

Weekly Voter Election Sentiment Poll - Week 2

Sample Online sample of 1,075 registered voters fielded from October 09 to October 12, 2020.
Margin of Error 3.1%

Weekly Tracking Questions:

1. In November, there will be U.S. elections for president, Congress, and other offices. Will you...

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Previous week</i>
Definitely vote	80%	86%
Probably vote	6%	6%
Maybe vote	3%	3%
Probably not vote	1%	1%
Definitely not vote	1%	0%
I have already voted	9%	4%
Unweighted N	1,075	

2. How concerned are you about our country's ability to conduct a free, fair, and safe election governed by law?

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Previous week</i>
Extremely concerned	29%	30%
Very concerned	21%	23%
Somewhat concerned	24%	22%
A little concerned	16%	18%
Not at all concerned	9%	8%
Unweighted N	1,074	

3. How well or not well do you feel you understand the way your state handles the process of voting, counting ballots, and determining a winner?

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Previous week</i>
I understand it very well	42%	38%
I understand it somewhat well	45%	49%
I don't understand it well	12%	13%
Unweighted N	1,069	

4. From what you know about the presidential election process, when do you think we will know who won the presidential election this November?

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Previous week</i>
The night of the election	20%	19%
The day after the election	18%	18%
A few days after the election	19%	20%
A week after the election	11%	12%
A few weeks after the elections	11%	12%
A month after the election or after	7%	6%
Don't know	13%	15%
Unweighted N	1,071	

5. [How do you plan on voting in the 2020 general election?/How did you vote in the 2020 general election?]

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Previous week</i>
In person on election day	41%	41%
In person before the election	22%	22%
By mail	38%	37%
Among Democrats	[48%]	[48%]
Among Republicans	[24%]	[23%]
Unweighted N	1,070	

Weekly Testing/Topical Question(s):

6. When the first election results start to come in on election night, do you expect that they will be:

Mostly similar to the final result	28%
Somewhat similar to the final result	44%
Mostly different from the final result	21%
Totally different from the final result	6%
Unweighted N	1,057

This survey is based on 1,075 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, US Census region, and 2016 Presidential vote choice based on the American Community Study and the Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.21 to 3.34 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.3.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for this sample is approximately 3.1%. It is calculated using the formula:

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.