

Heart+Mind FirstView

Post-Election Study November 6, 2020



State of Play

A finished count is unlikely to bring certainty

State	Laws on Recounts
MI	Can be requested for non-specific fraud
WI	Can be requested for any reason
NV	Can be requested within 1% margin
AZ	Automatic for a 0.1% margin. Candidate CANNOT request
GA	Can be requested with 0.5% margin - CONFIRMED
NC	Can be requested with 0.5% margin
PA	Automatic for 0.5% margin

Polling

The Polls Were Wrong!



How "wrong" were they, now that it's Friday, Nov 6?

RCP Average Top Battlegrounds Florida North Carolina Pennsylvania	11/3 November 3rd November 3rd	Biden (D) 48.9 47.9	Trump (R) 46.6 47.0	Spread Biden +2.3	
Florida North Carolina	November 3rd				
North Carolina				Biden +0.9	
Pennsylvania		47.6	47.8	Trump +0.2	
•	November 3rd	48.7	47.5	Biden +1.2	
Michigan	November 3rd	50.0	45.8	Biden +4.2	
Wisconsin	November 3rd	51.0	44.3	Biden +6.7	
Arizona	November 3rd	47.9	47.0	Biden +0.9	
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Each dot is one possible election outcome.

Potential Outcomes – IPSOS Model





One in four

Blue Wave

(Democrats hold House, take Senate and White House)

Emboldened progressive control of government

- Focus on getting coronavirus and economy under control
- Potential for major federal spending
- Proactive regulatory state
- Opportunities for "good" private sector actors to set agendas

Two in four

Narrow Biden Win

(Democrats hold House, take White House, Republicans hold Senate)

Status quo ante

- Halting efforts to manage pandemic & revive economy
- Reconstituted regulatory apparatus and legislative gridlock
- Relative freedom of maneuver for private sector within existing context

One in four

Narrow Trump Win

(Democrats hold House, Republicans hold Senate & White House)

Continued governmental and social disorder

- Personality-driven global policy setting
- Pandemic and economic fallout continue
- Ongoing political and social risk for private sector
- Deregulatory efforts prioritize industry agenda

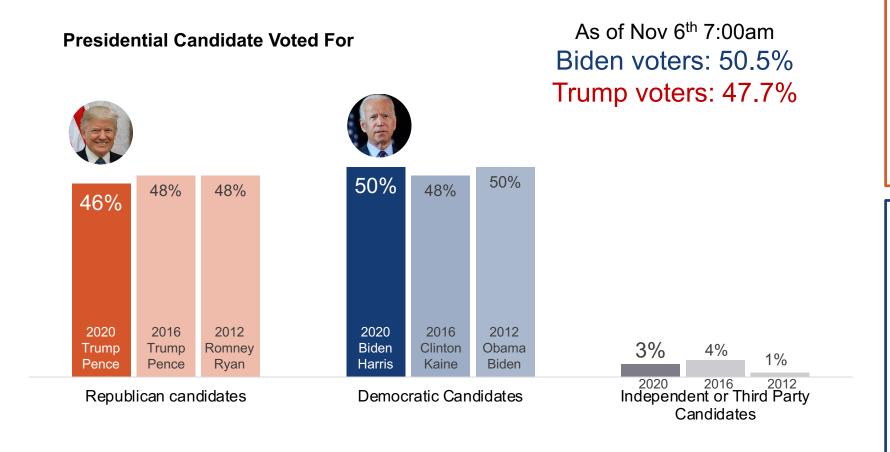
Campaign Polling ABC Science

(Almost Being Certain)

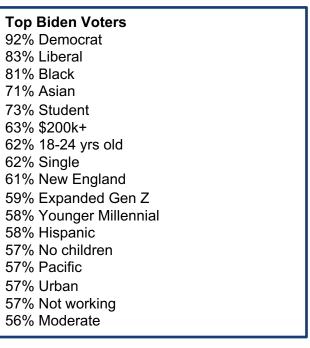
- Most got Biden national popular vote right and had Trump lower. The undecided broke to Trump.
- RCP averages within MOE, showed Biden ahead in PA, MI, WI, AZ, NV. FL no.
- True, some high-profile outliers such as Wa/Po ABC News showing Biden +17 in WI.
- Mistake not to release ballot by early vote and in-person. 158m voted. 70% Democrats voted early; 50% GOP and INDP.
- Problems: Too many phone only polls. Under sampling non-college grads. Overreliance on the "magic" of weighting. Not factoring in social bias.
- Media polls "mark it with chalk and cut it with an axe" and are used to fit narratives (voters, pundits, and media themselves).
- Market research is different than just a horse race. Understanding the human and the why, the motivations of choice is most important.

Shifting Coalitions

Voter support is split between the candidates, with most voting according to party lines. Top Trump Voters



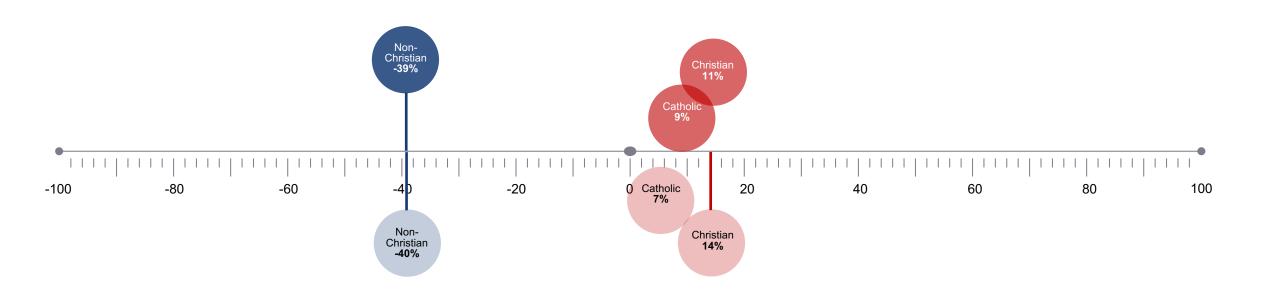
Top Trump Voters 92% GOP 84% Conservative 59% Silent 58% Rural 56% West North Central 56% East South Central 55% Stay-at-home 54% White 53% Married 53% Retired 52% 55-64 yrs old 52% 65+ yrs old 51% Boomer 51% Have children



As was voting among religious affiliation.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Religion – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton) As of Nov 6th 7:00am

Biden voters: 73,738,210



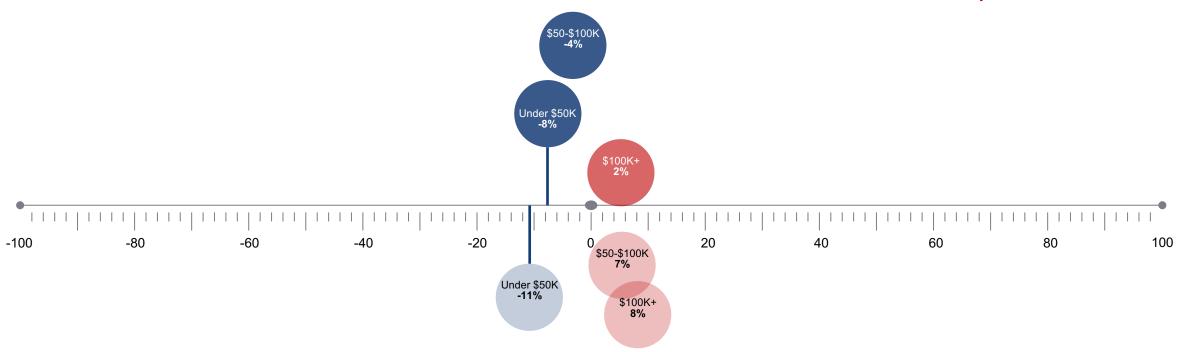


Trump lost a bit of ground among middle- and high-income voters.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Income – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton)

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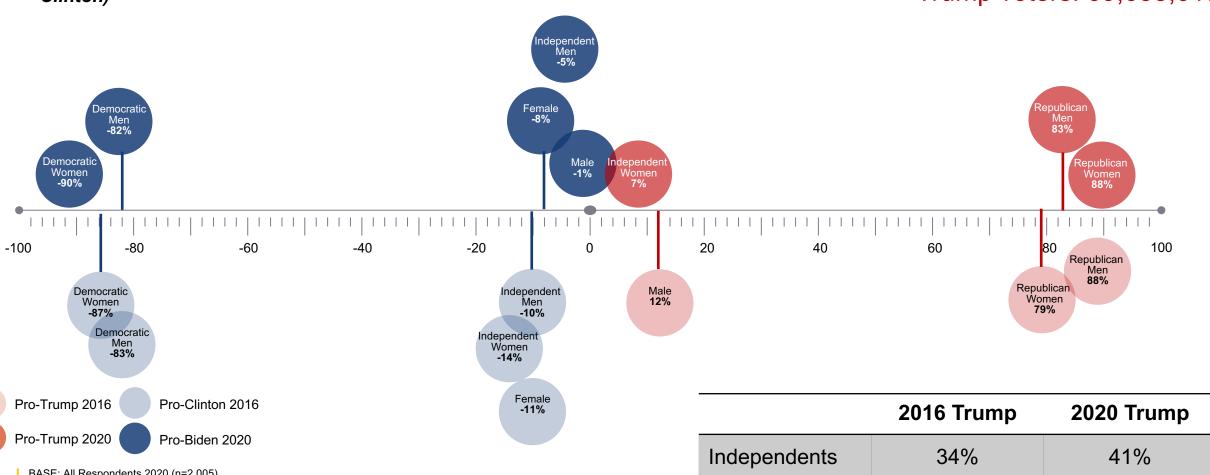


Democratic and Republican women became even further polarized.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Gender and Political Party – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton)

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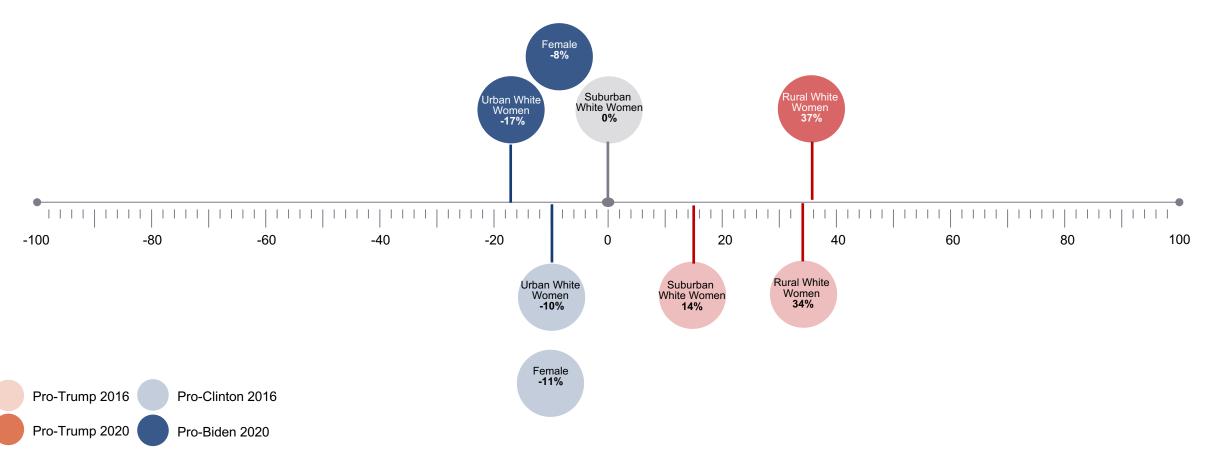


Suburban White women were noticeable more neutral in their voting this election.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Urbanicity – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton)

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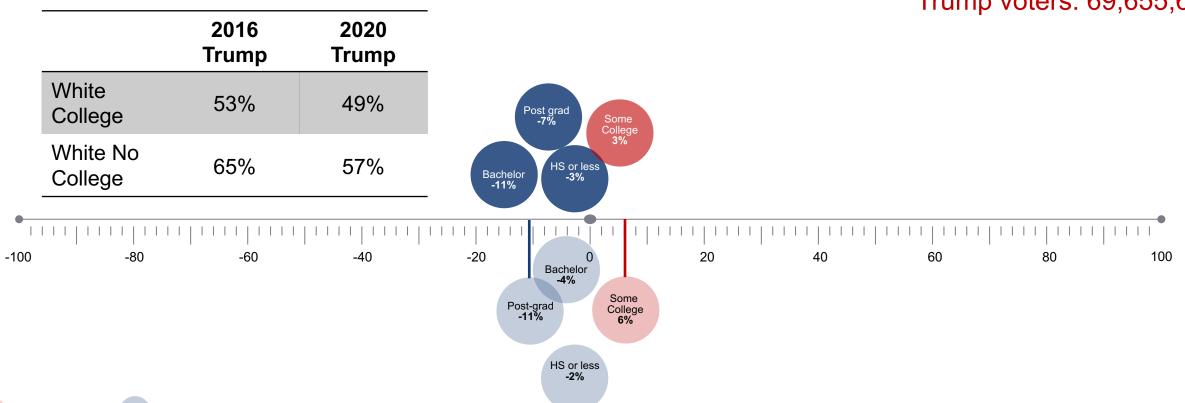
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Voting among education levels was largely consistent.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Education – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton) As of Nov 6th 7:00am Biden voters: 73,738,210

Trump voters: 69,655,617



BASE: All Respondents 2020 (n=2,005)

Pro-Clinton 2016

Pro-Biden 2020

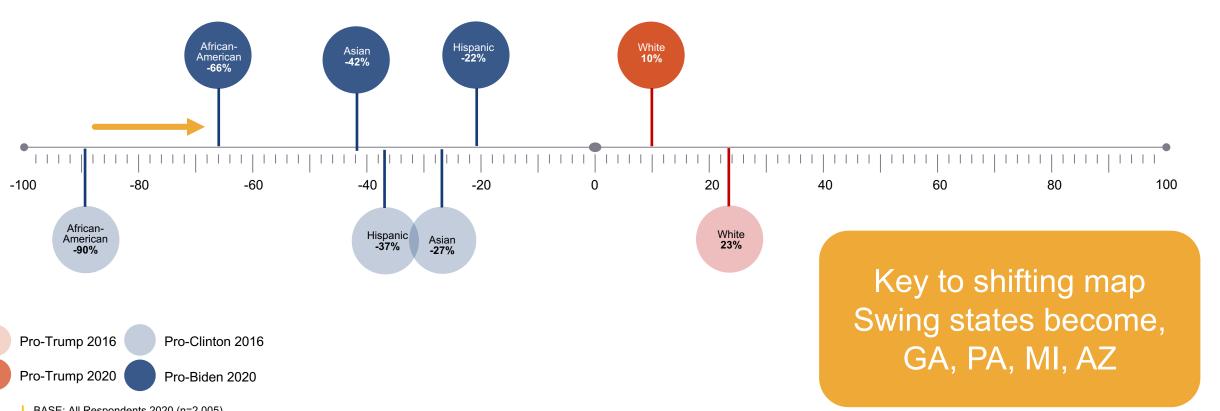
Pro-Trump 2016

Pro-Trump 2020

Trump gained ground with Hispanic voters whereas Biden gained ground among Asian voters.

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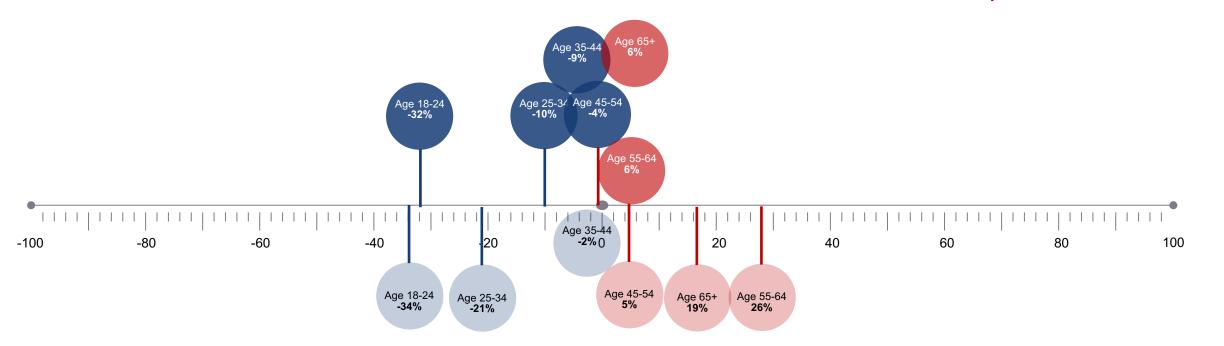


Those from older age groups were more in favor of Biden in 2020.

Presidential Candidate Voted For Age – Net Trump Vote (Trump minus Biden) Compared to Net Trump Vote in 2016 (Trump minus Clinton)

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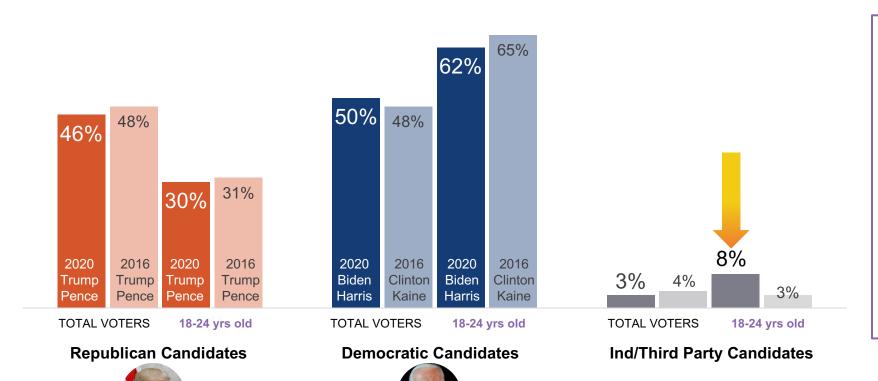


18-24 yr. old Cohort Holds Steady on Trump Since 2016

While Biden leads Trump 2:1 in 2020, lost 3 points to Independents/3rd Parties

Presidential Candidate Voted For

Total Voters vs. 18-24 yr. old



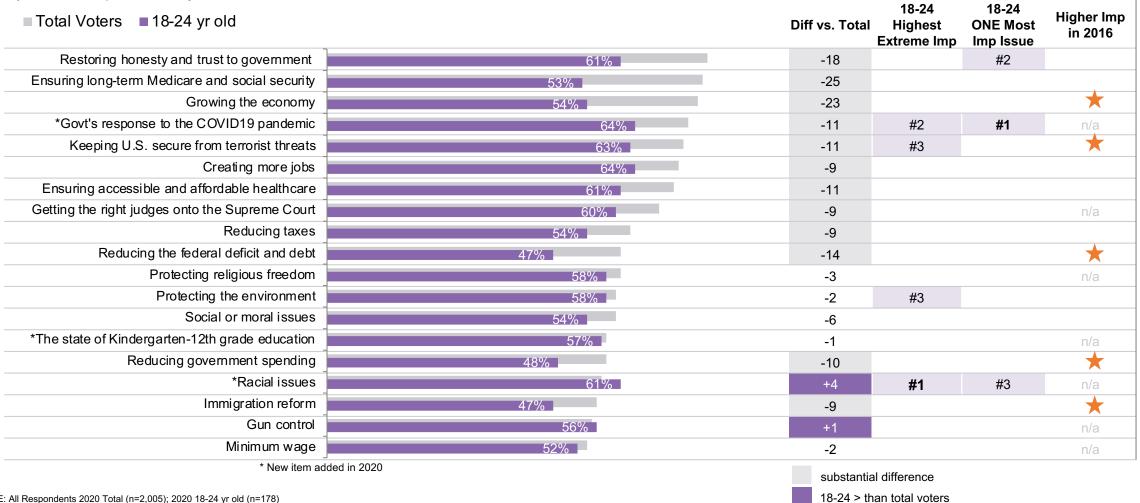
18-24 yr. old Cohort:

- Age cohort most likely to say worse off than 4 years ago (41% vs. 34% total)
- High net negative toward the "person" Trump (-41) and Pence (-38)
- Highest net positive for Biden (+27) and Harris (+16)
- Lowest Trump job approval (26% approve vs. 44% total)
- Same view on direction of country as total voters
- Least likely to vote "for" a candidate/most likely to vote against a candidate
- Much more likely to vote for issues and accept a candidate's flaws

Intensity Muted on Issue Importance for 18-24 yr. relative to Total Voters, except Racial Issues and Gun Control

Many other issues hold equal weight vs. select standouts

Most Important Issues for Voters in 2020 (6 or 7 on 7-point scale)

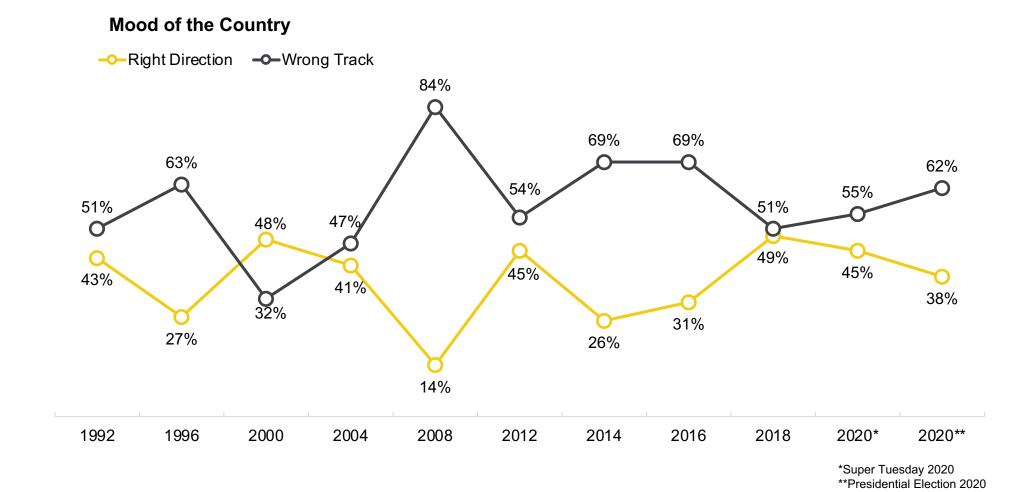


BASE: All Respondents 2020 Total (n=2,005); 2020 18-24 yr old (n=178)

Q340. Looking forward, there are many issues that the President and Congress may consider now that the election is over. Recognizing that different issues matter to different voters, for each of the following, please indicate the importance of the issue for you personally using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means "not at all important" and 7 means "extremely important." Q325. Which ONE of the following issues was most important to you in determining your vote this election? Please select only one.

Issue Agenda

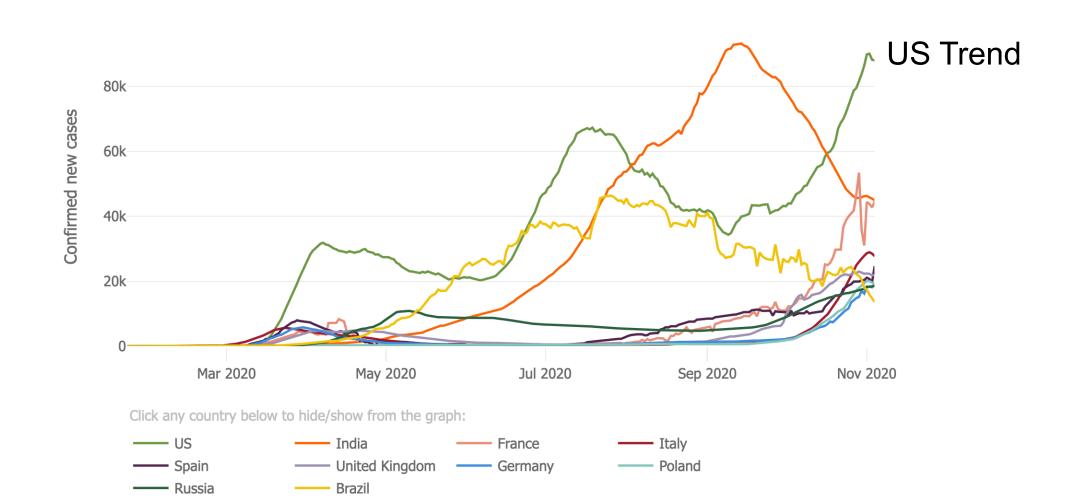
National Mood Worsened During 2020



COVID Cases Worsening

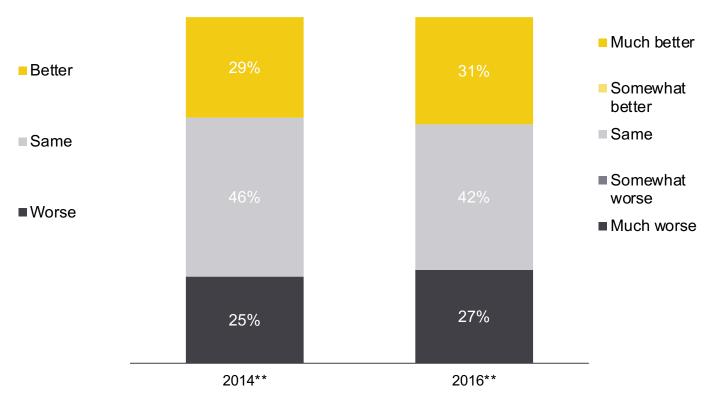
DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

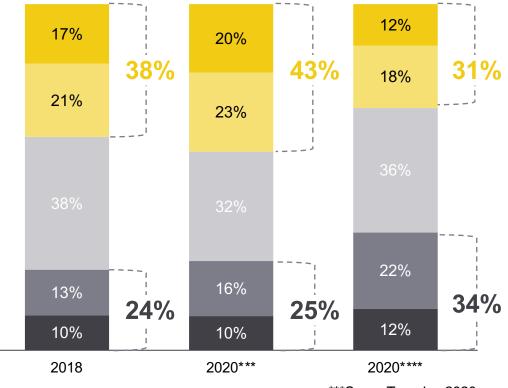
Outbreak evolution for the current 10 most affected countries



Personal Economic Situation Worsened

Personal Economic Situation Better or Worse than 4 Years Ago*

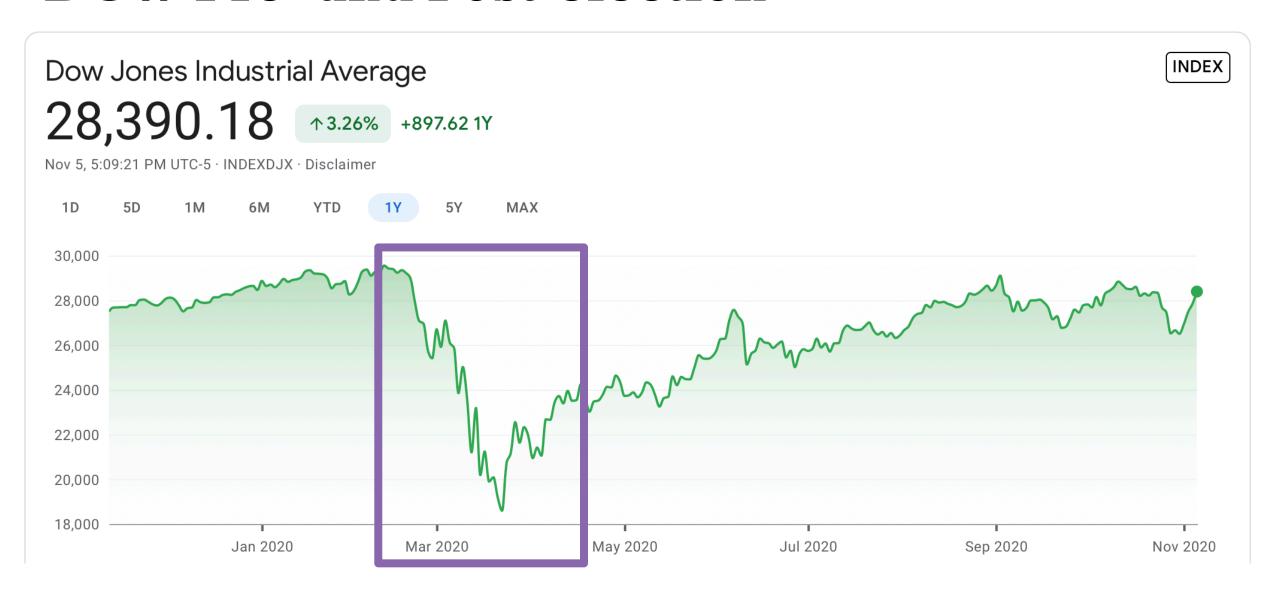




**CNN Exit Data

****Super Tuesday 2020
****Presidential Election 2020

DOW Pre- and Post-election



Trust in Washington Remains Low.

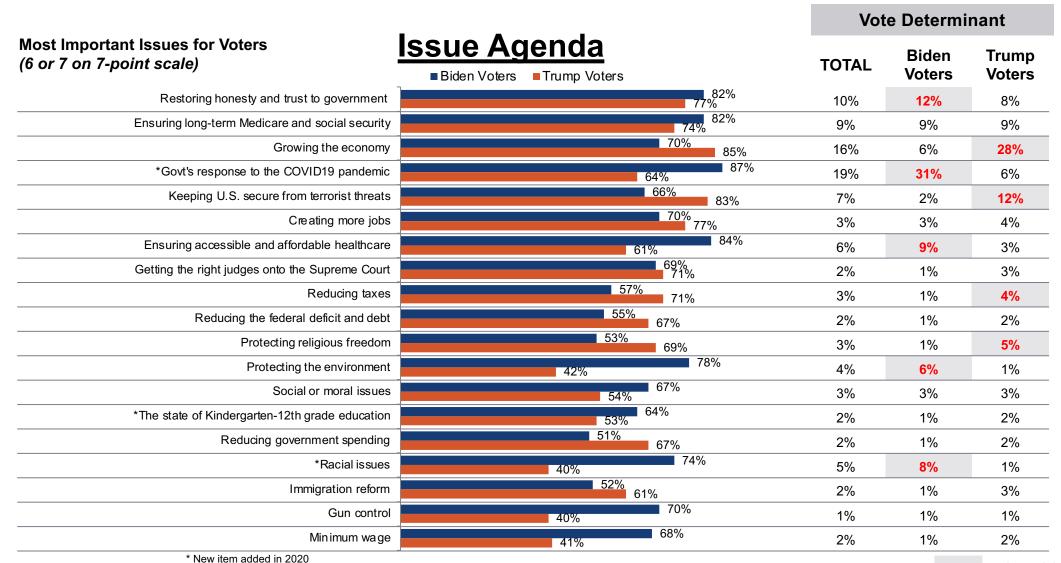
Trust Elected Officials in Washington to Do What's Right

	2008	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020*	2020**
(10) Complete Trust	1%	1%	1%	3%	7%	5%	8%
(8-9) High Trust	6%	6%	4%	9%	11%	11%	12%
(6-7) Low Trust	20%	18%	13%	19%	17%	19%	23%
(1-5) No Trust	73%	76%	82%	69%	64%	66%	57%

^{*}Super Tuesday 2020

^{**}Presidential Election 2020

Health, Economy, Trust Drove the Vote; Top Agenda



BASE: All Respondents 2018 (n=1.058): Presidential Election 2020 (n=2.005): Biden Voters (n=1.015): Trump Voters (n=925)

substantial difference

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Restoring honesty and trust to government tops issues among voters as it did in 2018.

Most Important Issues for Voters (6 or 7 on 7-point scale)



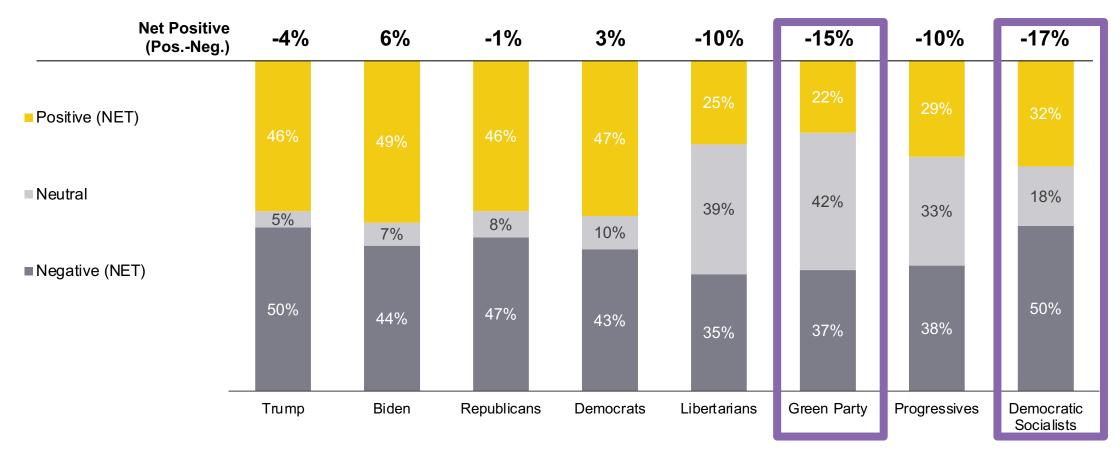
substantial difference

BASE: All Respondents 2018 (n=1,058); Presidential Election 2020 (n=2,005); GOP (n=810); DEM (n=893)

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Biden and the democratic party's policies draw positive feelings – <u>on the surface</u>. Green and Socialists not so.

Feelings About Each Candidate or Party's Policies and Programs

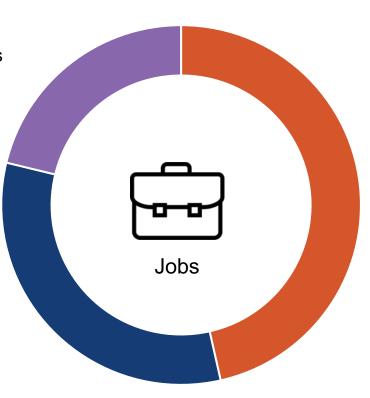


Nearly half of voters see free-market economy as the way to go.

Key Issue Positions

21% We should have a guaranteed job with benefits for every American making millions of Americans employees of the federal government.

32% We should establish a Federal Jobs Corps that focuses on employment through public works projects, expanded collective bargaining, and racial equality.



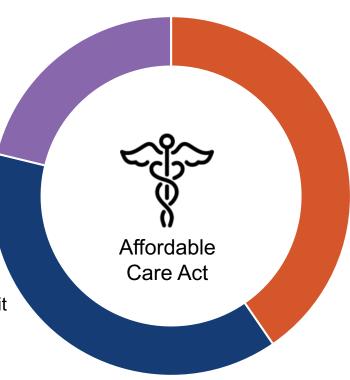
46% We should focus on regulatory reform and eliminating crony capitalism. In that environment, the free-market is the best way to grow our economy and create good jobs for Americans.

Only 1 in 5 voters say that universal government healthcare is the way to go.

Key Issue Positions

21% We need universal single-payer government healthcare for all Americans.

38% We need to protect the Affordable Care Act and build on it to make healthcare more affordable and less complex.



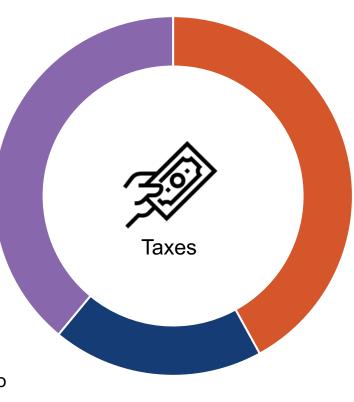
40% We need to replace the Affordable Care Act with a system that prioritizes transparency, freedom of choice and cost-efficient care.

3 in 7 voters agree that the recent tax cuts should be extended past 2022.

Key Issue Positions

39% We should raise the top marginal tax rate to 70% and institute a wealth tax on Americans with high net worths.

19% We should undo the recent tax cuts, raising taxes on individuals, reinstating the Alternative Minimum Tax and bringing our corporate tax rate to the highest levels in the world.



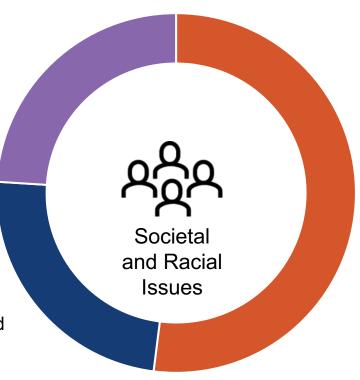
42% The recent changes to the tax code were smart and we should extend those provisions that will otherwise expire in 2022.

Half of voters agree that the chance to succeed on one's own merit is key to racial equality.

Key Issue Positions

24% American society elevates white culture above all others. It is not enough to be "not-racist". Individuals and government policies need to reflect specifically "anti-racist" attitudes and goals.

24% We need specific government policies that provide additional support, resources and opportunities to racial minorities.



52% Racial equality will come when we have racial blind equality of opportunity, giving every individual the chance to grow, achieve and succeed on their merits, skills and drive.

Key Takeaways

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Uncertainty continues.

Expect continued electoral uncertainty. Consumer stress from the pandemic and election is running extremely high.

Choice and convenience.

These consumer needs take hold in how we vote. Mail voting is here to stay.

Big realignments are dead.

No national realignment. But we do see micro-coalitions forming. Example: Rural, multicultural, less educated, socially conservative motivated by what they are against.

Tribalism continues.

Divisions amplified beyond party. Especially by gender, education, ethnicity, and locale.

People over Platform.

Don't assume how humans will behave. Don't take your voters or customers for granted.

Latino and Youth turnout once again did not materialize.

For all the protesting, and when it counted, where were these groups?

Stop thinking of groups as monolithic.

Millennials, Women, Latino, Blacks, Republican, Democrat, City vs Rural, etc.

FUDD Works.

Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt, Division. Will our stress and anxiety need the message of calm and confidence?

The Senate Club.

Don't underestimate the Joe and Mitch relationship as a way to perhaps get things done in a balanced legislative agenda.

Trust remains the golden ring.

Brands and institutions are under assault. Expect a renewed effort on reputation management practices and social cause marketing.