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Reuters/Ipsos: Core Political General Election Tracker (09/15/2020)

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 11-15, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,358 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 1,133 registered voters and 859 likely voters. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval ± 3.3 percentage points for registered voters and ± 3.8 percentage points for likely voters.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.

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		All Respondents	All Registered Voters	Likely Voter
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Democrat	44%	47%	49%
	Republican	34%	37%	40%
	Independent	13%	12%	9%
	None/DK	9%	5%	2%
	Total	1358	1133	859
Are you currently registered to vote, or not?	All Registered Voters	82%	100%	100%
	Not Registered Voters	18%	0%	0%
	Total	1358	1133	859
P7/PD4_New_1. In November 2020, the next presidential election will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale... how likely are you to vote in the next presidential election? (Select one)	10- Completely certain you will vote	65%	78%	92%
	9	6%	7%	5%
	8	4%	4%	2%
	7	4%	3%	0%
	6	3%	2%	0%
	5	4%	2%	0%
	4	1%	1%	0%
	3	1%	0%	0%
	2	1%	0%	0%
	1-Completely certain you will NOT vote	8%	1%	0%
	Don't know	4%	1%	0%
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S8 / SC8. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today? (Select from below or write in)	Economy generally	19%	20%	21%
	Unemployment / lack of jobs	10%	10%	9%
	War / foreign conflicts	1%	1%	1%
	Immigration	4%	4%	4%
	Terrorism / terrorist attacks	3%	4%	4%
	Healthcare	16%	16%	17%
	Energy issues	0%	1%	0%
	Morality	10%	9%	9%
	Education	4%	3%	3%
	Crime	6%	6%	5%
	Environment	6%	6%	5%
	Other	15%	16%	19%
	Don't know	5%	3%	2%
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AB1.Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?	Right direction	22%	23%	23%
	Wrong track	66%	67%	67%
	Don't know	13%	11%	10%
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TM1842Y20. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER OF 'Donald Trump' and 'Joe Biden'] Donald Trump or Joe Biden?	Donald Trump	37%	39%	41%
	Joe Biden	43%	47%	50%
	Some other candidate	5%	5%	3%
	I would not vote	8%	2%	0%
	Not sure	8%	7%	6%
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TM1964Y20. How certain are you that you will vote for ... in the 2020 presidential election? Only asked of those who selected "Donald Trump" or "Joe Biden" in previous question	I am completely certain I will vote for {candidate}	79%	81%	86%
	I am fairly certain I will vote for {candidate}	15%	13%	10%
	I could be persuaded to change my vote	3%	3%	2%
	I will likely change my vote	1%	1%	1%
	Not sure	3%	2%	1%
	Total	1095	981	783
AB11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?	Strongly approve	25%	27%	29%
	Somewhat approve	13%	13%	12%
	Lean towards approve	2%	2%	2%
	Lean towards disapprove	1%	1%	1%
	Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%	9%
	Strongly disapprove	43%	45%	46%
	Not sure	4%	2%	1%
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AB11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? Summary	TOTAL APPROVE	41%	42%	43%
	TOTAL DISAPPROVE	55%	56%	56%
	Not sure	4%	2%	1%
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TM1843Y20.If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, which of the following candidate traits would be the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for?	Strong on the economy and job creation	18%	18%	18%
	Strong on healthcare	9%	9%	7%
	Strong on immigration	4%	4%	4%
	Has a robust plan to help the nation recover from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	27%	27%	28%
	Ability to restore trust in American government	21%	21%	24%
	Strong on civil rights	5%	4%	4%
	Tough on crime and civil unrest	10%	11%	12%
	Strong on the environment/climate change	6%	6%	5%
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TM1844Y20_1.For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…the economy and job creation	Joe Biden	36%	39%	42%
	Donald Trump	45%	47%	47%
	Some other candidate	6%	5%	4%
	Not sure	13%	10%	7%
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TM1844Y20_2. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Healthcare	Joe Biden	44%	46%	49%
	Donald Trump	32%	33%	36%
	Some other candidate	9%	8%	6%
	Not sure	16%	13%	10%
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TM1844Y20_3. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Immigration	Joe Biden	38%	41%	44%
	Donald Trump	41%	42%	44%
	Some other candidate	7%	5%	4%
	Not sure	14%	11%	8%
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TM1844Y20_4.For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…National recovery…coronavirus	Joe Biden	42%	46%	49%
	Donald Trump	35%	36%	38%
	Some other candidate	7%	6%	4%
	Not sure	15%	12%	9%
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TM1844Y20_5. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Ability to restore trust in American government	Joe Biden	44%	47%	50%
	Donald Trump	31%	33%	34%
	Some other candidate	10%	8%	7%
	Not sure	15%	13%	9%
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		All Respondents	All Registered Voters	Likely Voter
TM1844Y20_7. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Strong on civil rights	Joe Biden	46%	49%	52%
	Donald Trump	30%	32%	33%
	Some other candidate	8%	7%	5%
	Not sure	16%	13%	10%
	Total	1358	1133	859
TM1844Y20_8. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Tough on crime and civil unrest	Joe Biden	34%	36%	40%
	Donald Trump	42%	44%	45%
	Some other candidate	7%	5%	4%
	Not sure	17%	14%	11%
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TM1844Y20_9. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue…Strong on the environment/climate change	Joe Biden	47%	50%	52%
	Donald Trump	24%	26%	27%
	Some other candidate	9%	8%	7%
	Not sure	19%	16%	14%
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TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Donald Trump	Very familiar	68%	73%	77%
	Somewhat familiar	22%	21%	18%
	Not very familiar	5%	3%	2%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	3%	2%	2%
	Have not heard about them	2%	1%	1%
	Total	1358	1133	859
TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Joe Biden	Very familiar	54%	60%	66%
	Somewhat familiar	31%	30%	27%
	Not very familiar	8%	6%	5%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	5%	3%	2%
	Have not heard about them	2%	1%	0%
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TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Kamala Harris	Very familiar	32%	36%	41%
	Somewhat familiar	35%	36%	39%
	Not very familiar	19%	17%	14%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	8%	7%	4%
	Have not heard about them	7%	4%	2%
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TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Mike Pence	Very familiar	38%	43%	48%
	Somewhat familiar	36%	36%	38%
	Not very familiar	14%	12%	10%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	8%	6%	3%
	Have not heard about them	4%	2%	1%
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TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Donald Trump	Very favorable	24%	25%	28%
	Somewhat favorable	12%	12%	11%
	Lean towards favorable	7%	6%	5%
	Lean towards unfavorable	10%	8%	7%
	Somewhat unfavorable	5%	5%	4%
	Very unfavorable	42%	44%	45%
	Total	1339	1123	854
TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Joe Biden	Very favorable	24%	27%	31%
	Somewhat favorable	17%	16%	16%
	Lean towards favorable	13%	12%	10%
	Lean towards unfavorable	12%	11%	8%
	Somewhat unfavorable	8%	7%	6%
	Very unfavorable	26%	26%	28%
	Total	1338	1125	856
TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Kamala Harris	Very favorable	22%	24%	27%
	Somewhat favorable	15%	16%	15%
	Lean towards favorable	18%	18%	15%
	Lean towards unfavorable	13%	11%	9%
	Somewhat unfavorable	8%	8%	6%
	Very unfavorable	24%	24%	28%
	Total	1277	1089	843
TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Mike Pence	Very favorable	19%	21%	25%
	Somewhat favorable	12%	12%	12%
	Lean towards favorable	15%	14%	12%
	Lean towards unfavorable	16%	14%	11%
	Somewhat unfavorable	11%	11%	10%
	Very unfavorable	27%	28%	31%
	Total	1318	1114	851

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TM1128Y17_1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues? The US economy:	Strongly approve	27%	28%	31%
	Somewhat approve	13%	12%	10%
	Lean towards approve	10%	10%	8%
	Lean towards disapprove	9%	9%	8%
	Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%	8%
	Strongly disapprove	30%	31%	33%
	Don't know	5%	2%	2%
	Total	1358	1133	859
TM1128Y17_4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Employment and jobs:	Strongly approve	26%	28%	31%
	Somewhat approve	12%	12%	11%
	Lean towards approve	11%	11%	9%
	Lean towards disapprove	8%	8%	8%
	Somewhat disapprove	9%	9%	8%
	Strongly disapprove	28%	30%	31%
	Don't know	5%	2%	2%
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TM1128Y17_21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Coronavirus/COVID-19:	Strongly approve	18%	19%	21%
	Somewhat approve	12%	12%	12%
	Lean towards approve	9%	8%	8%
	Lean towards disapprove	8%	7%	6%
	Somewhat disapprove	6%	6%	5%
	Strongly disapprove	43%	45%	47%
	Don't know	4%	2%	1%
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TM1815Y20. How concerned are you personally about the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19?	Very concerned	45%	46%	48%
	Somewhat concerned	34%	34%	32%
	Not very concerned	11%	11%	12%
	Not at all concerned	8%	8%	8%
	Don't know	2%	1%	0%
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TM1965Y20. How much, if anything, have you heard about reports that President Trump was aware in January 2020 of the danger posed by the coronavirus, but downplayed the risk to the American public?	A great deal	40%	44%	48%
	A fair amount	29%	28%	27%
	A little bit	19%	19%	17%
	Not heard anything at all	6%	5%	4%
	Not sure	6%	4%	3%
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TM1966Y20. How do reports that President Trump was aware in January 2020 of the danger posed by the coronavirus, but downplayed the risk to the American public, impact your likelihood of voting for President Trump in the November election, if at all?	Much more likely to vote for him	12%	14%	16%
	Somewhat more likely to vote for him	5%	4%	3%
	No impact on my intent to vote	37%	37%	38%
	Somewhat less likely to vote for him	6%	5%	3%
	Much less likely to vote for him	35%	36%	37%
	Not sure	6%	3%	2%
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