# 2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 75 OCTOBER 2020 FINAL TOPLINE SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5, 2020 N=11,929

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

# **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:**

VTADMIN\_COM [S] Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be run and administered...

| Sep 30-      |                 | Sep 24-     |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Oct 5        |                 | Oct 7       |
| <u> 2020</u> |                 | <u>2018</u> |
| 36           | Very well       | 41          |
| 48           | Somewhat well   | 46          |
| 11           | Not too well    | 9           |
| 4            | Not at all well | 3           |
| *            | No answer       | 1           |

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:**

VTADMIN\_US [S] Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be run and administered...

| Sep 30- |                 | Sep 24-     |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Oct 5   |                 | Oct 7       |
| 2020    |                 | <u>2018</u> |
| 12      | Very well       | 20          |
| 46      | Somewhat well   | 57          |
| 30      | Not too well    | 18          |
| 12      | Not at all well | 4           |
| 1       | No answer       | 1           |

# **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:**

VTCOUNT\_IMP

How confident are you that votes cast IN PERSON AT POLLING PLACES across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

| Sep 30-<br>Oct 5<br><u>2020</u> |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 42                              | Very confident       |
| 44                              | Somewhat confident   |
| 10                              | Not too confident    |
| 4                               | Not at all confident |
| 1                               | No answer            |
|                                 |                      |

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:**

VTCOUNT\_ABS

How confident are you that votes cast BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

Sep 30Oct 5
2020
17 Very confident
38 Somewhat confident
28 Not too confident
16 Not at all confident
1 No answer

# **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:**

VTEASY Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...

#### BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,237]:

| Sep 30- |                    | July 27-    |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| Oct 5   |                    | Aug 2       |
| 2020    |                    | <u>2020</u> |
| 29      | Very easy          | 23          |
| 36      | Somewhat easy      | 28          |
| 29      | Somewhat difficult | 38          |
| 6       | Very difficult     | 11          |
| *       | No answer          | 1           |

#### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

**VTEASY** 

Overall, [IF VTPLAN=1, 2: "do", IF VTPLAN=3, 4, SYSMIS: "would"] you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]

# **BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Sep 24Oct 7
2018
46 Very easy
39 Somewhat easy
13 Somewhat difficult
2 Very difficult
\* No answer

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,993]:

ELECT\_IMPTNOV Thinking about the presidential election this November, how important, if at all, is each of the following?

|           |   | Very<br><u>important</u> | Somewhat<br>important | Not too<br>important | Not at all<br>important | No<br><u>answer</u> |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| PRVFR.    | People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 58                       | 20                    | 13                   | 7                       | 1                   |
|           | 3ep 30-0ct 3, 2020  | 36                       | 20                    | 13                   | ,                       | 1                   |
| PRVSUP.   | People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020      | 86                       | 10                    | 2                    | 2                       | *                   |
| QUICKWIN. | Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020          | 49                       | 31                    | 15                   | 4                       | 1                   |

# ASK ALL:

ELECT\_CONFNOV

Still thinking about the presidential election this November, how confident, if at all, are you that...

|                         |  | Very<br>confident | Somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | No<br>answer |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| ASK FORM PRVFR.         | 1 ONLY [N=5,993] People who are NOT legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 23                | 36                 | 28                | 11                   | 1            |
| PRVSUP.                 | People who are legally qualified<br>and want to vote are able to<br>cast a ballot<br>Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020              | 36                | 45                 | 14                | 4                    | 1            |
| QUICKWIN.               | Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020                           | 16                | 35                 | 36                | 13                   | 1            |
| ASK FORM :<br>MAILTIME. | 2 ONLY [N=5,936]  Ballots sent by mail will be delivered in time to be counted                                       |                   |                    |                   |                      |              |
| CLRWIN.                 | Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 After all the votes are counted, it will be clear which candidate won the election                | 11                | 39                 | 31                | 18                   | 1            |
| NOCOVID.                | Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020<br>In person polling places will be<br>run safely, without spreading                              | 20                | 43                 | 25                | 11                   | 1            |
|                         | the coronavirus<br>Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020  | 27                | 45                 | 21                | 7                    | *            |

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,936]:**

VTSYSSEC\_US [S] How confident are you that election systems in the UNITED STATES are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

|              |                      |             | _           |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|              |                      |             | Sep 24-     |
| Sep 30-Oct 5 |                      | Nov 7-16,   | Oct 7,      |
| <u>2020</u>  |                      | <u>2018</u> | <u>2018</u> |
| 8            | Very confident       | 15          | 8           |
| 42           | Somewhat confident   | 49          | 37          |
| 34           | Not too confident    | 24          | 37          |
| 16           | Not at all confident | 11          | 17          |
| 1            | No answer            | *           | *           |

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

#### **ASK IF REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1 [N=11,174]:**

VOTE\_MOTIV Thinking about voting in the presidential election, would you say that you are personally...

|                    | Extremely | Very      | Somewhat  | Not too   | Not at all |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                    | motivated | motivated | motivated | motivated | motivated  |           |
|                    | to vote    | No answer |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 61        | 19        | 12        | 5         | 3          | *         |

#### **ASK IF REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1 [N=11,174]**:

VOTERFOLIS

In most states, voters need to be registered in order to vote. In addition, some states may require a picture ID or other type of identification or a signature match.

How confident are you that you will meet all the legal requirements necessary to have your ballot counted this year?

|                    | Very             | Somewhat         | Not too          | Not at all       |           |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                    | <u>confident</u> | <u>confident</u> | <u>confident</u> | <u>confident</u> | No answer |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 89               | 8                | 2                | 1                | *         |

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#### ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=11,929]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>1</sup>

|                   |                 |                    | Something   | No     | Lean       | Lean       |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------------|
| <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | <u>else</u> | answer | <u>Rep</u> | <u>Dem</u> |
| 27                | 29              | 29                 | 14          | 1      | 18         | 21         |

<sup>1</sup> Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.