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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

S2. For statistical purposes only, please indicate how old you are.

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|-------------------|----|------------------|-----------|
| Under 18..... | - | TERMINATE | [110-111] |
| 18-24..... | 8 | CONTINUE | |
| 25-29..... | 7 | | |
| 30-34..... | 8 | | |
| 35-39..... | 7 | | |
| 40-44..... | 8 | | |
| 45-49..... | 8 | | |
| 50-54..... | 9 | | |
| 55-59..... | 9 | | |
| 60-64..... | 10 | | |
| 65-69..... | 10 | | |
| 70-74..... | 9 | | |
| 75 or older | 7 | | |

S3. Are you currently registered to vote?

| | | | |
|---|-----|------------------|-------|
| Yes, registered to vote..... | 100 | CONTINUE | [112] |
| No, not registered to vote | - | TERMINATE | |
| Not sure about registration status..... | - | | |

S4. What are the chances you will vote in this November's general election for president?

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Certain to vote | 88 | [113] |
| Probably will vote | 10 | |
| Just somewhat likely to vote | 2 | CONTINUE |
| Probably will NOT vote..... | - | TERMINATE |

S5a. Did you vote in the 2016 election for president?

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------|-------|
| Yes, voted..... | 85 | CONTINUE | [120] |
| No, did not vote..... | 15 | Skip to Q.S6 | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES, VOTED" IN Q.S5a)

S5b. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 election for president?

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-------|
| Hillary Clinton (Democrat)..... | 47 | [121] |
| Donald Trump (Republican)..... | 47 | |
| Gary Johnson (Libertarian)..... | 4 | |
| Jill Stein (Green Party)..... | 2 | |

S6. Are you...?

| | | |
|--------------|----|-------|
| Male | 47 | [122] |
| Female | 53 | |

S7. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS “NO,” ASK:)** Please indicate your race.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| White | 72 | [125] |
| Black/African American..... | 12 | |
| Hispanic..... | 10 | |
| Asian | 4 | |
| Native American/American Indian | 1 | |
| Other | 1 | |

S8. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Grade school | 1 | [126] |
| Some high school..... | 2 | |
| High school graduate | 27 | |
| Some college, no degree..... | 18 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college | 11 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree | 23 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree | 3 | |
| 2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree..... | 12 | |
| PhD or professional degree (MD, JD, MBA) | 3 | |

S9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Strong Republican..... | 19 | [127] |
| Leaning Republican..... | 19 | |
| Completely independent | 18 | |
| Leaning Democratic..... | 19 | |
| Strong Democrat | 25 | |
| Total Republican | 38 | |
| Total Democrat | 44 | |

S10. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Employed full time..... | 44 | [128] |
| Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week) | 12 | |
| Unemployed but looking for work..... | 8 | |
| Full-time student | 3 | |
| Stay-at-home parent | 5 | |
| Retired..... | 28 | |

1. Do you feel that the country is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction these days?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Country is moving in the right direction | 27 | [129] |
| Country is moving in the wrong direction..... | 73 | |

2. What issues are the most important to you these days? What issues are you paying the most attention to or thinking about most often? *Please answer as fully and completely as possible. Multiple responses are encouraged!* [130-139]

| | |
|---|-------|
| COVID-19, pandemic, the virus | 42% |
| Economy, economic issues | 25 |
| Racism, discrimination, racial equality | 19 |
| Healthcare, health issues | 17 |
| Riots, social unrest, protests | 9 |
| Voting Trump out | 7 |
| Jobs, lack of good jobs | 6 |
| The elderly, Social Security | 6 |
| Black lives matter | 5 |
| Immigration, protecting the dreamers | 5 |
| Police brutality | 4 |
| Equality, equality for all people | 4 |
| Education, schools | 3 |
| Climate change | 3 |
| Women's rights, issues | 3 |
| ----- | ----- |
| Don't know; no response | 1% |

3ab. In the election for president this November, are you more likely to vote for Donald Trump, the Republican, or Joe Biden, the Democrat? Given this choice, who would you vote for? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "UNDECIDED," ASK:) Well, as of right now, do you...?**

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Donald Trump, the Republican..... | 39 | [266] |
| Leaning more toward Donald Trump..... | 2 | |
| Joe Biden, the Democrat..... | 53 | |
| Leaning more toward Joe Biden..... | 2 | CONTINUE |
| Lean toward voting for a third-party candidate..... | 1 | Skip to Q.4ab |
| Completely undecided/no leaning..... | 3 | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| Total Trump | 41 | |
| Total Biden | 55 | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "DONALD TRUMP" OR "JOE BIDEN" IN Q.3ab)

3c. Is your mind made up to vote for **(Donald Trump/Joe Biden)** in November, or are you still considering your choices?

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | Trump | Biden | |
| | <u>Voters</u> | <u>Voters</u> | |
| Mind made up | 81 | 83 | [143] |
| Still considering choices..... | 19 | 17 | |

4. In the election for U.S. Congress this November, are you more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "UNDECIDED," ASK:) All other things being equal, as of right now, do you...?**

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| The Democrat candidate..... | 49 | [267] |
| Lean more toward voting for the Democrat..... | 2 | |
| The Republican candidate..... | 40 | |
| Lean more toward voting for the Republican | 2 | |
| Lean toward voting for a third-party candidate..... | 2 | |
| Completely undecided/no leaning | 5 | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| Total Democrat | 51 | |
| Total Republican | 42 | |

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? And do you strongly (**INSERT ANSWER FROM Q.5a**) or somewhat (**INSERT ANSWER FROM Q.5a**) of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Approve strongly | 25 | [268] |
| Approve somewhat | 16 | |
| Disapprove somewhat | 11 | |
| Disapprove strongly | 48 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Approve | 41 | |
| Total Disapprove | 59 | |

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| Q.6a, Q.6b/c, AND Q.6d ARE RANDOMIZED |
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6a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is dealing with the economy?

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Strongly approve | 29 | [148] |
| Somewhat approve | 20 | |
| Somewhat disapprove | 15 | |
| Strongly disapprove | 36 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Approve | 49 | |
| Total Disapprove | 51 | |

6bc. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump (**FORM A: is dealing**) (**FORM B: has dealt**) with the coronavirus?

| | Q.6bc | Q.6b FORM A* | Q.6c FORM B** | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Strongly approve | 20 | 19 | 22 | [149-151] |
| Somewhat approve | 20 | 21 | 18 | |
| Somewhat disapprove | 11 | 9 | 13 | |
| Strongly disapprove | 49 | 51 | 47 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Total Approve | 40 | 40 | 40 | |
| Total Disapprove | 60 | 60 | 60 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

6d. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is dealing with the issue of healthcare?

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Strongly approve | 20 | [152] |
| Somewhat approve | 20 | |
| Somewhat disapprove | 14 | |
| Strongly disapprove | 46 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Approve | 40 | |
| Total Disapprove | 60 | |

7. What are the favorable or unfavorable things that come to mind about the way Donald Trump (**FORM A:** is dealing) (**FORM B:** has dealt) with the coronavirus? What are some reasons to approve or disapprove of his handling of the coronavirus? *Please answer as fully and completely as possible, using one or both of the boxes below. Multiple responses are encouraged.* [153-162, 163-172]

| FAVORABLE COMMENTS/REASONS TO APPROVE | |
|---|----|
| Focused on the economy, reopening the country, getting people back to work | 9% |
| Stimulus checks, package, extension of unemployment benefits, signed CARE Act | 9 |
| He's been on top of things, done what's necessary, not afraid to act, shown strong leadership | 7 |
| Virus task force, Dr. Fauci, implemented CDC guidelines | 6 |
| Closing borders, travel, visa restrictions, not allowing immigrants into the country | 5 |
| Made resources available to the states, hospitals, provided PPE and ventilators | 5 |
| Doing his best under the circumstances, doing a good job | 5 |
| Early ban of flights on China, tough on China | 5 |
| Shut the country down to stop the spread of the virus | 4 |
| Unfairly criticized, attacked by the media, Democrats | 3 |
| Acted quickly | 3 |
| He's optimistic, calms fears, instills confidence | 2 |
| Nothing, none, other criticisms | 41 |
| Don't know; no response | 3% |

| UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS/REASONS TO DISAPPROVE | |
|--|-----|
| Downplayed the virus, its severity, slow to act in the beginning, said virus was a hoax | 19% |
| Incompetent, no leadership, refuses to take responsibility. not fit to be president | 13 |
| Refuses to wear a mask, sets a bad example not wearing a mask, politicizing masks | 11 |
| Continues to be in denial about the virus, pretends everything is fine, doesn't take it seriously, makes jokes | 9 |
| Dismissive of health experts, science, doesn't follow Dr. Fauci's, CDC's recommendations | 9 |
| Selfish, only cares about himself, his re-election, he doesn't care | 8 |
| Gives false information on treatments, told us to drink bleach, promotes cures that are not medically safe | 8 |
| Reopening the country, economy too quickly, putting the economy before people's health | 7 |
| Lies to the public, makes statements, allegations not based on facts | 7 |
| Wants to slow down testing, to cut aid for testing | 7 |
| Holding rallies, endangers public by not encouraging social distancing | 4 |
| Wish he would think before he speaks, too impulsive, goes off script | 4 |
| Attacks anyone who doesn't agree with him, bully, antagonistic, makes inflammatory comments, too divisive | 4 |
| Not kept us safe, people have died | 4 |
| Racist, racist comments, slurs | 3 |
| Wish he would stay off Twitter, social media | 3 |
| Shortage of medical supplies, equipment, PPE | 3 |
| Nothing, none, other favorable comments | 17 |
| Don't know; no response | 3% |

8ab. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the governor of your state (**FORM A:** is dealing) (**FORM B:** has dealt) with the coronavirus?

| | Q.8ab | Q.8a FORM A* | Q.8b FORM B** | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Strongly approve..... | 30 | 33 | 26 | [175-177] |
| Somewhat approve..... | 38 | 36 | 40 | |
| Somewhat disapprove..... | 17 | 16 | 20 | |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 15 | 15 | 14 | |
| Total Approve | 68 | 69 | 66 | |
| Total Disapprove | 32 | 31 | 34 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9a. In terms of its effect on people's health, do you think the coronavirus has been a crisis, a very serious problem but not a crisis, a somewhat serious problem, or not that serious of a problem?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| A crisis..... | 62 | [178] |
| A very serious problem, but not a crisis.... | 26 | |
| A somewhat serious problem..... | 9 | |
| Not that serious of a problem..... | 3 | |

9b. In terms of its effects on the economy and people's financial well-being, do you think the coronavirus has been a crisis, a very serious problem but not a crisis, a somewhat serious problem, or not that serious of a problem?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| A crisis..... | 66 | [179] |
| A very serious problem, but not a crisis.... | 28 | |
| A somewhat serious problem..... | 6 | |
| Not that serious of a problem..... | - | |

10. Which is a bigger concern to you—the effect of the coronavirus on people's health, or the effect of the coronavirus on the economy and people's financial well-being?

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Effect on health—a lot bigger..... | 38 | [180] |
| Effect on health—somewhat bigger..... | 26 | |
| Effect on economy/financial well-being—somewhat bigger..... | 23 | |
| Effect on economy/financial well-being—a lot bigger..... | 13 | |
| Total Effect On Health | 64 | |
| Total Effect On Economy/Financial Well-Being | 36 | |

11. Governors in many states implemented several measures and restrictions to enforce “social distancing” to slow the spread of the coronavirus. These measures included requiring non-essential businesses to close, closing in-school instruction in public schools, requiring many people to stay at home except for essential tasks like grocery shopping, and requiring people to wear face masks in certain settings.

How do you feel about these measures and restrictions?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| I support them and feel they were the right thing to do..... | 73 | [208] |
| I feel they went too far..... | 20 | |
| I feel they did not go far enough..... | 7 | |

12a. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about what should happen to these measures and restrictions now?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| They should be completely ended right away | 8 | [209] |
| They should be ended over the next several weeks | 15 | |
| They should be gradually relaxed over the next several months | 47 | |
| They should stay in place indefinitely, until there is a vaccine | 30 | |

Q.12b AND Q.12c ARE ROTATED

12b As far as you know, what is **President Trump's** view on what should happen to the social distancing measures and restrictions that governors have put in place?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| They should be completely ended right away | 42 | [210] |
| They should be ended over the next several weeks | 25 | |
| They should be gradually relaxed over the next several months | 23 | |
| They should stay in place indefinitely, until there is a vaccine | 10 | |

12c. As far as you know, what is the **view of most public health experts** on what should happen to the social distancing measures and restrictions that governors have put in place?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| They should be completely ended right away | 4 | [211] |
| They should be ended over the next several weeks | 7 | |
| They should be gradually relaxed over the next several months | 45 | |
| They should stay in place indefinitely, until there is a vaccine | 44 | |

13. Which concerns you more?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Waiting too long to reopen the economy and causing more businesses to fail, higher unemployment, and a greater loss of income | 32 | [212] |
| Going back to business as usual too quickly, and causing more people to get sick, more unnecessary deaths, and a second major wave of infections | 68 | |

14. Which one of the following of the following statements do you agree with the most?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| President Trump took the threat of the coronavirus seriously from the start | 32 | [213] |
| President Trump did not take the threat of the coronavirus seriously until after the coronavirus already had become a crisis | 24 | |
| President Trump is still not taking the threat of the coronavirus seriously enough | 44 | |

15a. As of June 20th, nearly 120,000 people in the United States have died from the coronavirus. Do you consider this to be...?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| More of a success because it could have been worse | 17 | [214] |
| More of a failure because it should not have gotten that bad | 56 | |
| Neither a success nor a failure | 27 | |

15bc. How much of the (**FORM A: blame**) (**FORM B: responsibility**) do you think President Trump deserves for the fact that nearly 120,000 people in the United States have died from the coronavirus so far?

| | Q.15bc | Q.15b FORM A* | Q.15c FORM B** | |
|---|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility | 36 | 35 | 38 | [215-217] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility | 21 | 22 | 19 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility | 12 | 9 | 16 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility | 13 | 13 | 12 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility | 18 | 21 | 15 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 57 | 57 | 57 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16a. More than 45 million people in the United States filed for unemployment during the coronavirus crisis, and economists say there are more than two million jobs that have been permanently lost and will never come back. Do you consider this to be...?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| More of a success because it could have been worse | 11 | [218] |
| More of a failure because it should not have gotten that bad | 62 | |
| Neither a success nor a failure | 27 | |

16bc. How much of the (**FORM A**: blame) (**FORM B**: responsibility) do you think President Trump deserves for the fact that more than 45 million people filed for unemployment during the coronavirus crisis and more than two million jobs have been permanently lost?

| | <u>Q.16bc</u> | <u>Q.16b FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.16c FORM B**</u> | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility | 32 | 30 | 33 | [219-221] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility | 18 | 19 | 17 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility | 17 | 15 | 19 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility | 14 | 15 | 14 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility | 19 | 21 | 17 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount Of The Blame/Responsibility | 50 | 49 | 50 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17ab. Many public health experts now expect that the number of deaths in the United States from the coronavirus will reach more than 200,000 by October. (**ADD ON FORM A ONLY**: This would be more than the total number of Americans killed in World War I and the Korean War combined.) If that happens, will you consider it to be...?

| | <u>Q.17ab</u> | <u>Q.17a FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.17b FORM B**</u> | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| More of a success because it could have been worse | 12 | 11 | 13 | [222-224] |
| More of a failure because it should not have gotten that bad | 65 | 65 | 65 | |
| Neither a success nor a failure | 23 | 24 | 22 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18a. Do you think President Trump's actions and policies are...?

| | | | |
|--|----|---------------------|-------|
| Increasing the chances that many more people will die from the coronavirus..... | 57 | CONTINUE | [225] |
| Decreasing the chances that many more people will die from the coronavirus | 17 | Skip to Q.19 | |
| Not affecting the number of deaths one way or the other | 26 | | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY “INCREASING THE CHANCES” IN Q.18a)

18b. What, specifically, do you think President Trump is doing that is increasing the chances that many more people will die from the coronavirus? Which actions and policies do you think might result in more people dying from the coronavirus? *Please answer as fully and completely as possible. Multiple responses are encouraged!* [226-235]

| | |
|---|-------|
| Not wearing masks, not taking precautions | 24% |
| Not treating threat seriously reopening the states, the country too soon | 23 |
| Having rallies in crowded places | 19 |
| Not observing social distancing, doesn't take social distancing seriously | 15 |
| Too concerned/more concerned about the economy | 14 |
| Not enough testing, not testing enough people, said testing should stop | 10 |
| He is stupid, ignorant, idiot, ignoring science, doesn't understand science | 9 |
| Not listening to scientists, dismissing his own health experts | 9 |
| Lack of empathy, he doesn't care if people get sick, die | 7 |
| Refusing to promote the use of masks, mocking people for wearing masks | 6 |
| Not following CDC guidelines, not encouraging people to follow guidelines | 6 |
| Deaths are increasing, will continue to increase, killing people | 5 |
| He only cares about his campaign, his election | 4 |
| Lying the virus would go away | 3 |
| He told the governors to open the states, forced governors to open their states | 3 |
| Pushing people to go back to work | 3 |
| ----- | ----- |
| All other unfavorable comments | 8 |
| ----- | ----- |
| Don't know; no response | 1% |

19. Do you think President Trump's actions and policies will...?

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| Speed up the economic recovery and get people back to work more quickly | 41 | [237] |
| Slow down the economic recovery and make the recession last longer | 42 | |
| Not affect the economic recovery one way or the other | 17 | |

20a. Below you will see some reasons why President Trump might be moving quickly to reopen the economy and get back to business as usual. Please indicate for each one how important a consideration you think it is for President Trump.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

| | Total Important Consideration | <u>Very Important</u> | <u>Fairly Important</u> | <u>Just Somewhat Important</u> | <u>Not Really Important</u> | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| He thinks it will help him get reelected | 71 | 56 | 15 | 12 | 17 | [238] |
| He thinks it will be good for American corporations | 78 | 51 | 27 | 12 | 10 | [242] |
| He thinks it will be good for Wall Street..... | 72 | 47 | 25 | 15 | 13 | [240] |
| He thinks most Americans are eager to reopen the economy and get back to normal..... | 72 | 46 | 26 | 14 | 14 | [243] |
| He thinks it will be good for the average American | 58 | 34 | 24 | 14 | 28 | [239] |
| He believes the coronavirus is no longer a major health threat | 57 | 34 | 23 | 19 | 24 | [241] |

20b. And which one or two of the following do you think are the most important considerations motivating President Trump to move quickly to reopen the economy and get back to business as usual

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| He thinks it will help him get reelected..... | 53 | [244] |
| He thinks most Americans are eager to reopen the economy and get back to normal | 36 | > |
| He thinks it will be good for American corporations..... | 25 | |
| He thinks it will be good for the average American..... | 24 | |
| He thinks it will be good for Wall Street | 23 | |
| He believes the coronavirus is no longer a major health threat..... | 16 | |

21. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump’s policy of moving quickly to reopen the economy and get back to business as usual?

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Strongly approve | 19 | [245] |
| Somewhat approve | 20 | |
| Somewhat disapprove | 17 | |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 44 | |
| Total Approve | 39 | |
| Total Disapprove | 61 | |

22a. Next you will see several statements about President Trump’s handling of the coronavirus. For each one, please indicate whether the statement gives you major doubts and concerns, some doubts and concerns, only minor doubts and concerns, or no real doubts and concerns about the way President Trump has handled the coronavirus outbreak.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR DOUBTS AND CONCERNS

| | Total Doubts And Concerns | DOUBTS AND CONCERNS | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | <u>Major</u> | <u>Some</u> | <u>Only Minor</u> | <u>No Real</u> | |
| President Trump tried to cut 75% from the budget for masks and other supplies for the national stockpile. Healthcare workers were forced to use scarves or reuse soiled equipment, and many healthcare workers became seriously ill themselves. But Trump still refused governors’ requests to undertake a coordinated national effort to produce protective equipment..... | 72 | 57 | 15 | 10 | 18 | [248] |
| President Trump is setting the worst possible example for the country by holding mass political rallies that go against all public health guidance and risk spreading the virus by packing large crowds into an enclosed space in a setting where social distancing is nearly impossible..... | 71 | 57 | 14 | 10 | 19 | [250] |
| President Trump refused to listen to numerous warnings from medical experts inside and outside the government about the potential coronavirus pandemic before it came to the United States, and he failed to take the steps experts said were needed to prepare the country to deal with the virus | 71 | 56 | 15 | 10 | 19 | [247] |
| Public health experts agree that mass testing for coronavirus is essential for a safe reopening of the economy. But President Trump has asked his people to “please slow the testing down,” because the number of positive test results are making things look bad..... | 71 | 56 | 15 | 9 | 20 | [255] |

Q.22a (cont.)

| | Total Doubts And Concerns | <u>Major</u> | <u>Some</u> | <u>Only Minor</u> | <u>No Real</u> | |
|---|--|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| President Trump took too long to require social distancing and then abandoned any federal role in requiring social distancing far too early. In fact, researchers at Columbia University say that 83% of coronavirus deaths in the United States could have been prevented if Trump had instituted a nationwide lockdown at the beginning of March..... | 71 | 55 | 16 | 11 | 18 | [253] |
| From the very start President Trump repeatedly misled the public about the severity of the coronavirus and said many things that were simply not true, such as that it would disappear by April. Because he continually downplayed the threat, Trump failed to take decisive action to prepare for or stop the spread of the virus | 70 | 55 | 15 | 10 | 20 | [246] |
| President Trump failed to protect our seniors who are at most risk of dying from the coronavirus. Four out of five deaths have been seniors over the age of 65, and one in three deaths have been in nursing homes. President Trump should have provided testing and protective equipment to nursing homes, but he didn't..... | 70 | 54 | 16 | 11 | 19 | [254] |
| Even though public health experts say that masks are the most effective way to stop the spread of the coronavirus, President Trump refuses to wear a mask himself, ridicules people who do wear masks, and never takes the opportunity to encourage people to wear a face covering when they are out in public | 68 | 54 | 14 | 13 | 19 | [249] |
| There is broad agreement from public health professionals that we can safely reopen the economy only when we have enough testing and can be sure social distancing will be maintained, but President Trump is ignoring the recommendations from his own public health officials and is pushing to move faster, without the proper safeguards in place, despite the increased risk of more deaths | 72 | 53 | 19 | 13 | 15 | [251] |
| [FORM A: President Trump failed to make sure the United States could / FORM B: As a result of President Trump's incompetent leadership, the United States did not] conduct the kind of mass testing for the coronavirus that experts said would be essential for containing the spread of the virus. Countries like South Korea tested 10 times as many people as the U.S. in the first two months, and as a result, had far fewer deaths as a percent of their population | | | | | | [256/ 257] |
| All Voters | 70 | 53 | 17 | 11 | 19 | |
| FORM A version * | 69 | 52 | 17 | 14 | 17 | |
| FORM B version **..... | 71 | 55 | 16 | 8 | 21 | |
| President Trump tries to put all of the blame on China for the coronavirus crisis, while refusing to take responsibility for his role in allowing the spread of the virus here. But President Trump repeatedly praised China for its response to the virus and sent 18 tons of protective equipment to China when we needed it here, while at the same time he was asking China's leader for his help getting reelected..... | 69 | 53 | 16 | 10 | 21 | [252] |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22b. Here is this same list of statements. Please indicate the three that give you the biggest concerns about President Trump’s handling of the coronavirus outbreak.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST COMBINED TOP 3 PERCENTAGE

| | Combined Top 3 <u>Choices</u> | Top <u>Choice</u> | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| From the very start President Trump repeatedly misled the public about the severity of the coronavirus and said many things that were simply not true, such as that it would disappear by April. Because he continually downplayed the threat, Trump failed to take decisive action to prepare for or stop the spread of the virus..... | 36 | 13 | [258-263] |
| President Trump refused to listen to numerous warnings from medical experts inside and outside the government about the potential coronavirus pandemic before it came to the United States, and he failed to take the steps experts said were needed to prepare the country to deal with the virus | 33 | 15 | |
| President Trump took too long to require social distancing and then abandoned any federal role in requiring social distancing far too early. In fact, researchers at Columbia University say that 83% of coronavirus deaths in the United States could have been prevented if Trump had instituted a nationwide lockdown at the beginning of March | 25 | 8 | |
| President Trump is setting the worst possible example for the country by holding mass political rallies that go against all public health guidance and risk spreading the virus by packing large crowds into an enclosed space in a setting where social distancing is nearly impossible..... | 23 | 9 | |
| Even though public health experts say that masks are the most effective way to stop the spread of the coronavirus, President Trump refuses to wear a mask himself, ridicules people who do wear masks, and never takes the opportunity to encourage people to wear a face covering when they are out in public..... | 23 | 7 | |
| President Trump tried to cut 75% from the budget for masks and other supplies for the national stockpile. Healthcare workers were forced to use scarves or reuse soiled equipment, and many healthcare workers became seriously ill themselves. But Trump still refused governors’ requests to undertake a coordinated national effort to produce protective equipment | 23 | 7 | |
| Public health experts agree that mass testing for coronavirus is essential for a safe reopening of the economy. But President Trump has asked his people to “please slow the testing down,” because the number of positive test results are making things look bad..... | 21 | 6 | |
| [FORM A: President Trump failed to make sure the United States could / FORM B: As a result of President Trump’s incompetent leadership, the United States did not] conduct the kind of mass testing for the coronavirus that experts said would be essential for containing the spread of the virus. Countries like South Korea tested 10 times as many people as the U.S. in the first two months, and as a result, had far fewer deaths as a percent of their population | 21 | 6 | |
| There is broad agreement from public health professionals that we can safely reopen the economy only when we have enough testing and can be sure social distancing will be maintained, but President Trump is ignoring the recommendations from his own public health officials and is pushing to move faster, without the proper safeguards in place, despite the increased risk of more deaths..... | 20 | 6 | |
| President Trump failed to protect our seniors who are at most risk of dying from the coronavirus. Four out of five deaths have been seniors over the age of 65, and one in three deaths have been in nursing homes. President Trump should have provided testing and protective equipment to nursing homes, but he didn’t..... | 19 | 7 | |
| President Trump tries to put all of the blame on China for the coronavirus crisis, while refusing to take responsibility for his role in allowing the spread of the virus here. But President Trump repeatedly praised China for its response to the virus and sent 18 tons of protective equipment to China when we needed it here, while at the same time he was asking China’s leader for his help getting reelected | 16 | 4 | |
| None of these..... | | 12 | |

23. Which one of the following, if either, bothers you more about President Trump and his handling of the coronavirus?

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| He did not take the threat of the coronavirus seriously until after the coronavirus already had become a crisis | 29 | [319] |
| He still is not taking the threat of the coronavirus seriously enough..... | 43 | |
| Neither of these bother me about President Trump | 28 | |

24ab. People sometimes change their opinions after hearing more about an issue. With that in mind...

How much of the **(FORM A:blame)** **(FORM B: responsibility)** do you think President Trump deserves for the fact that nearly 120,000 people in the United States have died from the coronavirus so far?

| | <u>Q.24ab</u> | <u>Q.24a</u> <u>FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.24b</u> <u>FORM B**</u> | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility | 41 | 39 | 42 | [320-322] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility | 19 | 21 | 16 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility | 13 | 11 | 15 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility | 11 | 12 | 11 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility..... | 16 | 17 | 16 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 60 | 60 | 58 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Initial Ask (Q.15bc)

| | <u>Q.15bc</u> | <u>Q.15b</u> <u>FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.15c</u> <u>FORM B**</u> | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility | 36 | 35 | 38 | [215-217] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility | 21 | 22 | 19 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility | 12 | 9 | 16 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility | 13 | 13 | 12 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility..... | 18 | 21 | 15 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 57 | 57 | 57 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24cd. If the number of coronavirus deaths in the U.S. reaches 200,000 by October, how much of the **(FORM A: blame)** **(FORM B: responsibility)** do you think President Trump will deserve for that?

| | Q.24cd | Q.24c FORM A* | Q.24d FORM B** | |
|---|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility | 44 | 42 | 45 | [323-325] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility | 16 | 18 | 14 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility | 12 | 10 | 15 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility | 11 | 13 | 9 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility..... | 17 | 17 | 17 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 60 | 60 | 59 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. Here is a statement from supporters of President Trump. Please read it and then indicate how convincing you think it is.

President Trump is leading the great American comeback from the economic devastation of the coronavirus pandemic. He signed legislation that gave businesses the help they needed to survive and to keep workers on their payrolls. His strategy for reopening the economy is already working. The unemployment rate has dropped from 19.7% to 13.3% and the economy created 2.5 million new jobs—one of the biggest monthly increases on record. Retail sales last month increased by 18%, also one of the best monthly gains ever. President Trump is committed to keeping this progress going and building an economy that is even stronger than before.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Very convincing..... | 22 | [326] |
| Fairly convincing | 19 | |
| Just somewhat convincing | 14 | |
| Not that convincing..... | 15 | |
| Not convincing at all | 30 | |
| Total Very/Fairly Convincing | 41 | |

Next you will see some criticisms of President Trump regarding the economy and coronavirus. Please rate how convincing you think each one of these statements is.

26a. Below are some criticisms of President Trump regarding the economy and coronavirus. Please rate how convincing you think each one of these statements is

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY CONVINCING

| | Total Con- vincing | CONVINCING | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | <u>Very</u> | <u>Fairly</u> | <u>Just Some- what</u> | <u>Not That</u> | <u>Not At All</u> | |
| Under President Trump, the economy may have been great for big corporations and those at the top, but average Americans still struggled to keep up with the cost of living, afford healthcare, and save for the future. And Trump still does not get it. He brags about the economic recovery while millions of Americans are out of work, many small businesses have closed forever, and people have depleted their life savings..... | 57 | 42 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 18 | [331] |
| President Trump made the economic downturn much worse than it needed to be by failing to take the needed steps to slow and control the spread of the coronavirus. Instead of taking decisive action to prepare the nation, he downplayed the crisis, ignored experts, and allowed the United States to fall far behind on testing..... | 56 | 42 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 22 | [327] |
| Other countries with the coronavirus are doing much better economically because their leaders, unlike President Trump, took clear and decisive action to slow and control the spread of the virus. Despite having only 4% of the world’s population, the United States has 26% of all coronavirus cases and the highest number of deaths in the world. Germany, South Korea, Australia, and other countries never had to fully shut down like the United States did, and now those countries are feeling much less economic pain and lower unemployment..... | 57 | 41 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 17 | [328] |
| President Trump is siding with corporate CEOs who want to be able to reopen for business with few, if any, requirements, such as adequate masks and social distancing, to protect the safety of their employees and customers. He even wants to give immunity to companies that refuse to follow public health guidelines or knowingly put people at risk. When it comes to the economy, Trump looks out for corporations, not workers or consumers | 56 | 41 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 20 | [333] |
| In the middle of one of our worst economic downturns, President Trump is making it harder for people who lost their health insurance to get new coverage. And even in a healthcare crisis, he continues to push to take health coverage away from millions of people and raise the cost of healthcare for people with preexisting conditions..... | 54 | 40 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 21 | [332] |
| President Trump is slowing down the economic recovery by pushing to reopen the economy without precautions that experts say are needed to keep people safe. Polls show that most Americans feel uncomfortable going out to a restaurant, attending a public gathering, or flying on a plane. If people do not feel safe, it will take much longer for the economy to recover and for jobs to come back | 56 | 39 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 19 | [330] |
| President Trump is blocking emergency federal aid to states and localities, including the funding that schools need to reopen safely. If parents can’t send their kids to school, they will have to stay home with them, instead of going back to work. His opposition to state and local aid will mean large numbers of layoffs of public sector workers, including the workers we are counting on to deal with coronavirus—making the recession worse. And Trump opposes the paid leave policies that will allow workers to stay home if they are sick..... | 54 | 39 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 20 | [329] |

26b. Please review these statements again and select the two statements that give you the biggest doubts and concerns about President Trump regarding the economy and the coronavirus.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST COMBINED TOP 2 PERCENTAGE

| | Combined Top 2 <u>Choices</u> | Top <u>Choice</u> | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Other countries with the coronavirus are doing much better economically because their leaders, unlike President Trump, took clear and decisive action to slow and control the spread of the virus. Despite having only 4% of the world's population, the United States has 26% of all coronavirus cases and the highest number of deaths in the world. Germany, South Korea, Australia, and other countries never had to fully shut down like the United States did, and now those countries are feeling much less economic pain and lower unemployment | 28 | 15 | [334-335] |
| President Trump is blocking emergency federal aid to states and localities, including the funding that schools need to reopen safely. If parents can't send their kids to school, they will have to stay home with them, instead of going back to work. His opposition to state and local aid will mean large numbers of layoffs of public sector workers, including the workers we are counting on to deal with coronavirus—making the recession worse. And Trump opposes the paid leave policies that will allow workers to stay home if they are sick..... | 28 | 15 | |
| President Trump made the economic downturn much worse than it needed to be by failing to take the needed steps to slow and control the spread of the coronavirus. Instead of taking decisive action to prepare the nation, he downplayed the crisis, ignored experts, and allowed the United States to fall far behind on testing | 27 | 15 | |
| President Trump is slowing down the economic recovery by pushing to reopen the economy without precautions that experts say are needed to keep people safe. Polls show that most Americans feel uncomfortable going out to a restaurant, attending a public gathering, or flying on a plane. If people do not feel safe, it will take much longer for the economy to recover and for jobs to come back | 24 | 11 | |
| Under President Trump, the economy may have been great for big corporations and those at the top, but average Americans still struggled to keep up with the cost of living, afford healthcare, and save for the future. And Trump still does not get it. He brags about the economic recovery while millions of Americans are out of work, many small businesses have closed forever, and people have depleted their life savings | 23 | 11 | |
| In the middle of one of our worst economic downturns, President Trump is making it harder for people who lost their health insurance to get new coverage. And even in a healthcare crisis, he continues to push to take health coverage away from millions of people and raise the cost of healthcare for people with preexisting conditions | 20 | 9 | |
| President Trump is siding with corporate CEOs who want to be able to reopen for business with few, if any, requirements, such as adequate masks and social distancing, to protect the safety of their employees and customers. He even wants to give immunity to companies that refuse to follow public health guidelines or knowingly put people at risk. When it comes to the economy, Trump looks out for corporations, not workers or consumers | 19 | 9 | |
| None of these | | 15 | |

27a. Having heard from both sides, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is dealing with the economy?

| | <u>Q.27a</u> | <u>Initial Ask (Q.6a)</u> | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Strongly approve..... | 21 | 29 | [336] |
| Somewhat approve..... | 21 | 20 | |
| Somewhat disapprove..... | 13 | 15 | |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 45 | 36 | |
| Total Approve | 42 | 49 | |
| Total Disapprove | 58 | 51 | |

27bc. How much of the (FORM A: blame) (FORM B: responsibility) do you think President Trump deserves for the fact that more than 45 million people filed for unemployment during the coronavirus crisis and more than two million jobs have been permanently lost?

| | <u>Q.27bc</u> | <u>Q.27b FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.27c FORM B**</u> | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility..... | 35 | 35 | 36 | [337-339] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility..... | 21 | 23 | 20 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility..... | 14 | 11 | 17 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility..... | 13 | 15 | 10 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility..... | 17 | 16 | 17 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 56 | 58 | 56 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Initial Ask (Q.16bc)

| | <u>Q.16bc</u> | <u>Q.16b FORM A*</u> | <u>Q.16c FORM B**</u> | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| A lot of the blame/responsibility..... | 32 | 30 | 33 | [219-221] |
| A fair amount of the blame/responsibility..... | 18 | 19 | 17 | |
| Just some of the blame/responsibility..... | 17 | 15 | 19 | |
| Not much of the blame/responsibility..... | 14 | 15 | 14 | |
| None of the blame/responsibility..... | 19 | 21 | 17 | |
| Total A Lot/A Fair Amount | 50 | 49 | 50 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28a. Suppose that by early October the unemployment rate has dropped to 8% or 9% from its current level of 13.7%, but the death toll in the U.S. from the coronavirus has risen from 120,000 to over 200,000.

Under that scenario, do you think President Trump's efforts to reopen the economy quickly will have been worth it or not worth it?

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Definitely worth it..... | 13 | [340] |
| Probably worth it..... | 22 | |
| Probably not worth it..... | 23 | |
| Definitely not worth it..... | 42 | |
| Total Worth It | 35 | |
| Total Not Worth It | 65 | |

28b. If the unemployment rate in October is 9%, will you consider that to be...?

More of a **positive** for President Trump because it is a big improvement from what it has been at its peak
or

More of a **negative** for President Trump because it is double what the unemployment rate was before the crisis and experts say it will remain high for many months to come

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Much more of a positive for President Trump | 16 | [341] |
| Somewhat more of a positive for President Trump..... | 21 | |
| Neither a positive nor a negative..... | 25 | |
| Somewhat more of a negative for President Trump | 16 | |
| Much more of a negative for President Trump..... | 22 | |
| Total Positive | 37 | |
| Total Negative | 38 | |

29. Finally, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following two statements.

| | <u>Total Agree</u> | <u>Total Disagree</u> | <u>Strongly Agree</u> | <u>Some-what Agree</u> | <u>Some-what Disagree</u> | <u>Strongly Disagree</u> | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| President Trump has shown strong leadership throughout the coronavirus crisis and prevented far worse outcomes—no president could have done better | 39 | 61 | 21 | 18 | 10 | 51 | [342] |
| President Trump’s repeated failures of leadership throughout the coronavirus crisis made the number of deaths and loss of jobs worse than they needed to be—it didn’t have to be this bad | 64 | 36 | 49 | 15 | 12 | 24 | [343] |

FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

F1. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be)

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Very conservative..... | 17 | [344] |
| Somewhat conservative..... | 20 | |
| Middle of the road..... | 32 | |
| Somewhat liberal..... | 16 | |
| Very liberal..... | 14 | |
| Not sure | 1 | |
| Total Conservative | 37 | |
| Total Liberal | 30 | |

F2. How would you describe the area in which you live?

| | | |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Large city | 21 | [345] |
| Small city | 13 | |
| Suburb..... | 39 | |
| Small town | 9 | |
| Rural area..... | 18 | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY “EMPLOYED” OR “UNEMPLOYED” IN Q.S10)

F3. Have you either lost your job or experienced a cut in your pay or wages because of the situation with the coronavirus?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Yes, I have lost my job or experienced a cut in pay because of the coronavirus..... | 32 | [346] |
| No, I have not lost my job or experienced a cut in pay because of the coronavirus..... | 68 | |

F4a. Have you or anyone in your immediate family gotten sick with the coronavirus?

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Me or someone in my family has gotten sick with the coronavirus..... | 8 | [347] |
| No one in my family has gotten sick with the coronavirus | 92 | |

F4b. How much do you worry that you or someone in your immediate family might get sick with the coronavirus?

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Worry a lot | 34 | [348] |
| Worry some..... | 36 | |
| Worry just a little | 19 | |
| Do not worry at all | 11 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Worry A Lot/Some | 70 | |
| Total Worry Just A Little/Not At All | 30 | |

F5. Which cable news network do you watch most often, or do you not really watch cable news?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| FOX News Network..... | 26 | [349] |
| CNN | 23 | |
| MSNBC | 10 | |
| Do not watch cable news..... | 41 | |