

UTD Spring 2021 Survey

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Q1 UTD COMETrends Survey Research Project 2021 Welcome to *UTD COMETrends Survey Research Project 2021*. Before taking part in this study, please read the consent form below and click on the "I Agree" button at the bottom of the page if you understand the statements and freely consent to participate in the study.

This research involves a web-based study focused on the attitudes and opinions of the American public. The study is being conducted by Dr. Harold Clarke and Dr. Marianne Stewart of The University of Texas at Dallas, and it has been designated by The University of Texas at Dallas Office of Research Integrity and Outreach as exempt from review by an Institutional Review Board. No deception is involved, and the study involves no more than minimal risk to participants (i.e., the level of risk encountered in daily life). Participation in the study typically takes about 15-20 minutes and is strictly confidential. Participants will be asked to answer questions related to their attitudes and opinions about important issues, the presidential candidates, demographics, etc.

All responses are treated as confidential, and in no case will responses from individual participants be identified. Rather, all data will be pooled and published in aggregate form only. Participants should be aware that while the survey is being run from a "secure" https server of the kind typically used to handle credit card transactions, there is a small possibility that responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties (e.g., computer hackers). Participation is voluntary, refusal to take part in the study involves no penalty or loss of benefits to which participants are otherwise entitled, and participants may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which they are otherwise entitled.

If participants have further questions about this study, they may contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Clarke at hclarke@utdallas.edu or the Co-PI, Dr. Stewart at mstewart@utdallas.edu. Participants who want more information about their rights as a participant or who want to report a research related concern may contact The University of Texas at Dallas Office of Research Integrity and Outreach at (972) 883-4579.

If you are 18 years of age or older, understand the statements above, and freely consent to participate in the study, click on the "I Agree" button to begin the survey.

☐ I Agree (1)

☐ I Do Not Agree (2)

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Q2 Welcome to the spring 2021 Cometrends National Survey sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas! The survey focuses on the attitudes and opinions of the American public. The survey is strictly non-partisan. All answers are kept in strict confidence and all data gathered in the survey are analyzed anonymously. No survey participants will or can be identified. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the survey, please see the Cometrends website: <https://cometrends.utdallas.edu>.

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Q3 First, a few questions for classification purposes. What is your year of birth?

▼ 1930 (1) ... 2004 (75)

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Q4 What is your gender?

☐ Male (1)

☐ Female (2)

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Q5 What is your highest level of education?

- ☐ Some high school or less (1)
- ☐ High school graduate (2)
- ☐ Community college (3)
- ☐ Some university (4)
- ☐ Graduated university, B.A. or B.Sc. (5)
- ☐ Graduate or professional school (6)

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Q6 Which of the following categories best describes your race or ethnicity?

- ☐ White, non Hispanic (1)
- ☐ African American (2)
- ☐ Hispanic (3)
- ☐ Asian (4)
- ☐ Native American (5)
- ☐ Other - Please specify (6) _____

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Q7 In which state do you currently reside?

▼ Alabama (1) ... I do not reside in the United States (53)

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Q8 Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?

- ☐ Very interested (1)
- ☐ Somewhat interested (2)
- ☐ Not very interested (3)
- ☐ Not at all interested (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q9 As far as you are concerned, what are the *three* most important issues facing the country at the present time? Please select THREE issues.

- ☐ Education (1)
 - ☐ Environment (2)
 - ☐ Racism (3)
 - ☐ Police violence (4)
 - ☐ Health care (5)
 - ☐ Immigration (6)
 - ☐ Inequality in incomes & wealth (7)
 - ☐ Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic (8)
 - ☐ Cancel culture - limiting freedom of speech (9)
 - ☐ Economy (10)
 - ☐ Law & Order (11)
 - ☐ Unemployment (12)
 - ☐ Other issue (13)
 - ☐ There are no important issues (14)
 - ☐ Don't know (15)
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Q10 And, what do you think is the single most important issue?

- ☐ Education (1)
- ☐ Environment (2)
- ☐ Racism (3)
- ☐ Police violence (4)
- ☐ Health care (5)
- ☐ Immigration (6)
- ☐ Inequality in incomes & wealth (7)
- ☐ Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic (8)
- ☐ Cancel culture - limiting freedom of speech (9)
- ☐ Economy (10)
- ☐ Law & order (11)
- ☐ Unemployment (12)
- ☐ Other Issue (13)
- ☐ Don't know (14)

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Q11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Biden is handling the issue you think is most important?

- ☐ Approve strongly (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Disapprove strongly (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q12 How do you think the general economic situation in this country has changed over the last 12 months?

- ☐ A lot better (1)
- ☐ A little better (2)
- ☐ Stayed the same (3)
- ☐ A little worse (4)
- ☐ A lot worse (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q13 How does the financial situation of YOUR HOUSEHOLD now compare with what it was 12 months ago?

- ☐ A lot better (1)
- ☐ A little better (2)
- ☐ Stayed the same (3)
- ☐ A little worse (4)
- ☐ A lot worse (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q14 Which, if any, of the following words describe your feelings about the country's general economic situation? Please choose up to FOUR words.

- ☐ Angry (1)
- ☐ Happy (2)
- ☐ Disgusted (3)
- ☐ Hopeful (4)
- ☐ Uneasy (5)
- ☐ Confident (6)
- ☐ Afraid (7)
- ☐ Proud (8)
- ☐ No feelings (9)
- ☐ Don't know (10)

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Q15 Do you know someone who has gotten sick due to Covid-19? Please check all that apply.

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Yes, I have gotten sick (1)

☐

Yes, someone I know has gotten sick (2)

☐

Yes, someone I know has gotten sick and died (3)

☐

No (4)

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Q16 Have you had economic problems because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Have had serious economic problems (1)
- ☐ Have had minor economic problems (2)
- ☐ Have not had any economic problems (3)

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Q17 Have you had any child-care problems because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Have had major child-care problems (1)
- ☐ Have had minor child-care problems (2)
- ☐ Have not had any child-care problems (3)

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Q18 Have you had emotional problems like anxiety, depression or suicidal thoughts because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Have had serious emotional problems (1)
- ☐ Have had minor emotional problems (2)
- ☐ Have not had any emotional problems (3)

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Q19 Thinking about the Covid-19 pandemic, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- ☐ Lockdowns are absolutely necessary to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus (1)
- ☐ Even if lockdowns help control the spread of the Covid-19 virus they are not worth the economic and social damage they cause (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q20 Have you been vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus?

- ☐ Yes, I have been vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus (1)
- ☐ No, but I will get vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus as soon as I can (2)
- ☐ No - I do not want to be vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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Q21 How would you rate the job former President Donald Trump did in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Excellent (1)
- ☐ Good (2)
- ☐ Neither good nor bad (3)
- ☐ Bad (4)
- ☐ Terrible (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q22 How would you rate the job President Biden is doing responding to the Covid-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Excellent (1)
- ☐ Good (2)
- ☐ Neither good nor bad (3)
- ☐ Bad (4)
- ☐ Terrible (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q23 On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'not an important problem' and 10 means 'an extremely important problem', how would you rate the issue of climate change?

- ☐ 0 - Not an important problem (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 Extremely Important Problem (11)
- ☐ 12 Don't know (12)

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Q24 There has been a lot of discussion about Congress passing a 'Green New Deal' to combat climate change and significantly change the U.S. economy. Some people support the Green New Deal and others are opposed. Do you support or oppose the Green New Deal?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q25 The US federal government recently canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline that would deliver crude oil from Canada to the United States. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to cancel the Keystone Pipeline?

- ☐ Very good idea to cancel the pipeline (1)
- ☐ Good idea to cancel the pipeline (2)
- ☐ Neither a good idea nor a bad idea to cancel the pipeline (3)
- ☐ Bad idea to cancel the pipeline (4)
- ☐ Very bad idea to cancel the pipeline (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q26 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Cities should reallocate money from their police departments to mental health programs and other social services.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q27 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'The United States should build a wall on the border with Mexico to keep out illegal immigrants.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Disagree strongly (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q28 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- ☐ Illegal immigrants should be returned to their home countries (1)
- ☐ Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the United States but not allowed to become U.S. citizens (2)
- ☐ Illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay in the United States and become U.S. citizens (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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Q29 Do you agree or disagree with the Biden Administration's decision to ban the media from going to the southern border to report on the surge of immigrants entering the United States from Mexico?

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q30 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?

- ☐ Republican (1)
- ☐ Democrat (2)
- ☐ Other party (3)
- ☐ Independent, no party (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent... = Republican

Q31 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- ☐ Strong (1)
- ☐ Not very strong (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent... = Democrat

Q32 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- ☐ Strong (1)
- ☐ Not very strong (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent... = Independent, no party

Or Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent... = Don't know

Q33 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- ☐ Closer to Republican Party (1)
- ☐ Closer to Democratic Party (2)
- ☐ Not closer to either party (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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Q34 There are different opinions about whether everyone should be free to express their political views openly in a democracy. Using the 0-10 scale below, which statement comes closest to your view?

- ☐ 0 - People should be free to express their political views openly, even if those views are extreme (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - People who hold extreme political views should NOT be free to express them openly (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

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Q35 How well do you think the word 'competent' describes Joe Biden?

- ☐ Not very well at all (1)
- ☐ Not too well (2)
- ☐ Quite well (3)
- ☐ Extremely well (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q36 How well do you think the word 'trustworthy' describes Joe Biden?

- ☐ Not very well at all (1)
- ☐ Not too well (2)
- ☐ Quite well (3)
- ☐ Extremely well (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q37 How well do you think the words 'responds to the concerns of people like me' describe Joe Biden?

- ☐ Not very well at all (1)
- ☐ Not too well (2)
- ☐ Quite well (3)
- ☐ Extremely well (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q38 How well do you think the words 'strong leader' describe Joe Biden?

- ☐ Not very well at all (1)
- ☐ Not too well (2)
- ☐ Quite well (3)
- ☐ Extremely well (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q39 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'strongly dislike' and 10 means 'strongly like', how do you feel about Joe Biden?

- ☐ 0 - Strongly dislike (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Strongly like (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

Q40 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'strongly dislike' and 10 means 'strongly like', how do you feel about Donald Trump?

☐ 0 - Strongly dislike (1)

☐ 1 (2)

☐ 2 (3)

☐ 3 (4)

☐ 4 (5)

☐ 5 (6)

☐ 6 (7)

☐ 7 (8)

☐ 8 (9)

☐ 9 (10)

☐ 10 - Strongly like (11)

☐ Don't know (12)

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Q41 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'strongly dislike' and 10 means 'strongly like', how do you feel about the Democratic Party?

- ☐ 0 - Strongly dislike (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Strongly like (11)
- ☐ Don' know (12)

Q42 Using a scale than runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'strongly dislike' and 10 means 'strongly like,' how do you feel about the Republican Party?

☐ 0 - Strongly dislike (1)

☐ 1 (2)

☐ 2 (3)

☐ 3 (4)

☐ 4 (5)

☐ 5 (6)

☐ 6 (7)

☐ 7 (8)

☐ 8 (9)

☐ 9 (10)

☐ 10 - Strongly like (11)

☐ Don't know (12)

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Q43 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for African Americans to work their way out of the lower class.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q44 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Many other minority groups have overcome prejudice and worked their way up. African Americans should do the same without any special favors.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Dont' know (6)

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Q45 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Over the past few years, African Americans have gotten less than they deserve.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q46 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if African Americans would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q47 This year there has been a surge of undocumented immigrants crossing the southern border from Mexico to the United States. Some people argue that the surge is because of the Biden administration's immigration policies. Do you agree or disagree?

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q48 There is a lot of discussion about having a 'vaccine passport' system where people would have to show that they have been vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus before they could take airline flights or attend major sporting events where many people are gathered closely together. Are you in favor or opposed to vaccine passports?

- ☐ Strongly favor (1)
- ☐ Favor (2)
- ☐ Neither favor or oppose (3)
- ☐ Oppose (4)
- ☐ Strongly oppose (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

Q49 The Biden administration recently announced a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure bill to repair highways, bridges and airports. Critics of the bill say that it contains provisions that have nothing to do with infrastructure and threatens to create a surge in inflation and the cost of living. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the new infrastructure bill?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q50 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Systemic/institutional racism is a problem in the United States"

- ☐ Strong agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q51 On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'no influence' and 10 means 'a great deal of influence,' how much influence do you have on politics and public affairs?

- ☐ 0 - No influence (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Great deal of influence (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

Q52 Would you say most people can be trusted or that most people cannot be trusted?

- ☐ 0 - Most people CANNOT be trusted (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Most people CAN be trusted (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

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Q53 Whenever there is an election, some people decide to vote and some people decide not to vote. Did you vote in the presidential election that was held on November 3rd, 2020?

- ☐ I was not eligible to vote (1)
- ☐ I wanted to vote, but wasn't able to vote (2)
- ☐ I thought about voting but decided not to vote (3)
- ☐ I am absolutely sure I voted (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

Skip To: Q54 If Whenever there is an election, some people decide to vote and some people decide not to vote. Did... = I am absolutely sure I voted

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Q54 Who did you vote for in the November 2020 presidential election?

- ☐ Voted for Joe Biden (1)
- ☐ Voted for Donald Trump (2)
- ☐ Voted for Howie Hawkins (3)
- ☐ Voted for Jo Jorgensen (4)
- ☐ Voted for another candidate - please specify (5)

☐ Don't know (6)

☐ I did not vote (7)

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Q55 How much do you trust that the November 2020 presidential election was held honestly and fairly?

- ☐ 0 - No trust (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Great deal of trust (11)
- ☐ 12 - Don't know (12)

Q56 There has been a lot of discussion lately about economic reparations for slavery, that is, having the U.S. government pay monetary compensation to the descendants of African-American slaves. Do you support or oppose economic reparations for slavery?

- ☐ Strongly support (1)
- ☐ Support (2)
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose (3)
- ☐ Oppose (4)
- ☐ Strongly oppose (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q57 How much do you trust the police?

- ☐ 0 - No trust (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Great deal of trust (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

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Q58 How much do you trust the media?

- ☐ 0 - No trust (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Great deal of trust (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

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Q59 How much do you trust the federal government?

- ☐ 0 - No trust (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Great deal of trust (11)
- ☐ 11 - Don't know (12)

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Q60 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- ☐ The Black Lives Matter protests are necessary to overcome systemic racism in America (1)
- ☐ The Black Lives Matter protests pose a serious threat to life and property and should be stopped immediately (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q61 Not everyone votes in every election. Thinking back to the 2016 presidential election, which of the following statements best describes you?

- ☐ I was not eligible to vote (1)
- ☐ I was not able to vote (2)
- ☐ I thought about voting, but didn't vote (3)
- ☐ I usually vote, but did not vote (4)
- ☐ I am absolutely certain that I voted for Donald Trump (5)
- ☐ I am absolutely certain that I voted for Hillary Clinton (6)
- ☐ I am absolutely certain that I voted for another presidential candidate - Please specify (7)

- ☐ Can't remember/Don't know (8)

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Q62 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Joe Biden is suffering from dementia and is not capable of being president.'

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q63 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- ☐ We should support policies that combat climate change even if they damage the U.S. economy (1)
- ☐ We should NOT support policies that combat climate change if they damage the U.S. economy (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q64 Are you in favor or opposed to requiring people to show identification proving they are a US citizen before they can vote?

- ☐ Strongly favor (1)
- ☐ Favor (2)
- ☐ Neither favor nor oppose (3)
- ☐ Oppose (4)
- ☐ Strongly oppose (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q65 Do you think that voting by mail rather than in person increases the risk of election fraud?

- ☐ Mail voting causes big increase in risk of election fraud (1)
- ☐ Mail voting causes small increase in risk of election fraud (2)
- ☐ Mail voting does not increase the risk of election fraud (3)
- ☐ Don' know (4)

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Q66 The Biden administration has set up a Commission to study enlarging the Supreme Court from 9 to 13 members. Those in favor of enlarging the court say a larger court would be balanced politically and increase democracy. Opponents of the proposal say it would politicize the Court and destroy the independence of the judicial branch of government. Do you favor or oppose enlarging the Supreme Court?

- ☐ Strongly favor (1)
- ☐ Favor (2)
- ☐ Neither favor or oppose (3)
- ☐ Oppose (4)
- ☐ Strongly oppose (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q67 Critical race theory holds that the United States is a racist country. Some people argue that critical race theory should be taught in schools so children will learn about the extent of racism in their country. Other people argue that teaching critical race theory will undermine patriotism and deepen racial divisions in society. Do you approve or disapprove teaching critical race theory in schools?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q68 Thinking ahead, how do you think the financial situation of YOUR HOUSEHOLD will change over the NEXT 12 months?

- ☐ Get much better (1)
- ☐ Get better (2)
- ☐ Stay about the same (3)
- ☐ Get worse (4)
- ☐ Get much worse (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q69 Thinking ahead, would you say that over the NEXT 12 months, the nation's economy will?

- ☐ Get much better (1)
- ☐ Get better (2)
- ☐ Stay about the same (3)
- ☐ Get worse (4)
- ☐ Get much worse (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q70 Thinking about how you and your family are doing financially, do you feel you are keeping up with other people, or do you feel you are being left behind.

- ☐ Keeping up with other people financially (1)
- ☐ Being left behind financially (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q71 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "White privilege is a problem in the United States"

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Disagree (4)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q72 Do you approve or disapprove of the idea that mail voting should be restricted to people with illnesses, disabilities or other reasons why they cannot vote in person?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Dont' know (6)

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Q73 Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden's proposal to raise income taxes on individuals and families who earn \$400,000 or more annually?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q74 On the whole are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the way that democracy works in this country?

- ☐ Very satisfied (1)
- ☐ Fairly satisfied (2)
- ☐ A little dissatisfied (3)
- ☐ Very dissatisfied (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q75 Thinking about politics generally, how would you describe yourself?

- ☐ Very liberal (1)
- ☐ Somewhat liberal (2)
- ☐ Moderate (3)
- ☐ Somewhat conservative (4)
- ☐ Very conservative (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q76 Here is a ladder scale where 0 is the 'worst possible life' and 10 is the 'best possible life'. On which step of the ladder do you feel you stand at the present time?

- ☐ 0 - Worst possible life (1)
- ☐ 1 (2)
- ☐ 2 (3)
- ☐ 3 (4)
- ☐ 4 (5)
- ☐ 5 (6)
- ☐ 6 (7)
- ☐ 7 (8)
- ☐ 8 (9)
- ☐ 9 (10)
- ☐ 10 - Best possible life (11)
- ☐ Don't know (12)

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Q77 Some people say that the role of the media is to promote the free exchange of differing ideas and opinions without regard to whether someone might be offended. Others believe it is more important to emphasize the values of inclusion and sensitivity, which may lead at times to censorship of ideas that some people might find offensive. What do you believe the priorities of the media should be?

- ☐ Promote the free exchange of differing ideas (1)
- ☐ Emphasize the values of inclusion and sensitivity to others (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q78 In general, do you think social media like Facebook and Twitter should censor information regarding political matters that they consider to be false or misleading, or should social media let people decide for themselves what's false or misleading?

- ☐ Social media should censor information they think is false or misleading (1)
- ☐ Social media should let people decide for themselves what's false or misleading (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q79 Thinking about social media like Facebook and Twitter, generally speaking, do you believe that social media's influence on public opinion is healthy for American democracy, or is it unhealthy?

- ☐ Healthy (1)
- ☐ Unhealthy (2)
- ☐ Don't know (3)

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Q80 It has been alleged that Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, has been engaged in unethical and possibly illegal "influence-peddling" activities involving China, Ukraine and other foreign governments. Do you think these changes are likely true or false?

- ☐ Very likely true (1)
- ☐ Likely true (2)
- ☐ Not sure (3)
- ☐ Likely false (4)
- ☐ Very likely false (5)

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Q81 Although we are still in the early months of the Biden Administration, in general do you believe that the media have been fair and even-handed in their treatment of Biden, or do you believe the media have been biased for or against Biden?

- ☐ Strongly biased in favor of Biden (1)
- ☐ Somewhat biased in favor of Biden (2)
- ☐ Fair and even-handed (3)
- ☐ Somewhat biased against Biden (4)
- ☐ Strongly biased against Biden (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q82 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

- ☐ Strongly approve (1)
- ☐ Approve (2)
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove (3)
- ☐ Disapprove (4)
- ☐ Strongly disapprove (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q83 Hi-speed rail, a mass transport rail system featuring trains that run at least 155 miles per hour, is a popular form of public transportation in Europe and Asia. If a hi-speed rail system were available in your area, would you be likely to choose to ride this train as an alternative to traveling by car or airplane?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ Maybe (2)
- ☐ No (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

Skip To: Q84 If Hi-speed rail, a mass transport rail system featuring trains that run at least 155 miles per hour... = Yes

Skip To: Q84 If Hi-speed rail, a mass transport rail system featuring trains that run at least 155 miles per hour... = Maybe

Skip To: Q85 If Hi-speed rail, a mass transport rail system featuring trains that run at least 155 miles per hour... = No

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Q84 Which of the following are reasons you might choose to ride high-speed rail. Please select all that apply.

☐

I would choose high-speed rail because I think it would be less expensive (1)

☐

I would choose high-speed rail because it would be a safe and comfortable way to travel (2)

☐

I would choose high-speed rail because it would shorten the travel time of my trip (3)

☐

I would choose high-speed rail for other reasons (4)

☐

Don't know (5)

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Q85 Which of the following are reasons you would not choose to ride high-speed rail. Please select all that apply.

☐

I would not choose high-speed rail because train travel might be too expensive (1)

☐

I would not choose high-speed rail because there are too many risks associated with train travel (2)

☐

I would not choose high-speed rail because I prefer other modes of transportation (3)

☐

I would not choose high-speed rail for other reasons (4)

☐

Don't know (5)

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Q86 Have the events of the past year with the Covid-19 pandemic made you more or less likely to consider high-speed rail as a means of long-distance travel?

- ☐ More likely (1)
- ☐ No difference/no change (2)
- ☐ Less likely (3)
- ☐ Don't know (4)

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Q87 Do you believe that people in your locality would be supportive of high-speed rail service being developed or do believe they would be opposed?

- ☐ Very supportive (1)
- ☐ Somewhat supportive (2)
- ☐ Neither supportive nor opposed (3)
- ☐ Somewhat opposed (4)
- ☐ Very opposed (5)
- ☐ Don't know (6)

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Q88 Which of the following categories best describes your place of residence?

- ☐ Rural area (1)
- ☐ Village or town (2)
- ☐ Small city or suburb of small city - population less than 50,000 (3)
- ☐ Medium sized city or suburb or medium sized city - population between 50,000 and 200,000 (4)
- ☐ Large city or suburb of large city- population between 200,000 and 1 million (5)
- ☐ Very large city or suburb of very large city - population greater than 1 million (6)

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Q89 Which, if any, religious group do you belong to?

- ☐ Protestant (1)
- ☐ Roman Catholic (2)
- ☐ Jewish (3)
- ☐ Mormon (4)
- ☐ Greek or Russian Orthodox (5)
- ☐ Muslim (6)
- ☐ Hindu (7)
- ☐ Buddhist (8)
- ☐ Other - Please specify (9) _____
- ☐ None (10)

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Q90 Do you consider yourself an evangelical or born again Christian?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

☐ Don't know (3)

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Q91 How religious do you consider yourself to be?

- ☐ Very religious (1)
- ☐ Somewhat religious (2)
- ☐ Not very religious (3)
- ☐ Not religious at all (4)
- ☐ Don't know (5)

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Q92 What is your current employment status?

- ☐ Employed full-time (1)
- ☐ Employed part-time (2)
- ☐ Unemployed (3)
- ☐ Full-time Homemaker (4)
- ☐ Retired (5)
- ☐ Full-time student, still in school (6)

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Q93 Finally, what was your total household income last year?

- ☐ Less than \$29,999 (1)
- ☐ \$30,000 - \$49,999 (2)
- ☐ \$50,000 - \$63,999 (3)
- ☐ \$64,000 - \$99,999 (4)
- ☐ \$100,000 - \$149,999 (5)
- ☐ \$150,000 - \$199,999 (6)
- ☐ \$200,000 - \$299,999 (7)
- ☐ \$300,000 - \$399,999 (8)
- ☐ \$400,000 or more (9)
- ☐ Don't know (10)

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