



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

Q.4 Please indicate if your overall opinion of the following people is favorable or unfavorable. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

Q.4a Donald Trump

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>Have not heard of</u>	<u>Skipped/Refused</u>
Sept. 2020	15	21	13	49	1	*=100
Aug. 2020	16	22	18	41	*	3=100
July 2020	18	20	21	38	*	3=100
July 2020	15	20	19	42	*	3=100
May 2020	18	23	19	36	0	3=100
Apr. 2020	17	26	20	34	*	2=100
Mar. 2020	24	25	17	29	*	4=100
Feb. 2020	20	20	17	39	*	4=100
Dec. 2019	20	20	18	37	*	3=100
Nov. 2019	19	21	16	39	*	5=100
Oct. 2019	18	21	16	39	*	6=100
Sept. 2019	15	20	16	48	-	1=100
Apr. 2019	21	23	18	34	1	3=100
Dec. 2018	14	22	16	44	-	4=100
Oct. 2018	14	21	13	47	2	2=100
Sept. 2018	20	22	15	37	1	5=100
July 2018	16	25	17	36	*	5=100
June 2018	14	23	19	41	-	2=100
Mar. 2018	13	29	18	36	*	3=100
Jan. 2018	14	23	17	42	*	5=100
Oct. 2017	15	26	18	37	*	3=100
Aug. 2017	18	20	15	41	1	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	27	16	34	*	6=100
Jan. 2017	17	26	17	35	1	5=100
Sept. 2016	10	23	15	50	2	1=100
May 2016	10	18	16	53	1	1=100
Apr. 2016	8	16	18	52	*	6=100
Jan. 2016	12	19	22	42	*	5=100
Nov. 2015	11	16	21	44	2	6=100

Oct. 2015	9	21	21	45	3	1=100
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Q.25h God always rewards those who have faith with good health and will protect them from being infected by the coronavirus

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

Q.26 How important are the following issues to you personally? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Q.26a Growing gap between rich and poor

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

Q.26b Racial inequality¹

	<u>Critical</u> <u>issue</u>	One among many important <u>issues</u>	Not that important <u>an issue</u>	Skipped/Refuse d
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

¹ In September 2019 and earlier, this issue was phrased as "Race relations"

Q.26c Jobs and unemployment

	<u>Critical issue</u>	One among many important <u>issues</u>	Not that important <u>an issue</u>	Skipped/Refuse d
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

Q.26d Immigration

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

Q.26e Health care

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

Q.26f Terrorism

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

Q.26g Climate change

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

Q.26h The coronavirus pandemic

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

Q.26i Crime

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

Q.26j Fairness of presidential elections

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

Q.26k Foreign interference in presidential elections

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

Q.26l **[FORM 1 ONLY]** The federal deficit **[N=1,216]**

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

Q.26m **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Trade agreements with other countries **[N=1,216]**

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

Q.26n **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Abortion **[N=1,322]**

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

Q.260 **[FORM 2 ONLY]** Appointment of U.S. Supreme Court judges **[N=1,322]**

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

Q.35 What kind of shape would you say your current financial situation is in?

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

Q.37 Which of the following have you or someone in your household experienced in 2020? **[Check all that apply]**

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

Q.38 How much trust do you have in each of the following to provide accurate information and advice regarding the ongoing coronavirus pandemic?
[RANDOMIZE]

Q.38a Donald Trump

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

Q.38b Joe Biden

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

Q.38c Dr. Anthony Fauci

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

Q.38d University research centers

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

Q.38e **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Centers for Disease Control (CDC) **[N=1,200]**

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

Q.38f **[FORM 1 ONLY]** World Health Organization (WHO) **[N=1,200]**

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

Q.38g **[FORM 2 ONLY]** State and local government **[N=1,338]**

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

Q.38h **[FORM 2 ONLY]** State and local health organizations **[N=1,338]**

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

Q.39a **[FORM 1 ONLY]** Do you think shutdowns, mask mandates, and other steps taken by state and local governments since the coronavirus pandemic began are unreasonable attempts to control people, or reasonable measures to protect people? **[N=1,253]**

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

Q.40 **[ASK ALL]** When you are in public places, how often do you personally wear a mask to protect against COVID-19 transmission?

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

Q.41 Do you think the spread of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, in the United States could have been controlled better, or was an outbreak of this size inevitable?

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

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

8	More than once a week
19	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
25	Seldom
27	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[IF ATTEND = 1-4]

Q52 Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, would you say that you feel more connected, less connected, or about the same level of connectedness to your church or religious congregation? **[N=1,186]**

21	More connected
47	Less connected
32	About the same
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[IF ATTEND = 1-4]

Q53 To the best of your knowledge, is the place at which you primarily attend religious services currently holding **in-person** indoor services? **[N=1,186]**

Sept. <u>2020</u>	April <u>2020</u> ²	
56	8	Yes
43	86	No
-	2	I do not regularly attend religious services (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

² This survey relied on a slightly different question wording. The April 2020 question asked: "To the best of your knowledge, is the place at which you primarily attend religious services currently holding in-person gatherings for Easter or other religious occasions in the coming days or weeks?"

[ASK ALL]

Q54 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing churches and other religious organizations to continue to hold in-person services, even when the government has issued orders that limit social gatherings because of the virus?

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2020</u> ³	
19	7	Strongly favor
25	14	Favor
30	37	Oppose
24	40	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

³ This survey relied on a slightly different question wording. The April 2020 question asked: "Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing churches and other religious organizations to continue to hold in-person services, even when the government has issued "stay at home" orders that limit social gatherings because of the virus?"