



Sample: 1,504 US registered voters  
 Interviewing dates: July 23-27, 2020

**US REGISTERED VOTERS  
 TOPLINE RESULTS**

1. First, in what year were you born? **[RECORD. TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 18]**

18-29	18%
30-44	25
45-54	18
55-64	19
65+	20

2. Are you registered to vote in **[state]**?

Yes	100%
No	-
(Not sure / Refused)	-

3. Would you say things in the US are generally headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

Right direction	25%
Wrong track	68
(Not sure / Refused)	7

4. How likely are you to vote in the elections this fall?

Extremely	82%
Very	11
Somewhat	6
Not at all	2
(Not sure / Refused)	1

5. If the presidential election were today, would you vote for: **[ROTATE]** Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Well, which way do you lean?]**

Biden	48%
Trump	41
(Other)	4
(Wouldn't vote)	2
(Not sure / Refused)	5

Please note: Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100% and "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts.

6. And if the elections for Representative in Congress were today, would you vote for the **[ROTATE]** Democratic candidate or Republican candidate in your district?

Democrat	47%
Republican	41
(Other)	3
(Wouldn't vote)	1
(Not sure / Refused)	9

Now I'm going to mention several public figures and groups. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable), or only somewhat?]**  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(Not sure /	
		<u>TOTAL</u>	Very	Some- what	<u>TOTAL</u>	Some- what	Very	Never heard of	Ref.)
7.	Donald Trump	44%	31	14	54	8	47	*	1
8.	Joe Biden	52%	28	24	45	13	32	*	3
9.	Your local police	78%	49	29	19	11	8	*	3
10.	Police in other cities	57%	27	29	30	18	13	1	12

11. Do you think the US criminal justice system – meaning everything related to how the country enforces laws and treats people who break them – is generally succeeding or failing?

Succeeding	31%
Failing	53
(Depends / Mixed)	11
(Not sure / Refused)	5

And do you think the criminal justice system is generally succeeding or failing when it comes to...  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Succeeding</u>	<u>Failing</u>	(Depends, (Not sure / <u>Mixed)</u>	<u>Refused)</u>
12.	Handling people who are mentally ill	19%	64	7	10
13.	Handling people who are addicted to drugs	20%	64	8	8
14.	Handling people who are homeless	18%	64	8	11
15.	Rehabilitating those in jail or prison so they can successfully reenter society	20%	60	9	11
16.	Keeping communities safe	47%	35	14	4



In general, do you think each of the following are best addressed by police officers or professionals with a different type of training? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>(Depends)</u>	(Not sure / <u>Refused</u> )
17. Incidents involving people with mental health problems	14%	71	11	4
18. Incidents involving people who are homeless	19%	66	10	4
19. Incidents involving drug abuse or addiction	26%	59	10	4
20. Incidents involving domestic abuse	59%	27	10	4
21. Incidents involving theft or property damage	83%	11	4	2

I'd like to talk specifically about the use of force by police officers.

Do you believe police officers should be allowed to use potentially lethal force...

**[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(Not sure / <u>Refused</u> )
22. When their life or someone else's life is in danger?	82%	11	7
23. On an individual who is fleeing from police but does not pose a safety risk?	20%	71	9
24. On an individual who is already restrained?	13%	83	5
25. If a police officer sees another officer using force inappropriately, should the first officer have a duty to intervene and attempt to stop the second officer?			
Yes	94%		
No	3		
(Not sure / Refused)		3	
26. If, after an investigation, a police officer is found to have used excessive force, should that officer be fired, or not?			
Yes	75%		
No	12		
(Not sure / Refused)		13	
27. If a police officer is fired for using excessive force against a civilian, should that officer ever be allowed to work in law enforcement again, or not?			
Yes	21%		
No	65		
(Not sure / Refused)		13	



28. If they have a search warrant but there is no immediate danger, do you think police officers should be allowed to enter a home without first knocking and identifying themselves, or not?

Yes	18%
No	77
(Not sure / Refused)	5

29. Do you believe citizens and their families should be able to hold police officers responsible in civil court if the officer violates their Constitutional rights, or not?

Yes	81%
No	11
(Not sure / Refused)	7

**[RANDOMIZE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]**

30. When a police officer kills someone, except when necessary to protect themselves or others, should that person's family be able to bring civil lawsuits against the officer involved?

Yes	67%
No	24
(Not sure / Refused)	9

31. When a police officer kills someone, except when necessary to protect themselves or others, should that person's family be able to bring civil lawsuits against the local government that employs the officer?

Yes	59%
No	29
(Not sure / Refused)	12

32. Every year, police in the line of duty shoot and kill 10,000 dogs. When a police officer kills a dog, except when necessary to protect themselves or others, should the dog owner be able to bring a civil lawsuit against the officer involved?

Yes	58%
No	31
(Not sure / Refused)	11

33. Should police officers be required to carry liability insurance to cover claims when they violate someone's Constitutional rights, in the same way that doctors and lawyers carry malpractice insurance?

Yes	62%
No	27
(Not sure / Refused)	12



34. As you may know, many police departments have military equipment like armored vehicles and grenades. Do you believe police departments should be able to use military equipment while conducting day-to-day police work, or not?

Should	33%
Should not	60
(Not sure / Refused)	8

Switching topics a bit, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(Not sure / Ref.)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	Strongly	Some- what	<b>TOTAL</b>	Some- what	Strongly	
35. Increasing funding for rehabilitation and job training programs for incarcerated people	<b>83%</b>	57	26	<b>14</b>	9	5	3
36. <b>[A]</b> Establishing co-responder programs, in which trained mental health professionals respond to calls involving people dealing with mental illness <u>alongside police</u>	<b>87%</b>	62	25	<b>10</b>	6	4	3
37. <b>[B]</b> Establishing alternative responder programs, in which trained mental health professionals respond to calls involving people dealing with mental illness <u>instead of police</u>	<b>82%</b>	54	28	<b>14</b>	8	6	4
38. Reallocating some funding from police departments to mental health, rehabilitation, and other social services	<b>64%</b>	41	22	<b>34</b>	14	20	3
39. Banning police use of potentially lethal chokeholds and strangleholds when deadly force is not allowed	<b>74%</b>	59	15	<b>22</b>	10	13	4
40. Establishing a national use-of-force standard with clear definitions for when police officers can and cannot use deadly force	<b>85%</b>	62	22	<b>12</b>	7	5	3
41. Establishing a publicly accessible national database to track police officers who have committed misconduct	<b>82%</b>	59	24	<b>14</b>	7	7	3
42. Banning so-called “no-knock” search warrants, which would mean police could no longer forcibly enter homes unannounced unless there was an emergency situation	<b>76%</b>	54	21	<b>21</b>	9	11	3



	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(Not sure / Ref.)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	Strongly	Some- what	<b>TOTAL</b>	Some- what	Strongly	
43. [A] Giving <u>civilian oversight boards</u> , comprised of citizens from the community, the power to investigate police officers accused of inappropriate use of force	<b>70%</b>	43	27	<b>26</b>	14	12	4
44. [B] Requiring the <u>Department of Justice</u> to conduct an independent investigation when police action has caused a death or serious injury	<b>88%</b>	65	23	<b>9</b>	5	4	3
45. [A] Providing incentives for police departments to hire officers <u>from their local community</u>	<b>84%</b>	54	30	<b>11</b>	7	3	5
46. [B] Providing incentives for police departments to hire officers <u>with college degrees</u>	<b>74%</b>	43	31	<b>18</b>	11	7	8
47. Requiring all police officers to have and use body cameras in all interactions with civilians	<b>91%</b>	74	17	<b>7</b>	5	2	2
48. Establishing national standards for storing body camera videos and releasing footage to the public	<b>82%</b>	58	24	<b>15</b>	8	7	3

Now that we've discussed a broad range of changes to policing practices, I'd like to ask you a few questions about other criminal justice system topics and the spread of the coronavirus ...

49. Because coronavirus spreads rapidly in overcrowded prisons and jails, infecting prisoners and workers at the facility, some facilities have moved people who pose little or no threat to public safety out of prison and into alternative programs. Do you approve or disapprove of this policy?

Approve	66%
Disapprove	25
(Not sure / Refused)	9

50. Because jails and prisons are hot spots for the spread of coronavirus – and because those over age 60 or with serious health conditions are more vulnerable – some places have moved these types of prisoners who pose little or no threat to public safety out of prison and into home detention. Do you approve or disapprove of this policy?

Approve	69%
Disapprove	23
(Not sure / Refused)	8



Turning to a few final criminal justice issues...

51. Right now, when someone is arrested or convicted for a low-level drug-related offense, their record is often permanent and follows them for the rest of their lives. Would you favor or oppose these low-level records being automatically sealed – meaning they would not be accessible to potential employers or landlords – if the person remained crime free for five years?

Favor	77%
Oppose	17
(Not sure / Refused)	6

Would you be more or less likely to support automatically sealing low-level records – or would it have no effect on your opinion – if you learned that... **[RANDOMIZE]**

		No <u>More likely</u> <u>difference</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	(Not sure / <u>Refused</u> )
52. It would allow states to save money and focus resources on people who pose higher threats to public safety.	62%	23	10	5
53. It would allow companies that are having trouble finding workers access to a broader pool of potential employees.	59%	25	10	5
54. It would make it much easier for these individuals to stay crime free and contribute to society.	68%	20	8	4
55. Those who want to seal their records can currently do so themselves by filing appropriate forms and paying a fee.	46%	28	20	6
56. Automatic record sealing puts everyone on a level playing field because it doesn't require people to file paperwork or pay a fee for the service.	54%	26	14	7
57. Earlier this year Congress created a program to provide loans to businesses that kept their employees on the payroll during the pandemic. However, a lot of this money is going to wealthy corporations, and less is going to struggling small businesses. This is partly because many small businesses are owned by people with a criminal record, who are prohibited from receiving these funds. Currently, about one in three adult Americans has a criminal record.				

Do you believe the federal government should prohibit business owners with criminal records from receiving these funds?

Yes	25%
No	61
(Not sure / Refused)	14



**[SPLIT A]**

58. All in all, if you found out that your Representative in Congress supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that Representative this fall?

More likely	63%
Less likely	14
(No difference)	11
(Not sure / Refused)	13

**[SPLIT B]**

59. All in all, if you found out that your Representative in Congress was preventing a vote on a criminal justice reform bill, would you be more or less likely to vote for that Representative this fall?

More likely	20%
Less likely	60
(No difference)	7
(Not sure / Refused)	13

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

These last few questions are for statistical purposes only and are strictly confidential.

60. In the 2016 presidential election, did you vote for: **[ROTATE NAMES]**

Hillary Clinton	40%
Donald Trump	38
Or did things come up to keep you from voting?	11
(Someone else)	8
(Won't say / Refused)	3

61. What was the last grade you completed in school? **[DO NOT READ LIST]**

(Less than high school (1-11))	4%
(Graduated high school)	23
(Some college/Tech./Voc.)	30
(Graduated college)	27
(Graduate/professional school)	16
(Other)	-
(Not sure / Refused)	1

62. Do you, or does anyone in your household, work in law enforcement? **[IF YES: Would that be you, or someone in your household?]**

Yes, self	5%
Yes, other in household	4
(Both)	1
No	90
(Not sure / Refused)	1





63. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a **[ROTATE FIRST TWO OPTIONS]** Democrat, a Republican, or don't you consider yourself either?

Democrat	39%
Republican	32
Neither	27
(Not sure / Refused)	1

**[IF NEITHER OR (DON'T KNOW)]**

64. Would you say you're closer to the **[ROTATE FIRST TWO OPTIONS]** Democrats, to the Republicans, or don't you lean toward either?

Lean Democratic	30%
Lean Republican	21
Don't lean either way	46
(Not sure / Refused)	3

**PID-5**

Strong Democrat	39%
Lean Democrat	8
Independent	14
Lean Republican	6
Strong Republican	32

**PID-3**

Democrat	48%
Independent	14
Republican	38

65. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint:

<b>TOTAL PROGRESSIVE</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>32</b>
Very progressive	18%
Somewhat progressive	15
Moderate	33
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	14
(Not sure / Refused)	2

66. Are you of Latino or Hispanic descent?

Yes	12%
No	87
(Not sure / Refused)	1



**[SKIP AND CODE AS LATINO IF YES]**

67. What is your racial or ethnic heritage?

White	70%
African-American, Black	12
Latino, Hispanic	12
Asian	3
(Other)	1
(Refused)	1

68. Would you describe the area where you live as urban, suburban, small town or rural?

Urban	25%
Suburban	38
Small town	18
Rural	17
(Not sure / Refused)	2

69. Thinking back to last year, which of the following best characterizes your family income?  
**[IF REFUSED, REMIND RESPONDENT ANSWER IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IMPORTANT TO ANALYSIS]**

Under \$50,000	32%
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	22
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	12
(Not sure / Refused)	6

70. **[OBSERVATION ONLY]** Sex:

Female	53%
Male	47

