

Weekly Voter Election Sentiment Poll - Week 4

Online sample of 1,080 registered voters fielded from October 23 to October 26, 2020.
Margin of error: +/-3.4%.

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	65%	75%
Probably vote	4%	5%
Maybe vote	1%	3%
Probably not vote	0%	1%
Definitely not vote	0%	1%
I have already voted	30%	16%
Unweighted N	1,080	

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	23%	25%
Very concerned	22%	19%
Somewhat concerned	26%	25%
A little concerned	21%	21%
Not at all concerned	8%	9%
Unweighted N	1,080	

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	40%	40%
I understand it somewhat well	50%	50%
I don't understand it well	10%	10%
Unweighted N	1080	

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%	23%
The day after the election	17%	17%
A few days after the election	24%	20%
A week after the election	13%	11%
A few weeks after the elections	11%	13%
A month after the election or after	4%	4%
Don't know	12%	11%
Unweighted N	1,080	

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	29%	34%
In person before the election	30%	25%
By mail	41%	41%
Among Democrats	[53%]	[53%]
Among Republicans	[28%]	[27%]
Unweighted N	1080	

Testing Question(s):

6. How confident are you in our country's ability to protect against foreign cyberattacks on the voting system?

Very confident	13%
Somewhat confident	40%
Not too confident	29%
Not at all confident	17%
Unweighted N	1,080

7. **[SPLIT A] You mentioned you were [not too confident / not at all confident] in our ability to protect against cyberattacks. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that our election systems are highly decentralized, with no single center to attack or hack, making them resilient to foreign interference?**

Much more	20%
Somewhat more	42%
Somewhat less	13%
Much less	2%
No change	22%
Unweighted N	177

[SPLIT B] You mentioned you were [not too confident / not at all confident] in our ability to protect against cyberattacks. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that election systems are hardened against attacks and that accessing voter data is not the same thing as manipulating vote counts?

Much more	10%
Somewhat more	37%
Somewhat less	10%
Much less	4%
No change	39%
Unweighted N	176

[SPLIT C] You mentioned you were [not too confident / not at all confident] in our ability to protect against cyberattacks. Would it make you feel [more or less] confident to know that there are high-tech machine learning systems in place to monitor voter data and ensure that, even if adversaries gain access, any attempted manipulation can be promptly discovered and reversed?

Much more	11%
Somewhat more	44%
Somewhat less	12%
Much less	5%
No change	28%
Unweighted N	169

This survey is based on 1,080 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 0.05 to 5.05 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.55.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for this sample is approximately 3.4%.