

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**WAVE 69 June 2020**  
**June 16-22, 2020**  
**N=4,708**

**ASK ALL:**

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
June 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>2</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 <sup>3</sup>	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

**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>
June 16-22, 2020	39	59	2
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 <sup>4</sup>	44	56	1

<sup>1</sup> In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

<sup>2</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<sup>3</sup> SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

<sup>4</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

**ASK ALL:**

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

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=4,601]:**

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:**

	<b>NET</b>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<b>NET</b>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
	<b>Approve</b>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<i>answer</i>
June 16-22, 2020	<b>39</b>	29	9	1	<b>59</b>	48	11	*	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	<b>44</b>	33	10	1	<b>53</b>	42	11	*	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	<b>45</b>	34	10	1	<b>52</b>	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	<b>40</b>	29	10	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	<b>38</b>	29	9	*	<b>60</b>	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	<b>36</b>	26	10	*	<b>63</b>	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	<b>39</b>	27	12	*	<b>61</b>	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>5</sup>	<b>44</b>	30	13	*	<b>56</b>	43	12	*	1

**ASK ALL:**

FUTGEN Do you think life for future generations of Americans will be...

June 16-22 2020		Sep 3-15 2019
25	Better than life today	21
48	Worse than life today	51
26	About the same as life today	28
1	No answer	*

**[RANDOMIZE FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD ON SAME PAGE]****ASK ALL:**

FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel ...

June 16-22 2020	
71	Angry
29	Not angry
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel ...

June 16-22 2020	
66	Fearful
33	Not fearful
*	No answer

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

**ASK ALL:**

FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel ...

June 16-22

2020

46	Hopeful
53	Not hopeful
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel ...

June 16-22

2020

17	Proud
83	Not proud
1	No answer

**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>
June 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
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	*
<b>2016 election</b>					
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 <sup>6</sup>	26	40	23	11	*

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<sup>6</sup> 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 IF U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1) [N=4,452]**

VOTEGEN 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 VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3,99) [N=713]:**VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]***Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2.***BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,577]:**

June 16-22

2020

44	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
54	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden
2	Vote for neither/Other
*	No Answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:****ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1) [N=4,756]**

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]**

Apr 8-12

2020<sup>7</sup>

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

**2016 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> <sup>8</sup>	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

<sup>7</sup> Based on registered voters. 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. In W65 survey, respondents who skipped VOTEGENA or selected neither or other were given explicit "Neither" in the follow-up question about leaning toward either candidate.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

**ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (F\_CITIZEN=1) [N=4,452]**

VOTEGEN 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 VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=713]:**

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... [SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]

*Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2*

**ASK IF CHOSE TRUMP OR LEAN TRUMP [N=1,844]:**

DTFORAGNST Would you say that your choice of Trump is more a vote ...

**ASK IF CHOSE BIDEN OR LEAN BIDEN [N=2,517]:**

JBFORAGNST

Would you say that your choice of Biden is more a vote ...

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,577]:**

	Trump/Lean <u>Trump</u>	For <i>Trump</i>	Against <i>Biden</i>	Refused *	Biden/Lean <u>Biden</u>	For <i>Biden</i>	Against <i>Trump</i>	Refused *	Lean <u>Neither</u>
June 16-22, 2020	44	33	10	*	54	18	36	*	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESGOODBIDEN, PRESGOODTRUMP; DISPLAY ON SAME PAGE]****ASK ALL:**

PRESGOODTRUMP Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Donald Trump is a...

June 16-22,

2020

16	Great president
18	Good president
11	Average president
12	Poor president
41	Terrible president
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*What kind of president do you think Donald Trump will be - a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president?*

	Great <u>president</u>	Good <u>president</u>	Average <u>president</u>	Poor <u>president</u>	Terrible <u>president</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	14	22	18	13	25	8
Oct 20-25, 2016 <sup>9</sup> (RVs)	9	17	16	11	44	2
Aug 9-16, 2016 (RVs)	9	18	15	12	43	3
Mar 17-26, 2016 (RVs)	10	16	12	15	44	3
Jan 7-14, 2016	10	19	13	15	39	5

<sup>9</sup> In October 20-25, 2016, and earlier, question was asked in a list with other candidates: "Regardless of who you currently support in the election, what kind of president do you think [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE] would be - a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president?" In October 20-25, 2016, and earlier, volunteered responses of "Never heard of" included in the "Don't know/Refused" category.

**ASK ALL:**

PRESGOODBIDEN Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Joe Biden would be a...

June 16-22,  
2020

5	Great president
21	Good president
32	Average president
15	Poor president
26	Terrible president
1	No answer

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DTCONF AND JBCONF****ASK ALL:**

DTCONF Thinking about DONALD TRUMP'S ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS JBCONF]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak June 16-22, 2020	18	22	16	43	1
b. Make good decisions about foreign policy June 16-22, 2020	22	21	16	41	1
c. Make good decisions about economic policy June 16-22, 2020	29	21	16	33	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	32	21	18	29	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*
d. Effectively handle race relations June 16-22, 2020	13	20	17	49	1
e. Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues June 16-22, 2020	19	23	17	41	<u>1</u>
f. Bring the country closer together June 16-22, 2020	11	19	19	50	1

**ASK ALL:**

JBCONF Thinking about JOE BIDEN'S ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Joe Biden can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS DTCONF]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak June 16-22, 2020	15	37	21	26	1

**JBCONF CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Make good decisions about foreign policy June 16-22, 2020	16	33	21	28	1
c. Make good decisions about economic policy June 16-22, 2020	12	35	23	29	1
d. Effectively handle race relations June 16-22, 2020	12	35	25	27	1
e. Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues June 16-22, 2020	11	35	25	28	1
f. Bring the country closer together June 16-22, 2020	14	30	25	30	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPDESC AND BIDENESC****ASK ALL:**

TRUMPDESC How well does each of the following describe DONALD TRUMP? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS BIDENESC**]

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Courageous June 16-22, 2020	25	19	13	41	1
b. A good role model June 16-22, 2020	9	20	18	52	1
c. Even-tempered June 16-22, 2020	7	18	24	51	1
Feb 4-15, 2020	6	21	28	44	1
d. Honest June 16-22, 2020	13	21	16	49	1
Feb 4-15, 2020	12	24	19	44	1
e. Energetic June 16-22, 2020	27	28	18	26	1
f. Cares about the needs of ordinary people June 16-22, 2020	21	17	13	47	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPDESC AND BIDENESC****ASK ALL:**

BIDENDESC How well does each of the following describe JOE BIDEN? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS TRUMPDESC]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Courageous June 16-22, 2020	13	31	27	26	3
b. A good role model June 16-22, 2020	14	31	24	28	2
c. Even-tempered June 16-22, 2020	16	43	20	18	2
d. Honest June 16-22, 2020	13	33	25	28	2
e. Energetic June 16-22, 2020	8	33	28	29	2
f. Cares about the needs of ordinary people June 16-22, 2020	20	33	22	23	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,355]:**

TRUMPTAX Do you think Donald Trump...

June 16-22,  
2020

56	Has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns
42	Does not have a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns
2	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Do you think Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns, or does he not have this responsibility?

Jan 9-14  
2019

64	Has responsibility to release returns
32	Does not have responsibility to release returns
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Jan 10-15  
2018

57
37
6

Jan 4-9  
2017

60
33
7



**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,353]:**

DTTONE Since entering politics, has Donald Trump changed the tone and nature of political debate in the United States...

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

June 16-22, <u>2020</u>		Apr 29-May 13 <u>2019</u>
25	For the better	24
55	For the worse	55
19	Not changed it much either way	20
1	No answer	1

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

EXCPWER EXCPWER Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right? **[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**

	Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about <u>Congress or the courts</u>	It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's problems	No answer
June 16-22, 2020	24	73	3
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	73	2

**EXCPWER PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

As I read some pairs of statements, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[READ STATEMENTS IN ORDER]**.

	Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about <u>Congress or the courts</u>	It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's <u>problems</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	29	66	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	21	76	3
Feb 7-12, 2017 <sup>10</sup>	17	77	6
Aug 9-16, 2016 <sup>11</sup>	23	72	5

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>10</sup> In February 2017, item was asked as a standalone question.

<sup>11</sup> In August 2016, the first statement read: "Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about Congress or the Supreme Court."

**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...<sup>12</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	29	29	12	1	16	23

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<sup>12</sup> Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.