

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 65 April 2020
APRIL 7-12, 2020
N=4,917**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	53	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	52	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	58	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹	44	56	1

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ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=4,804]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [**IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove**] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

BASED ON TOTAL:

	NET <u>Approve</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	NET <u>Disapprove</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	<i>No answer</i> <u>answer</u>
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	33	10	1	53	42	11	*	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	34	10	1	52	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	29	10	*	59	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	29	9	*	60	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	26	10	*	63	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	27	12	*	61	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	44	30	13	*	56	43	12	*	1

¹ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PELOSIAPP AND MCCONNELLAPP; SHOW ON SAME SCREEN**ASK ALL:**

PELOSIAPP Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House?

Apr 7-12

2020

36	Approve
61	Disapprove
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

MCCONNELLAPP Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Senate Majority leader?

Apr 7-12

2020

36	Approve
59	Disapprove
5	No answer

ASK ALL:

DIVISIONSRD Do you think divisions between Republicans and Democrats in this country today are...

Apr 7-12

2020

65	Increasing
7	Decreasing
28	Staying about the same
*	No answer

Sep 3-15

2019

78
6
16
*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2020?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sept 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-June 6, 2016	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ³	26	40	23	11	*

³ W10 (March 10 – April 6, 2014) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

**ASK ALL:
MATTERS**

Thinking about how you feel about the 2020 presidential election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1→4]

	1 Really matters <u>who wins</u>	2	3	4 Doesn't really <u>matter who wins</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 7-12, 2020	64	17	9	8	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	19	10	9	*
2016 election					
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 ⁴	62	19	8	10	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	64	18	8	10	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	61	19	9	10	1
June 7-July 5, 2016	62	20	9	9	0
Apr 5-May, 2016	57	22	10	9	1
Mar 2-Mar 28, 2016	65	18	8	9	1
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	58	22	10	8	1

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F_CITIZEN=1) [N=4,662]

VOTEGENA If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGENA (VOTEGENA=3, 99) [N=576]:

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,125]:

Apr 8-12
2020⁵

45	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
47	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden
8	Vote for neither/Other
*	No Answer

⁴ In 2015 and 2016, question read: "Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?"

⁵ Only W65 respondents who completed the survey on or after April 8, the day Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign for the Democratic nomination, were asked VOTEGENA or VOTEGENB.

VOTEGENA/VOTEGENB TREND FOR COMPARISON:**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>		Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	July 12- Aug 8 <u>2016</u> ⁶	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
42	Donald Trump/Lean Trump	39	38	46	45
46	Hillary Clinton/Lean Clinton	46	45	50	51
6	Gary Johnson/Lean Johnson	10	10	n/a	n/a
4	Jill Stein/Lean Stein	4	4	n/a	n/a
1	None/Other	1	2	3	3
*	No Answer	0	1	1	1

ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT OR NO LEAN (F_PARTYSUM_FINAL=2,9) [N=2,883]:

BIDEUNITE Do you think...

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,397]:Apr 7-12
2020⁷

63	Democrats will solidly unite behind Joe Biden
36	Differences and disagreements will keep many Democrats from supporting Joe Biden
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

⁶ Survey conducted July 12 – August 8 and June 7- July 5 asked only about Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Later waves included Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

⁷ For W65 respondents who completed the survey on April 7, before Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign, the question was worded, "If Joe Biden wins the Democratic nomination, do you think..."

ASK ALL:

DTCOV_EGFP When it comes to dealing with the coronavirus outbreak, how would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing ... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Working with state governors Apr 7-12, 2020	20	25	23	31	1
b. Addressing the economic needs of businesses facing financial difficulties Apr 7-12, 2020	21	30	29	20	1
c. Addressing the economic needs of ordinary people who have lost their jobs or income Apr 7-12, 2020	20	26	24	30	*
d. Responding to the needs of hospitals, doctors, and nurses Apr 7-12, 2020	21	23	20	35	*
e. Providing the public with accurate information about the coronavirus Apr 7-12, 2020	21	21	17	41	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_TRUMPCRIT Do you think it is acceptable or not acceptable for elected officials to criticize the Trump administration's response to the coronavirus outbreak if they think his administration is not handling it well?

Apr 7-12

2020

66	Acceptable
33	Not acceptable
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,449]:

DTCOV_TONE In his public comments on the coronavirus outbreak, do you think Donald Trump is... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

Apr 7-12

2020

52	Making the situation seem better than it really is
8	Making the situation seem worse than it really is
39	Presenting the situation about as it really is
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=2,468]:

COVID_DTSPEED Thinking about when large numbers of coronavirus cases were first reported around the world, do you think Donald Trump... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 7-12

2020

65	Was too slow to take major steps to address the threat to the U.S.
34	Was quick to take major steps to address the threat to the U.S.
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,468]:**

COVID_FUT Thinking about the problems the country is facing from the coronavirus outbreak, do you think...? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 7-12

2020

26	The worst is behind us
73	The worst is still to come
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

COVID_ECONOPEN Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 7-12

2020

66	Lift the restrictions too quickly
32	Not lift the restrictions quickly enough
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁸

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	No answer	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	28	29	29	13	1	17	22

⁸ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.