.2019 |  |
| 6 | 9 | More than once a week |
| 21 | 19 | Once a week |
| 8 | 9 | Once or twice a month |
| 18 | 17 | A few times a year |
| 26 | 21 | Seldom |
| 20 | 24 | Never |
| \* | 1 | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

**IF RELIGIOUS (RELIG=1-8, 10-14), ASK:**

DUAL Do you follow the teachings or practices of more than one religion?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nebraskans | All Americans |  |
| Oct.2019 | Aug.2016 |  |
| 16 | 13 | Yes |
| 84 | 86 | No |
| \* | 1 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | Total |

CIVIC In the past 12 months, have you…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 4 | Attended a political protest or rally? |
| 22 | Signed a petition? |
| 12 | Contacted a government official? |
| 10 | Served on a committee for a civic, nonprofit community organization? |
| 3 | Written a letter or email to a newspaper/magazine? |
| 18 | Shared your opinion about a town or community issue? |
| 2 | Volunteered or worked for a presidential campaign? |
| 1 | Volunteered or worked for another political campaign? |
| 13 | Commented about politics on a message board or internet site? |
| 1 | Held publicly elected office? |
| 55 | None of these |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) |

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

**Survey Methodology**

The survey was designed by PRRI and conducted among a random sample of adults (age 18 and over) living in Nebraska. The survey included 1,321 total Nebraskans, including 203 who are part of Ipsos’s KnowledgePanel and 1,118 who were recruited by Ipsos using opt-in survey panels. As many cases as possible came from Ipsos’s probability-based KnowledgePanel, which were then weighted and used as the benchmark for the opt-in, nonprobability portion of the survey. Interviews were conducted online in both English and Spanish between August 23 and October 7, 2019. The survey was made possible by a generous grant from the Sherwood Foundation.

Respondents are recruited to the KnowledgePanel using an addressed-based sampling methodology from the Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery addresses in the U.S. As such, it covers all households regardless of their phone status, providing a representative online sample. Unlike opt-in panels, households are not permitted to "self-select" into the panel; and are generally limited to how many surveys they can take within a given time period.

The initial sample drawn from the KnowledgePanel was adjusted using pre-stratification weights so that it approximates the adult U.S. population defined by the latest March supplement of the Current Population Survey. Next, a probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling scheme was used to select a representative sample.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, Census division, metro area, education, and income. The sample weighting was 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. In addition to an overall national weight, separate weights were computed for each state to ensure that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations. The state-level post-stratification weights rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, education, and income.

These weights from the KnowledgePanel cases were then used as the benchmarks for the opt-in sample in a process called “calibration.” This calibration process is used to correct for inherent biases associated with nonprobability opt-in panels. The calibration methodology aims to realign respondents from nonprobability samples with respect to a multidimensional set of measures to improve their representation. As compared to surveys that exclusively rely on non-probability samples without any calibration, these calibrated weights enable the resulting blended samples to represent the target population more effectively and offer more robust inferential possibilities. This improved representation is not only with respect to geodemographic distributions, but also with respect to an important set of attitudinal and behavioral measures.

Margins of error cannot be precisely calculated for this type of study, since only part of the sample was collected using probability methods. However, a margin of error can be reported to approximate the error associated with the sample size of the survey. The estimated margin of error for the Nebraska survey is +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, which includes a design effect of 2.1. Table 1 reports unweighted sample sizes for demographic subgroups. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

**Appendix**

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| --- |
| **Table 1. Demographic, Political, Religious, and Geographic Subgroup Sample Sizes** |
|  |  |  |
|  | Unweighted N | Weighted % |
|  |  |  |
| Total Sample  | 1,321 | 100 |
|  |  |  |
| Male  | 380 | 49 |
| Female | 941 | 51 |
|  |  |  |
| Republican | 460 | 35 |
| Independent | 298 | 22 |
| Democrat | 408 | 29 |
|  |  |  |
| White, non-Hispanic | 1,163 | 83 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 47 | 4 |
| Hispanic | 54 | 8 |
| Other/Mixed race | 57 | 5 |
|  |  |  |
| Age 18-29 | 201 | 18 |
| 30-49 | 493 | 36 |
| 50-64 | 437 | 32 |
| 65+ | 190 | 14 |
|  |  |  |
| White evangelical Protestant | 224 | 13 |
| White mainline Protestant | 382 | 27 |
| Nonwhite Protestant | 73 | 6 |
| Catholic | 297 | 24 |
| *White Catholic* | *281* | *20* |
| Other Christian  | 22 | 2 |
| Non-Christian Religion | 67 | 4 |
| Religiously unaffiliated | 248 | 23 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

1. National trend results refer to direction of the country. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ABC News/Washington Post Poll, February 1985. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Slightly modified from Third Rail with OZY/Marist Poll, Sept. 2017 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)