

Weekly Voter Election Sentiment Poll - Week 1

Online sample of 1,004 registered voters fielded from October 03 to October 06, 2020.
Margin of Error 3.3%

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	86%	n/a
Probably vote	6%	n/a
Maybe vote	3%	n/a
Probably not vote	1%	n/a
Definitely not vote	0%	n/a
I have already voted	4%	n/a
Unweighted N	1,004	

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	30%	n/a
Very concerned	23%	n/a
Somewhat concerned	22%	n/a
A little concerned	18%	n/a
Not at all concerned	8%	n/a
Unweighted N	1,004	

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	38%	n/a
I understand it somewhat well	49%	n/a
I don't understand it well	13%	n/a
Unweighted N	1,004	

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	19%	n/a
The day after the election	18%	n/a
A few days after the election	20%	n/a
A week after the election	12%	n/a
A few weeks after the elections	12%	n/a
A month after the election or after	6%	n/a
Don't know	15%	n/a
Unweighted N	1,004	

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%	n/a
In person before the election	22%	n/a
By mail	37%	n/a
Among Democrats	[48%]	n/a
Among Republicans	[23%]	n/a
Unweighted N	1,004	

Weekly Testing/Topical Question(s):

6. Split A: You mentioned that you were concerned about our country's ability to conduct free, fair, and safe elections governed by law. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that [the typical election official in the US has worked on about seven elections in the past, including elections where Republicans and Democrats have won?]

Much more confident	12%
Somewhat more confident	31%
Somewhat less confident	7%
Much less confident	4%
It would not change my opinion	46%
Unweighted N	309

7. **Split B: You mentioned that you were concerned about our country's ability to conduct free, fair, and safe elections governed by law. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that [US elections are administered locally, not from DC, with over 3,000 different elections underway at once, and that election workers tend to be our neighbors, rather than distant bureaucrats?]**

Much more confident	14%
Somewhat more confident	31%
Somewhat less confident	9%
Much less confident	6%
It would not change my opinion	39%
Unweighted N	306

8. **Split C: You mentioned that you were concerned about our country's ability to conduct free, fair, and safe elections governed by law. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that [there are extensive federal, state, and local laws in place that determine how elections can and should be conducted, including during emergencies?]**

Much more confident	16%
Somewhat more confident	30%
Somewhat less confident	7%
Much less confident	5%
It would not change my opinion	42%
Unweighted N	306

This survey is based on 1,004 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 0.22 to 3.35 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.37.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for this sample is approximately 3.3%. 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.