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S1. Are you currently registered to vote in **[STATE]**?

Yes	100%
No	-
Not sure	-

S2. As you may know, there will be an election for President, U.S. Congress, and other offices in November 2020. It is a long time from now, but how likely are you to vote in the election for U.S. Congress in November 2020?

Definitely	80%
Probably	12
Chance 50-50	8
Probably not	-
Definitely not	-

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, an independent, or some other political party? **[IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	26%
Weak Democrat	13
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	22
DEMOCRAT (NET)	39%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25
REPUBLICAN (NET)	36
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	41

B1. The following is a list of people and groups. Please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you haven't heard of them or don't know enough about them to give a rating, please indicate that option.

	FAV		UNFAV				NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very	DK	NH	FAV	UNFAV	FAM
• **[SPLIT B]** Bill Gates	32%	39	11	8	8	1	71%	19	91
• **[SPLIT B]** State and local government	18%	49	16	11	5	1	68%	27	95
• **[SPLIT A]** Your governor	30%	36	11	19	4	*	66%	29	95
• **[SPLIT A]** Anthony Fauci	33%	22	9	4	15	16	55%	13	68
• Your representative in Congress	17%	38	14	16	14	2	55%	29	84
• Your U.S. Senators	14%	38	17	16	13	1	53%	33	85
• **[SPLIT B]** Democrats in Congress	21%	27	14	33	4	1	49%	47	96
• Donald Trump	30%	16	10	42	1	*	46%	52	98
• Bill Nye	22%	23	8	8	23	16	45%	16	61

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	FAV		UNFAV				NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very	DK	NH	FAV	UNFAV	FAM
• **[SPLIT B]** Republicans in Congress	15%	29	16	31	8	1	44%	47	91
• **[SPLIT A]** Elon Musk	10%	30	11	9	24	17	40%	20	59
• **[SPLIT A]** Nancy Pelosi	19%	17	13	44	6	1	36%	58	93
• **[SPLIT A]** Mitch McConnell	11%	20	14	30	18	6	31%	45	76
• **[SPLIT B]** Deborah Birx	14%	16	7	3	21	40	30%	10	40
• Alex Azar	4%	9	7	7	29	44	14%	13	27

Q11. Do you think things in the country are moving in the right direction, or are things off on the wrong track?

Right direction	32%
Wrong track	55
Mixed	12

Q12. If the general election for president were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, for which candidate would you vote? **[IF NOT SURE]** If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Democrat Joe Biden	47%
Lean Democrat Joe Biden	1
Republican Donald Trump	44
Lean Republican Donald Trump	1
Completely undecided	6
BIDEN (NET)	49%
TRUMP (NET)	45

V1GEN. If the general election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate? **[IF NOT SURE]** If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Democratic candidate	47%
Lean Democratic candidate	1
Republican candidate	41
Lean Republican candidate	1
Completely undecided	9
DEMOCRAT (NET)	49%
REPUBLICAN (NET)	42

Q13A. [SPLIT A] Regardless of how you plan to vote, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	40
Not sure	1
APPROVE (NET)	45%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	53

Q13B. [SPLIT B] Regardless of how you plan to vote, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	22
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	33
Not sure	3
APPROVE (NET)	53%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	45

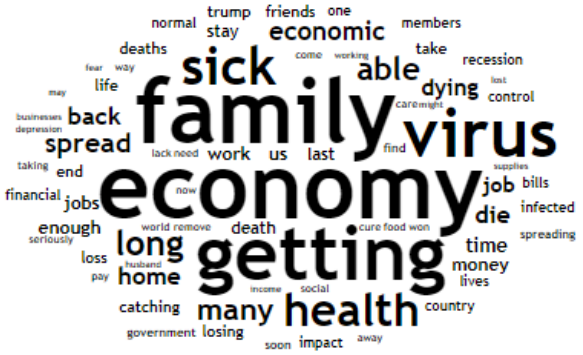
Q14A. [SPLIT A] And now thinking about your representative in U.S. Congress, regardless of how you plan to vote, do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing as your representative in Congress?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	37
Somewhat disapprove	19
Strongly disapprove	13
Not sure	14
APPROVE (NET)	54%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	32

Q14B. [SPLIT B] And now thinking about your representative in U.S. Congress, regardless of how you plan to vote, do you approve or disapprove of how they are handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	38
Somewhat disapprove	17
Strongly disapprove	12
Not sure	13
APPROVE (NET)	59%
DISAPPROVE (NET)	29

Q15. Thinking about the coronavirus pandemic, what is your biggest worry about the situation?



Q16. Would you say the coronavirus pandemic is best described as…

A major crisis	82%
A major problem, but not a crisis	17
A minor problem	1
Not a problem at all	1
CRISIS/MAJOR PROBLEM (NET)	98%
MINOR/NOT A PROBLEM (NET)	2

Q17A. [SPLIT A] In thinking about the impact of coronavirus on you, which are you more worried about…

You and your family's health and well-being	71%
You and your family's financial situation	29

Q17B. [SPLIT B] In thinking about the impact of coronavirus on you, which are you more worried about…

You and your family's health and well-being	41%
You and your family's financial situation	18
Both equally	41

Q18A. [SPLIT A] In thinking about the impact of coronavirus on the country, which are you more worried about…

The impact of coronavirus on people's health	56%
The impact of coronavirus on the economy as a whole	44

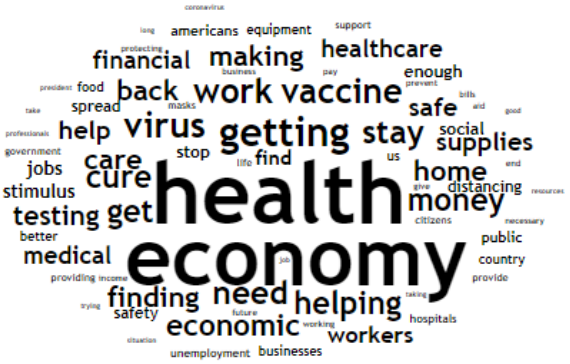
Q18B. [SPLIT B] In thinking about the impact of coronavirus on the country, which are you more worried about…

The impact of coronavirus on people's health	28%
The impact of coronavirus on the economy as a whole	23
Both equally	50

Q19A. [SPLIT A] Below is a list of issues some people think are important for our elected officials to address during the coronavirus pandemic. Please select the two that you think are most important for our elected officials to address during the coronavirus pandemic.

Make sure health care professionals have protective equipment	46%
Provide direct payments to Americans who need it most	36
Fund research to find coronavirus treatments and a vaccine	34
Ensure Americans are able to afford and access medical care	32
Put Americans back to work	22
Make sure Americans are able to get their prescription medications	15
Provide aid to small businesses	13
Provide aid to large companies	3

Q19B. [SPLIT B] In your own words, what are the two most important issues you think our elected officials should address during the coronavirus pandemic?



B2A. [SPLIT A] Below is a list of professions. Please indicate if you trust each to handle the greatest issues facing the U.S. today.

	TRUST		DON'T TRUST		NET	
	A lot	Some	Not that much	Not at all	TRUST	DON'T TRUST
• Nurses	73%	23	3	1	97%	3
• Doctors	64%	31	4	1	95%	5
• Public health professionals	49%	43	6	2	92%	8
• Scientists	49%	42	7	2	91%	9

B2A. [SPLIT A] Below is a list of professions. Please indicate if you trust each to handle the greatest issues facing the U.S. today.

	TRUST		DON'T TRUST		NET	
	A lot	Some	Not that much	Not at all	TRUST	DON'T TRUST
• Teachers	44%	47	7	2	91%	9
• Veterans	44%	45	9	2	89%	11
• Law enforcement	35%	39	18	8	75%	25
• Engineers	33%	53	11	3	86%	14
• Tech entrepreneurs	15%	52	27	6	67%	33
• Businesspeople	8%	48	35	9	56%	44
• Lawyers	7%	32	45	16	39%	61
• Politicians	4%	23	44	30	26%	74

B2B. [SPLIT B] Below is a list of professions. Please indicate if you trust each to help respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

	TRUST		DON'T TRUST		NET	
	A lot	Some	Not that much	Not at all	TRUST	DON'T TRUST
• Nurses	74%	23	2	1	97%	3
• Doctors	68%	28	3	1	96%	4
• Public health professionals	57%	36	6	1	93%	7
• Scientists	54%	38	6	1	92%	8
• Teachers	42%	41	11	5	83%	17
• Veterans	42%	42	13	4	84%	16
• Law enforcement	37%	41	16	6	78%	22
• Engineers	31%	54	12	4	84%	16
• Tech entrepreneurs	14%	52	26	8	66%	34
• Businesspeople	8%	46	35	12	53%	47
• Lawyers	7%	28	44	22	34%	66
• Politicians	4%	24	42	29	29%	71

Q32A. [SPLIT A] How important do you think it is for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science?

Very important	52%
Somewhat important	38
Not that important	9
Not important at all	1
IMPORTANT (NET)	91%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	9

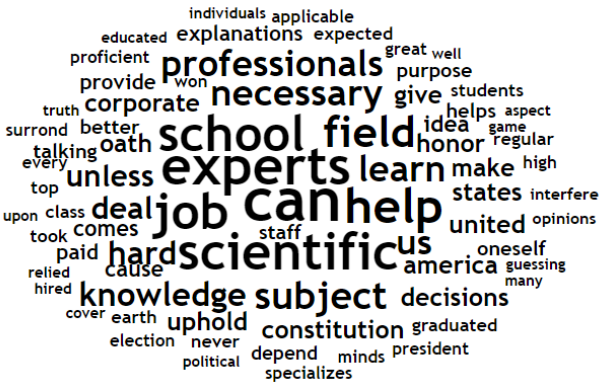
Q32B. [SPLIT B] How important do you think it is for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science as the nation confronts the coronavirus pandemic?

Very important	66%
Somewhat important	28
Not that important	5
Not important at all	1
IMPORTANT (NET)	94%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	6

Q33A. [SPLIT A] [IF IMPORTANT] In your own words, please explain why you think it is important for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science.

Q33B. [SPLIT B] [IF IMPORTANT] In your own words, please explain why you think it is important for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science as the nation confronts the coronavirus pandemic.

Q34A. [SPLIT A] [IF NOT IMPORTANT] In your own words, please explain why you do not think it is important for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science.



Q34B. [SPLIT B] [IF NOT IMPORTANT] In your own words, please explain why you do not think it is important for elected officials to have a basic understanding of science as the nation confronts the coronavirus pandemic.

B3. Below you will see a list of professions. For each, please indicate whether knowing a candidate for public office has had that job in the past makes you more favorable or less favorable toward them, assuming this were the only information you had about them.

	MORE FAV		LESS FAV			NET	
	Much	Some	Some	Much	DK	MORE FAV	LESS FAV
• Doctors	46%	39	4	2	9	85%	6
• Nurses	46%	39	4	1	10	85%	5
• Scientists	42%	39	7	2	11	81%	9
• Public health professionals	41%	40	7	3	10	81%	9
• Teachers	32%	41	9	5	12	74%	14
• Veterans	32%	43	8	3	14	75%	11
• Law enforcement	22%	42	14	9	13	64%	23
• Engineers	20%	48	10	4	19	67%	14
• Businesspeople	13%	35	20	15	16	49%	35

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	MORE FAV		LESS FAV			NET	
	Much	Some	Some	Much	DK	MORE FAV	LESS FAV
• Tech entrepreneurs	11%	41	17	8	22	53%	25
• Lawyers	9%	27	23	25	17	36%	48

Q46. And thinking about the coronavirus pandemic specifically, in a few words, please describe the professional background that you think makes an elected official most prepared to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. In other words, if you could choose the profession our elected officials had before becoming politicians that would make them most prepared to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, what would that profession be?

V1SCI. The November 2020 election for President, U.S. Congress, and other offices is a long time from now, but if you had a choice between voting for a candidate with a background in science or a more traditional candidate (like a lawyer or businessperson), how likely would you be to vote for the candidate with a background in science? **[IF NOT SURE]** But if you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Very likely	35%
Somewhat likely	37
Lean likely	6
Lean not likely	9
Not that likely	10
Not likely at all	3
LIKELY (NET)	79%
NOT LIKELY (NET)	21

B4. Now, you will read a series of statements about candidates with a background in science. For each one, please indicate if you agree or disagree.

	AGREE		DISAGREE		NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong	AGREE	DISAGREE
• **[SPLIT A]** Candidates with a background in science are committed to evidence and facts, so they understand the seriousness of situations like the coronavirus pandemic.	50%	40	8	2	90%	10
• **[SPLIT B]** Too many politicians failed to listen to scientists about coronavirus, leaving the country unprepared and resulting in a chaotic response, but candidates with a background in science conduct research, listen to experts, and focus on the facts every day in order to make thoughtful and informed decisions.	48%	40	8	4	88%	12
• **[SPLIT A]** Candidates with a background in science are more likely to make decisions based on evidence and facts - not politics.	46%	43	9	2	89%	11
• **[SPLIT B]** Too many politicians prioritize their party over the people and refuse to work together, but candidates with a background in science are trained to collaborate with colleagues in the lab regardless of ideological beliefs and will work across party lines.	44%	43	10	3	87%	13
• **[SPLIT A]** Too many politicians are focused on how their decisions benefit themselves rather than finding solutions to problems, but candidates with a background in science are professionally trained to solve problems and will put America's needs above their own political agenda.	42%	43	11	3	86%	14
• **[SPLIT B]** Too many politicians play partisan games and listen to the extremes of their party, but candidates with a background in science are more likely to be independent and ideologically moderate.	41%	45	11	3	86%	14
• **[SPLIT B]** Candidates with a background in science are more likely to have experience solving big problems, like the coronavirus pandemic.	39%	44	13	4	83%	17
• **[SPLIT A]** Candidates with a background in science are more likely to have experience solving big problems	33%	49	15	4	82%	18

B5. And now, you will read a series of statements about the coronavirus pandemic. For each one, please indicate if you agree or disagree.

	AGREE		DISAGREE		NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong	AGREE	DISAGREE
• **[SPLIT A]** Politicians should make decisions based on evidence and facts to address the coronavirus pandemic.	65%	29	4	1	94%	6
• **[SPLIT A]** Politicians should make decisions based on science to address the coronavirus pandemic.	52%	40	6	2	92%	8
• **[SPLIT B]** Politicians should make decisions based on what is best for their constituents to address the coronavirus pandemic.	45%	31	14	9	76%	24
• **[SPLIT A]** Congress would benefit from more members with a background in science.	42%	46	9	3	88%	12
• **[SPLIT B]** Congress would be better able to respond to the coronavirus pandemic if more members had a background in science.	35%	45	15	5	80%	20
• **[SPLIT B]** Politicians should make decisions based on what is best for our economy to address the coronavirus pandemic.	29%	35	21	15	64%	36
• **[SPLIT A]** The Trump Administration is well-equipped to handle the coronavirus pandemic.	20%	26	20	34	46%	54
• **[SPLIT B]** My representatives in Washington have the expertise to face the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic.	14%	34	35	18	47%	53
• **[SPLIT B]** Our country's politicians have the experience necessary to address the coronavirus pandemic.	12%	27	35	26	39%	61
• **[SPLIT A]** Congress is well-equipped to handle the coronavirus pandemic.	11%	28	41	21	39%	61

B6. Next, you will see a statement from people who say we should elect more candidates for office with a background in science. Please use the green highlighter to select the parts of the statement you find to be the most convincing to you personally as a reason to vote for a candidate with a background in science. Please use the red highlighter to select the parts of the statement you find to be the least convincing.

Politicians did not adequately prepare for the coronavirus outbreak because they didn't listen to scientists until it was too late. Now, we are in the midst of a global pandemic, and the only way we can stop the spread, rebuild the American economy, and protect Americans' safety is with the help of experts, like people with a background in science, including doctors, engineers, and researchers. Candidates with a background in science are professionally trained to solve big problems by making decisions based on evidence and facts. Unlike the traditional politicians who listen to the big donors or the extreme voices in their own party, scientists follow the facts. And that is what the country needs to keep people safe, to protect public health and get our economy going again, and to prioritize workers ahead of big corporations.

V2SCI. Sometimes people change their minds in surveys like this and sometimes they don't. Now that you've learned more, if you had a choice between voting for a candidate with a background in science and a more traditional candidate (like a lawyer or businessperson), how likely would you be to vote for the candidate with a background in science? **[IF NOT SURE]** But if you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

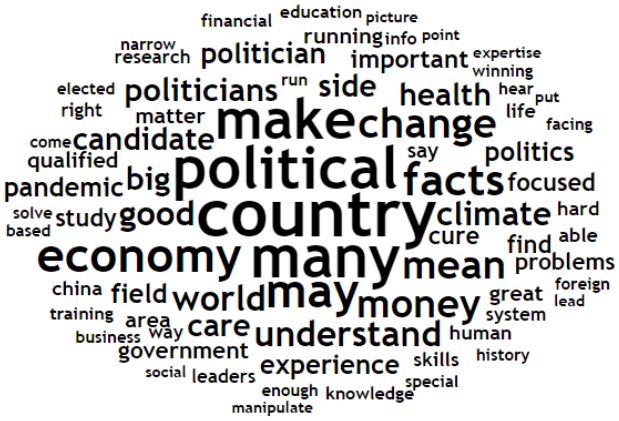
Very likely	39%
Somewhat likely	38
Lean likely	5
Lean not likely	5
Not that likely	10
Not likely at all	4
LIKELY (NET)	82%
NOT LIKELY (NET)	18

Q56. Regardless of how likely you are to vote for a candidate with a background in science, do you trust candidates with a background in science to address the greatest issues facing the U.S. today?

Trust a lot	32%
Trust somewhat	55
Not that much trust	11
No trust at all	2
TRUST (NET)	87%
DON'T TRUST (NET)	13

Q57. [IF TRUST] In your own words, please explain why you trust candidates with a background in science to address the greatest issues facing the U.S. today. Please be as specific as possible.

Q58. [IF DON'T TRUST] In your own words, please explain why you do not trust candidates with a background in science to address the greatest issues facing the U.S. today. Please be as specific as possible.



B7. Next, you will see some of the challenges the U.S. is facing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate if you trust a candidate with a background in science to address each of these challenges.

	TRUST		DON'T TRUST		NET	
	A lot	Some	Not that much	Not at all	TRUST	DON'T TRUST
• Providing research funding for a coronavirus vaccine	55%	36	7	2	91%	9
• Addressing climate change	43%	35	13	9	78%	22
• Establishing health care policy that provides access to quality, affordable health care for all Americans	38%	42	15	5	80%	20

B7. Next, you will see some of the challenges the U.S. is facing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate if you trust a candidate with a background in science to address each of these challenges.

	TRUST		DON'T TRUST		NET	
	A lot	Some	Not that much	Not at all	TRUST	DON'T TRUST
• Ensuring Americans can afford basic necessities, like rent and groceries	30%	43	20	6	74%	26
• Passing a paid sick leave policy	30%	43	20	6	74%	26
• Developing a 21st century economy built on innovation, aimed at the future	30%	47	18	6	76%	24
• Prioritizing working families over large corporations	29%	43	21	7	72%	28
• Putting Americans back to work	29%	44	20	7	73%	27
• Developing an economic stimulus plan to prevent an economic recession	29%	43	21	8	72%	28

You have been randomly selected to receive statements about the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress.

B8. Below are some statements about the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress' handling of the issues related to the coronavirus pandemic. For each, please indicate if it raises concerns for you about voting for a Republican candidate for Congress.

	CONCERNS		Does not raise concerns	NET
	Major	Minor		CONCERNS
• **[SPLIT A]** Republicans in Congress too often made decisions that have ignored or overruled the advice of health and medical experts, calling for social distancing restrictions to be lifted because "death is an unavoidable part of life."	63%	17	19	81%
• **[SPLIT A]** President Trump and Republicans in Congress failed to take the decisive action we needed to stop the virus in the early stages of the outbreak by downplaying the threat of the coronavirus early on, letting it get worse when we should have been preparing.	60%	21	18	82%
• **[SPLIT A]** Republicans allowed the Trump administration to silence scientists and public health experts about the coronavirus, with President Trump himself telling government experts they cannot speak publicly without clearing it with the office of Vice President Pence, restricting public briefings by experts, and stopping the disclosure of the number of Americans tested for the virus.	60%	19	21	79%
• **[SPLIT B]** The Trump administration and Republicans in Congress worked together to eliminate pandemic response programs, like the U.S. Pandemic Response team, tried to cut the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) budget last month, and shut down 39 of 49 pandemic centers created to combat the spread of dangerous diseases, leaving the U.S. unprepared for the coronavirus outbreak.	60%	22	18	82%

B8. Below are some statements about the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress' handling of the issues related to the coronavirus pandemic. For each, please indicate if it raises concerns for you about voting for a Republican candidate for Congress.

	CONCERNS		Does not raise concerns	NET CONCERNS
	Major	Minor		
• **[SPLIT B]** Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell failed to take the decisive action we needed to stop the virus in the early stages of the outbreak by downplaying the threat of the coronavirus early on, letting it get worse when we should have been preparing, and even leaving the Capitol rather than helping to pass much needed legislation on the issue	59%	21	20	80%
• **[SPLIT B]** Republicans in Congress did not allocate any research funding to finding coronavirus treatments and a vaccine in their relief package, thereby putting American lives at risk.	58%	21	21	79%
• **[SPLIT B]** Republicans have been silent as President Trump has advocated for certain medicines to be used to treat coronavirus before scientists have even confirmed if they could be used for this purpose, even though some of the side effects include vision loss and sudden cardiac death, thereby putting American lives at risk.	57%	23	20	80%
• It is not just the coronavirus pandemic, the Trump administration and Republicans are also ignoring scientists' warnings about climate change which could also have severe consequences for our country and the world.	55%	20	25	75%
• **[SPLIT A]** Republicans are delaying progress on a coronavirus treatment and vaccine by restricting infectious disease research that uses fetal tissue.	50%	24	26	74%

V2GEN. Once again, if the general election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate? **[IF NOT SURE]** If you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Democratic candidate	48%
Lean Democratic candidate	1
Republican candidate	39
Lean Republican candidate	1
Completely undecided	11
DEMOCRAT (NET)	49%
REPUBLICAN (NET)	40

The following questions are for statistical purposes only.

D100. What is your gender?

Male	46%
Female	54

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	14%
30-44	23
45-54	19
55-64	20
65+	23

DRACE. To ensure we have a representative sample, please indicate your race. **[IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER]** Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	12%
White/Caucasian	77
Hispanic/Latino	8
Asian-American	3
Native American	*
Other	1

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	19
Attended technical/vocational school	5
Attended some college but no degree	20
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	30
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	12

D310. For statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?

Less than $25,000	19%
$25,000 - $49,999	28
$50,000 - $74,999	20
$75,000 - $99,000	14
$100,000 - $149,999	10
$150,000 or more	6
Prefer not to say	4

Q73. Would you describe the job you are doing or most recently did as:

White collar, like at a desk in an office	43%
Blue collar, like physical labor or working in a factory	29
Service industry, like working in a retail store or a hospital	14
None of these	14

D105. Thinking about politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal	14%
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative	15
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	32

D103. Are you or is anyone in your household an active or retired member of a labor union?

Yes, me	10%
Yes, someone in my household	6
Yes, both me and someone in my household	1
No	83
YES (NET)	17%

D140. How would you describe the area where you live?

Urban	28%
Suburban	49
Rural	23

D200. What is your religious background?

Protestant/Christian	39%
Catholic	24
Jewish	2
Muslim	2
Mormon/Latter Day Saints	1
Christian Scientist	2
Other	8
None/Atheist/Agnostic	23

D202. [IF PROTESTANT/CHRISTIAN/CATHOLIC/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a born again or evangelical Christian?

	Yes	28%
	No	43
VOL:	(Not asked question)	29

D900. Thinking about the various sources of news available today, which of the following would you say are your main sources of news about politics and current events in the U.S.?

Local television	45%
Broadcast television news (CBS, NBC or ABC)	40
Online news websites	32
CNN	31
Fox News	31
Social media and websites where news is shared (such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube)	31
Your local newspaper	23
MSNBC	21
Radio	17
National newspapers	15
Other	3

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	37
West	22