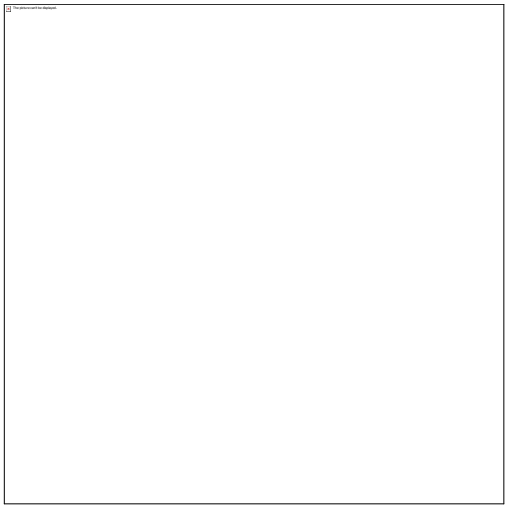

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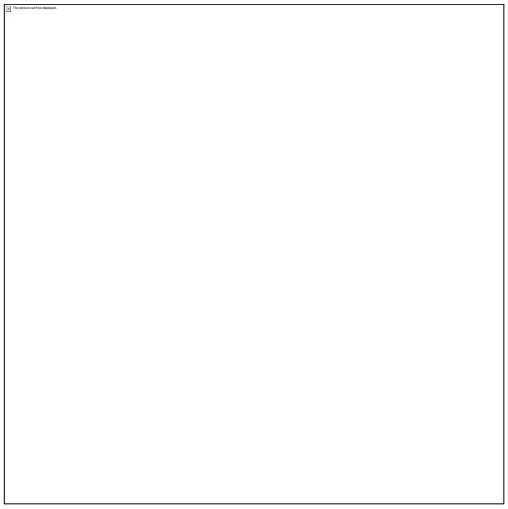

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Standard: Introduction (2 Questions)
Standard: Attention check (1 Question)

Branch: New Branch
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If Before starting the survey, we need to check the date. What date in August is it? Text Response Is Not Equal to 21

EndSurvey: Advanced

Standard: Party Identification 1: Standard Questions (6 Questions)
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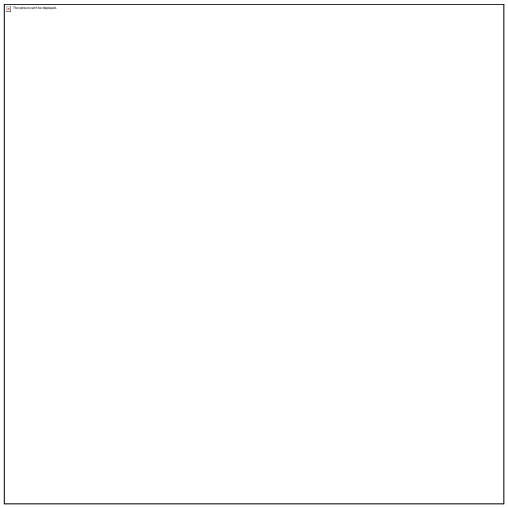

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Standard: Coronavirus intros + news views 2 (10 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

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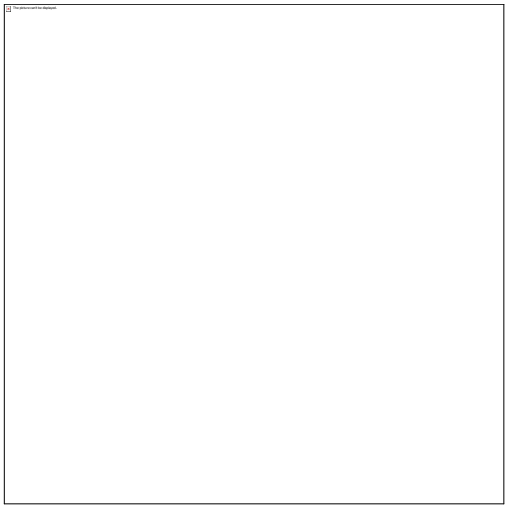

Q1 Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. We would like to ask you some questions about the political situation in the United States.

For our research, attention to the survey is really important. So we ask you to please pay careful attention and we apologize in advance for all the questions. If you have read this far, **please click both** "I understand" and 'I don't understand."

- [ ] I understand (1)
- [ ] I don't understand (2)

Q2 Please do your best to answer all questions. However, if you are unable or unwilling to answer a particular question, you can move on to the next question.

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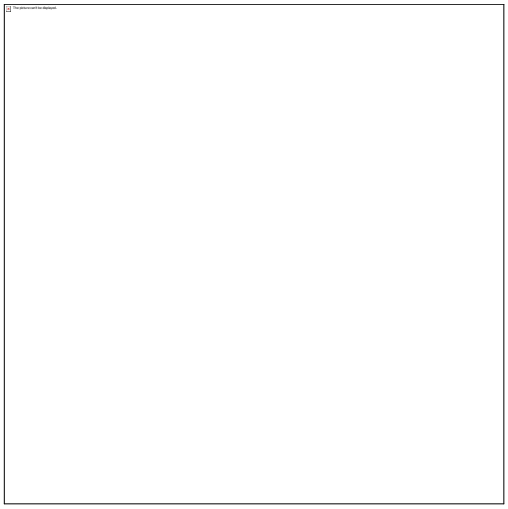

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Attention check

Q77 Before starting the survey, we need to check the date. What date in August is it?

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End of Block: Attention check

Start of Block: Party Identification 1: Standard Questions

Q3 Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ...

- Republican (1)
- Democrat (2)
- Independent (3)
- Other party (4)

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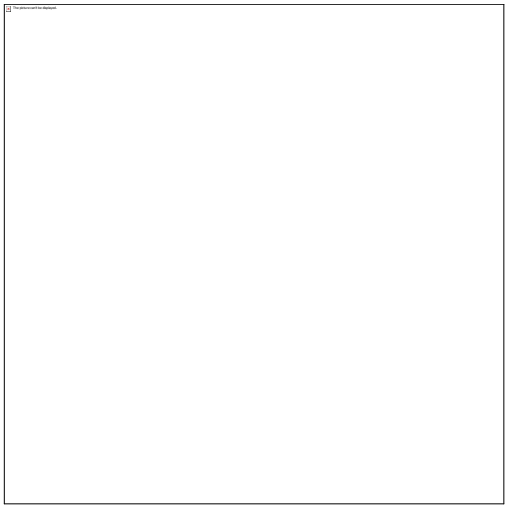

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If Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ... = Republican

Q4 Would you call yourself a ...

- Strong Republican (1)
- Not very strong Republican (2)

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If Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ... = Democrat

Q5 Would you call yourself a ...

- Strong Democrat (1)
- Not very strong Democrat (2)

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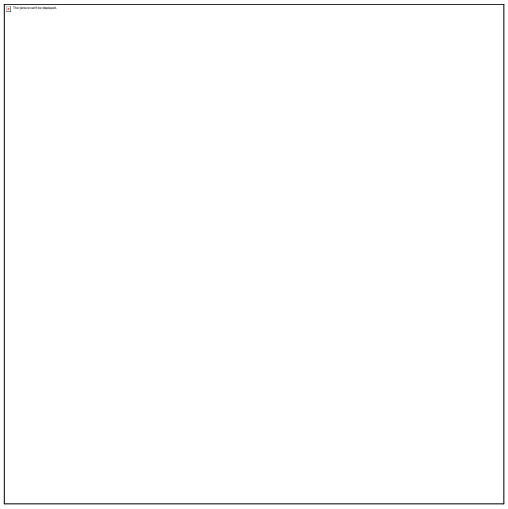

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If Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ... = Independent

Q6 Do you think of yourself as ...

- ○ Closer to the Republican Party (1)
- ○ Neither (2)
- ○ Closer to the Democratic Party (3)

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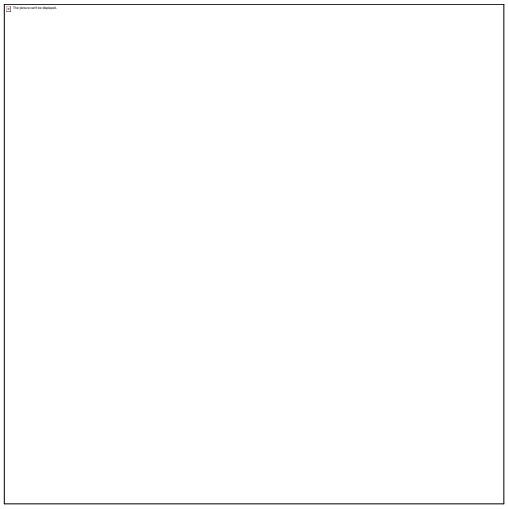

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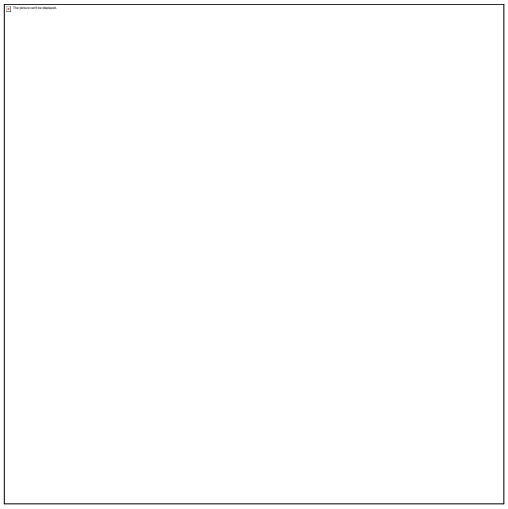
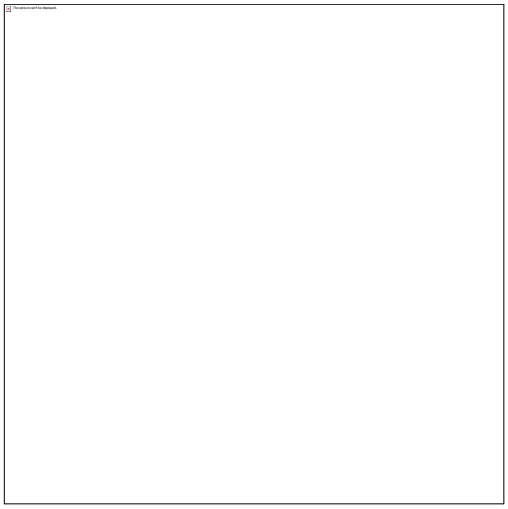
If Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ... = Democrat

Or Do you think of yourself as ... = Closer to the Democratic Party



Q7 Speaking about the Democratic Party...

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
When I speak about this party, I usually say “we” instead of “they.” (1)	○	○	○	○	○
I am interested in what other people think about this party. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
When people criticize this party, it feels like a personal insult. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
I have a lot in common with other supporters of this party. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
If this party does badly in opinion polls, my day is ruined. (5)	○	○	○	○	○
When I meet someone	○	○	○	○	○



who supports this party, I feel connected with this person. (6)					
When I speak about this party, I refer to them as “my party.” (7)	○	○	○	○	○
When people praise this party, it makes me feel good. (8)	○	○	○	○	○

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as a ... = Republican

Or Do you think of yourself as ... = Closer to the Republican Party

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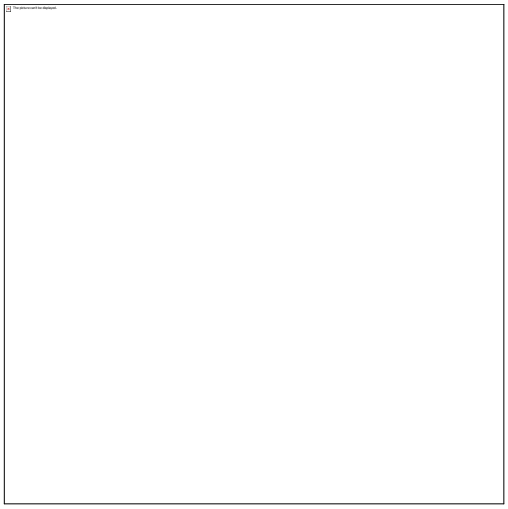

Q8 Speaking about the Republican Party...

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
When I speak about this party, I usually say “we” instead of “they.” (1)	○	○	○	○	○
I am interested in what other people think about this party. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
When people criticize this party, it feels like a personal insult. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
I have a lot in common with other supporters of this party. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
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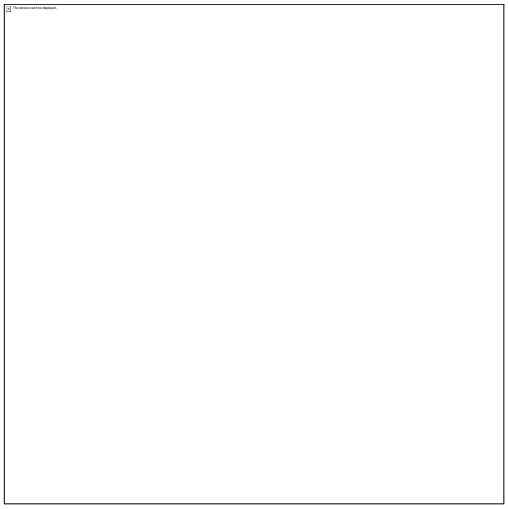

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When I speak about this party, I refer to them as “my party.” (7)	○	○	○	○	○
When people praise this party, it makes me feel good. (8)	○	○	○	○	○

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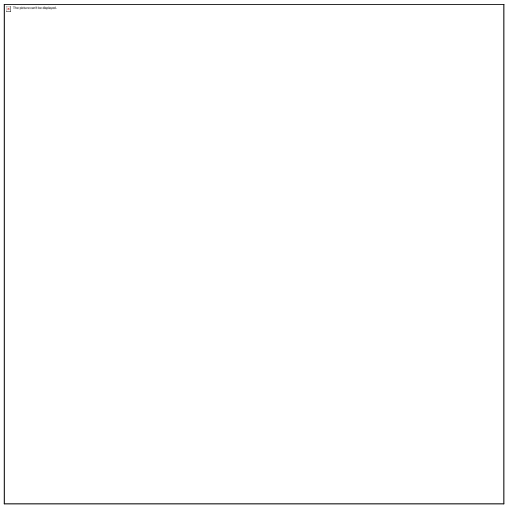

End of Block: Party Identification 1: Standard Questions

Start of Block: Trust in Science and disgust

Q9 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
Science has a mostly positive impact on society (1)	○	○	○	○	○
You simply can't trust most scientific research (2)	○	○	○	○	○
Most scientific research is politically motivated (3)	○	○	○	○	○

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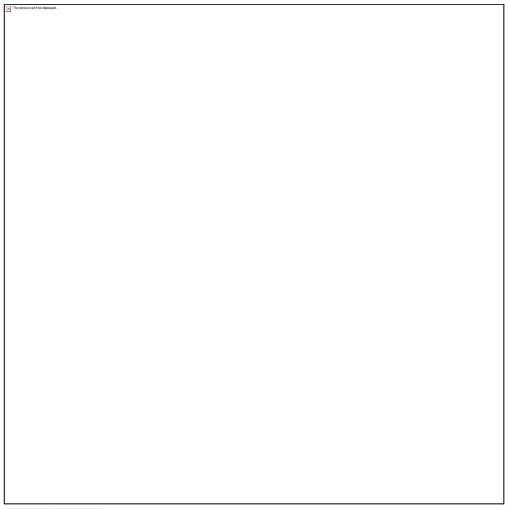
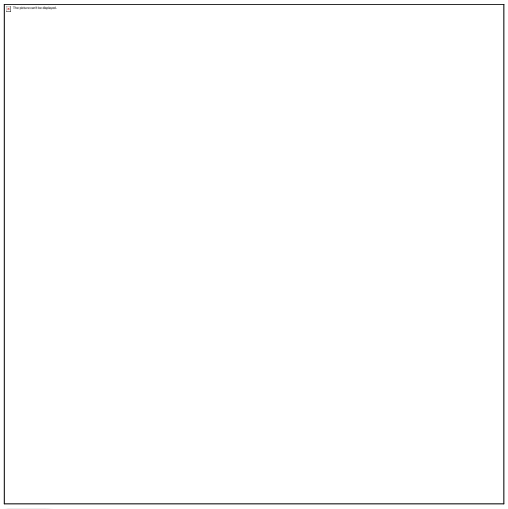


Q10 How disgusting do you feel each of the following situations is on a scale from 1 to 7?

	Not disgusting at all 1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	Extremely disgusting 7 (7)
Accidentally touching someone's bloody cut (1)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sitting next to someone with open red sores on their arm (2)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Shaking hands with a stranger who has sweaty palms (3)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Stepping in a large pile of dog poop (4)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Trust in Science and disgust

Start of Block: Demographics and Approval Questions



Q11 What is your year of birth?

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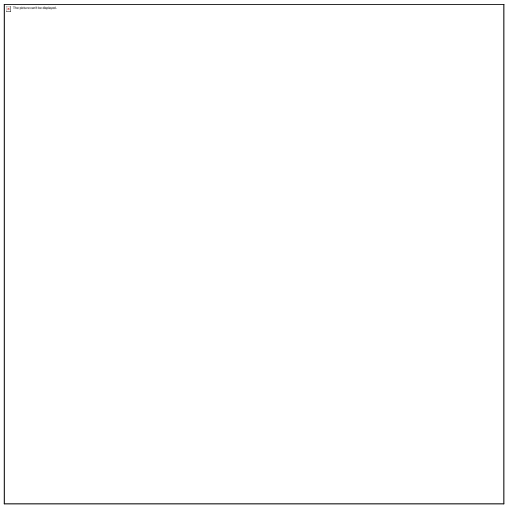

Q12 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school degree (1)
- High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
- Some college but no degree (3)
- Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
- Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
- Master's degree (6)
- Doctoral degree (7)
- Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

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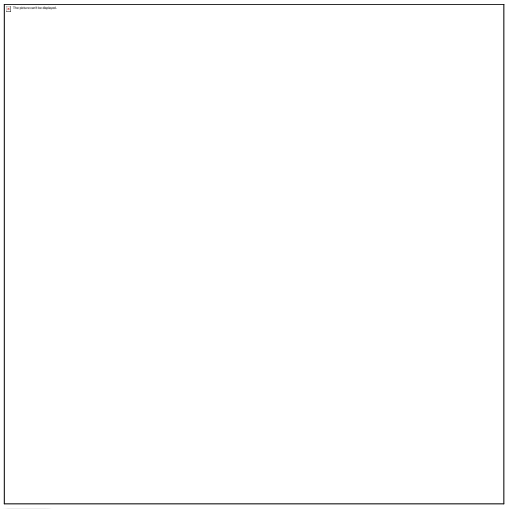

Q13 Do you currently have paid employment?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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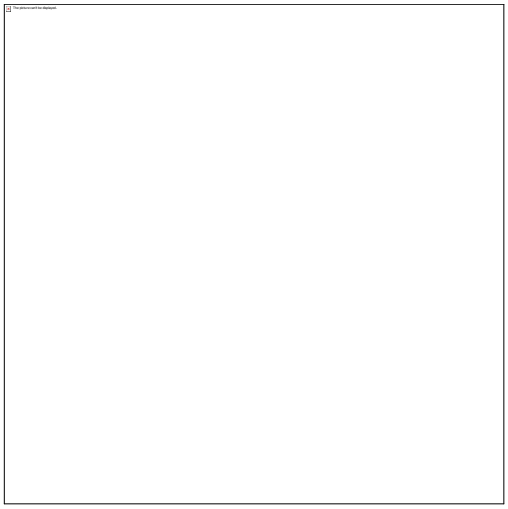

Q14 Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino or none of these?

- Yes (1)
- None of these (2)

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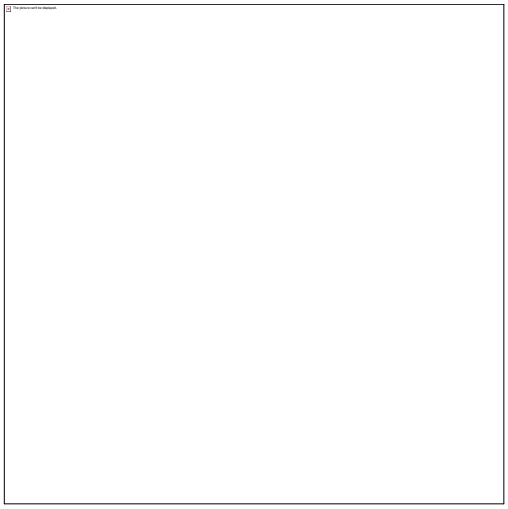

Q15 Would you please give your best guess of your household's income?
Please indicate the answer that includes your entire household income in 2019 before taxes.

- Less than $10,000 (1)
- $10,000 to $19,999 (2)
- $20,000 to $29,999 (3)
- $30,000 to $39,999 (4)
- $40,000 to $49,999 (5)
- $50,000 to $59,999 (6)
- $60,000 to $69,999 (7)
- $70,000 to $79,999 (8)
- $80,000 to $89,999 (9)
- $90,000 to $99,999 (10)
- $100,000 to $149,999 (11)
- $150,000 or more (12)

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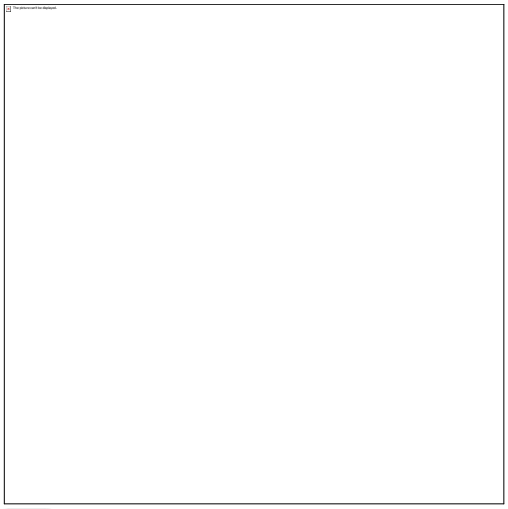

Q16 Are you married?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

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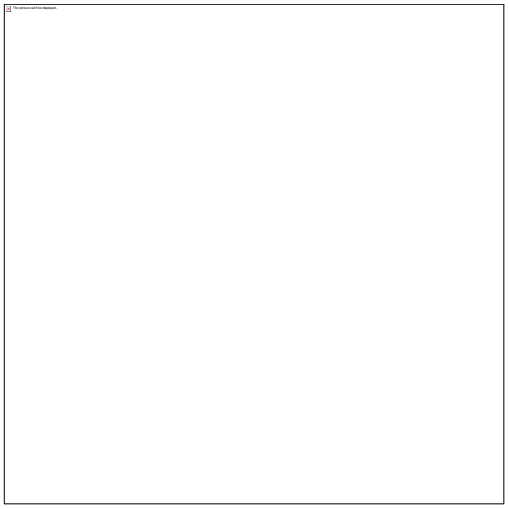

Q17 Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

- [ ] White (1)
- [ ] Black or African American (2)
- [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
- [ ] Asian (4)
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- [ ] Other (6) _____

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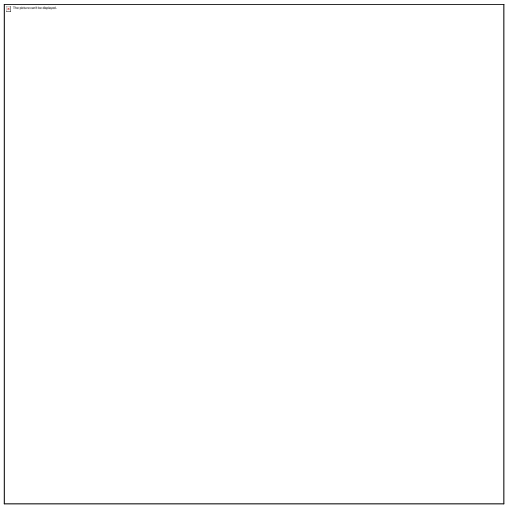

Q18 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Other (3)

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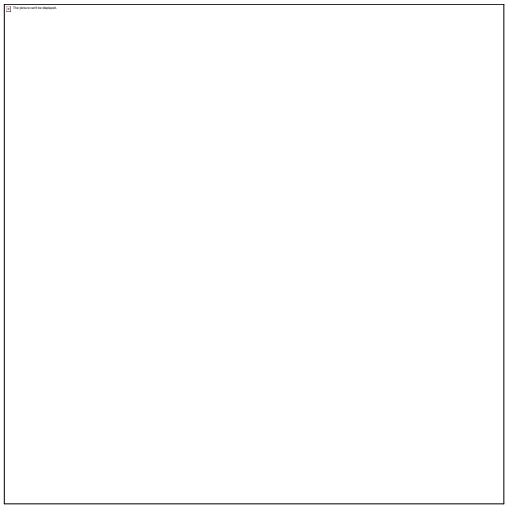

Q19 In which state do you currently reside?

▼ Alabama (1) ... I do not reside in the United States (53)

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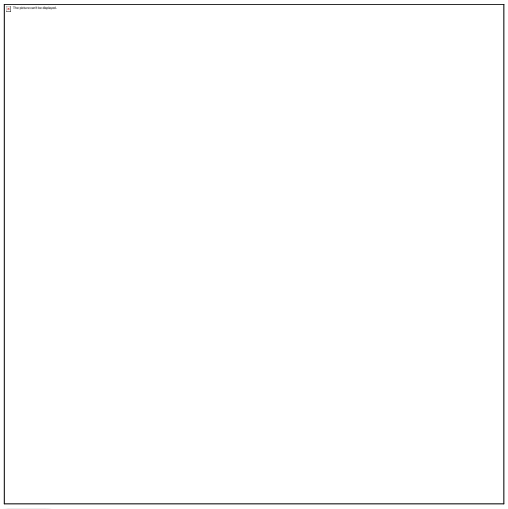

Q20 Do you consider religion to be an important part of your life?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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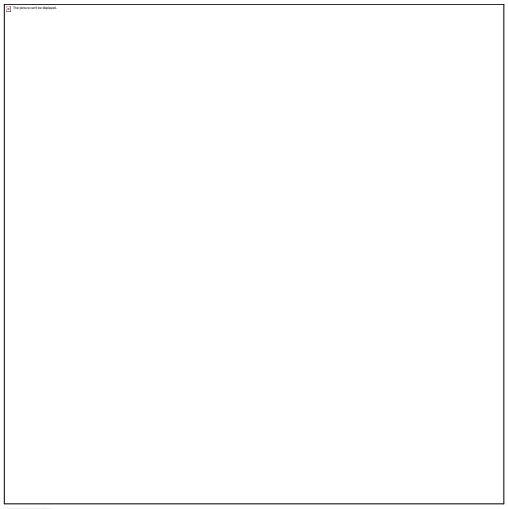

Q21 What is your present religion, if any?

- Evangelical Protestant (1)
- Other Protestant (2)
- Roman Catholic (3)
- Mormon (4)
- Eastern or Greek Orthodox (5)
- Jewish (6)
- Muslim (7)
- Buddhist (8)
- Hindu (9)
- Atheist (10)
- Agnostic (11)
- None (12)
- Other religion (13)

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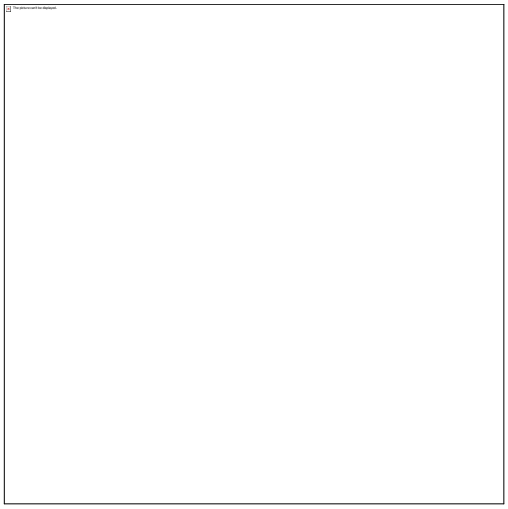

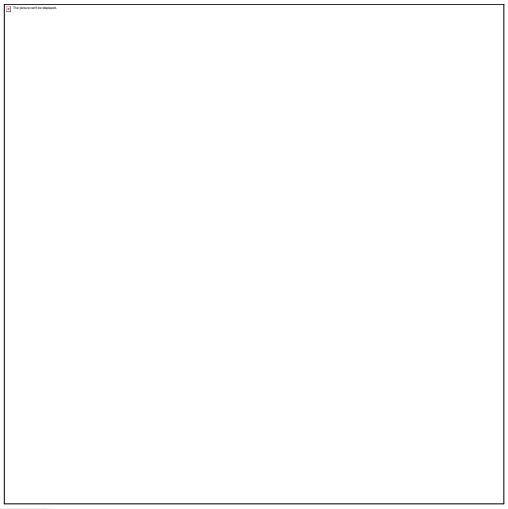

Q22 Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is doing his job?

- Strongly approve (1)
- Somewhat approve (2)
- Somewhat disapprove (3)
- Strongly disapprove (4)

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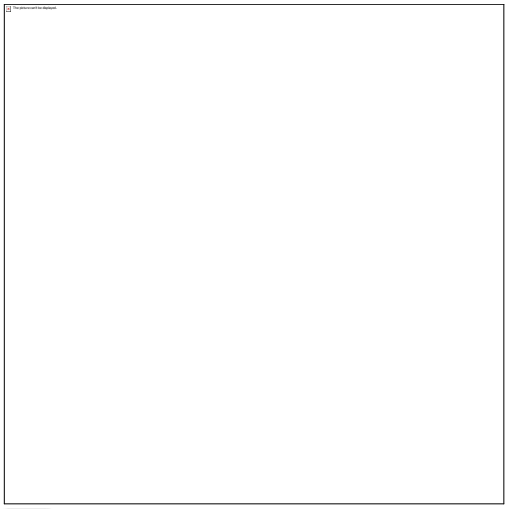

Q23 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are doing their jobs?

- Strongly approve (1)
- Somewhat approve (2)
- Somewhat disapprove (3)
- Strongly disapprove (4)

End of Block: Demographics and Approval Questions

Start of Block: Coronavirus questions

Q24 Have you or any close friends or family members tested positive for the coronavirus at any time this year?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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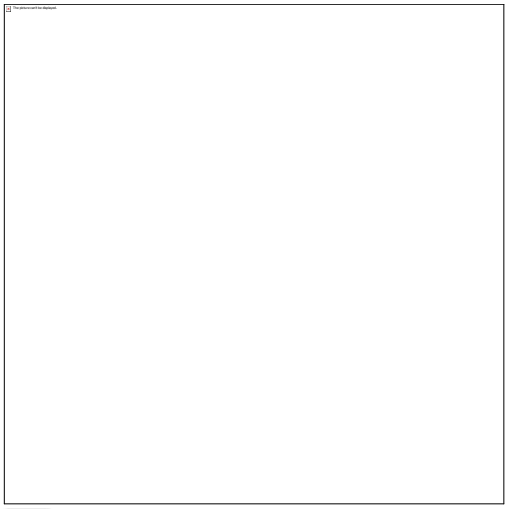

Q25 Have any close friends or family members died from the coronavirus at any time this year?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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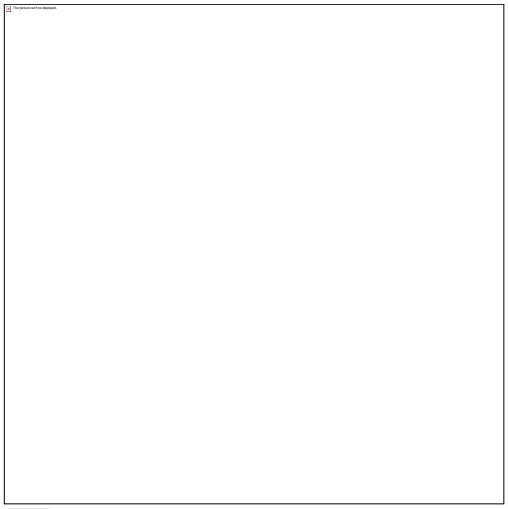

Q26 Do you approve of the way the following politicians are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic?

	Strongly disapprove (1)	Somewhat disapprove (2)	Somewhat approve (3)	Strongly approve (4)
Donald Trump (1)	○	○	○	○
Your state governor (2)	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Coronavirus questions

Start of Block: Policy Questions: Agree or Disagree Self/Parties/Candidates

Q27 We are going to ask you several questions about political issues. For each one, please tell us:

What **YOU** think about the issue
What you think the **PARTIES** and **CANDIDATES** think about the issue

Please just give us your best guess. Many people don't know the answers.

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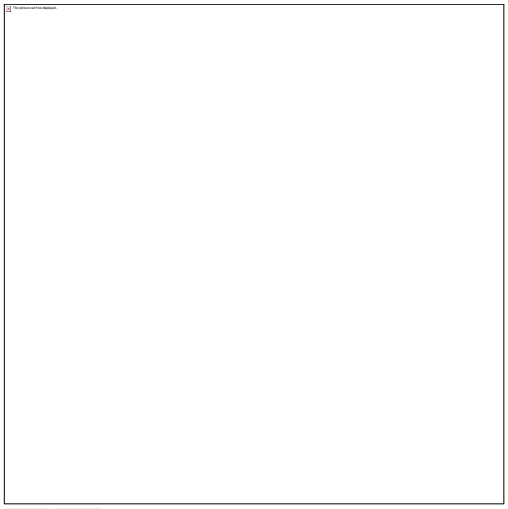

Q28 The government should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of Blacks

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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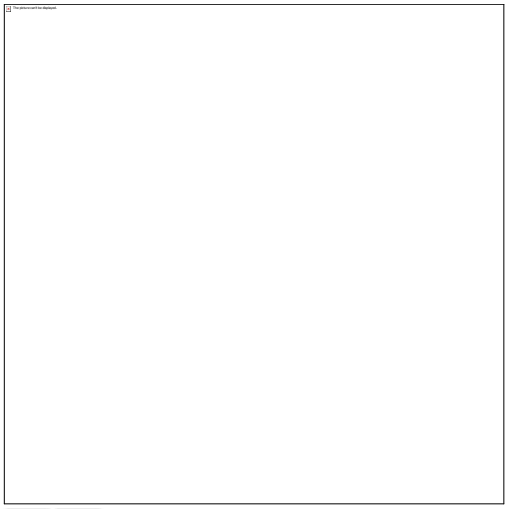

Q29 A constitutional amendment banning same sex marriages

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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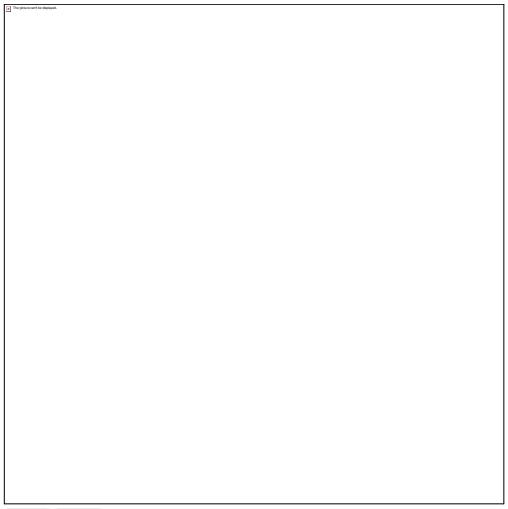

Q30 Lowering federal taxes

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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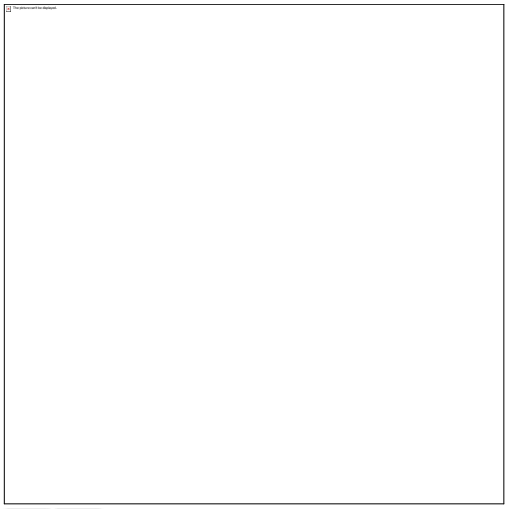

Q31 Restrictions on whether a woman can get an abortion

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
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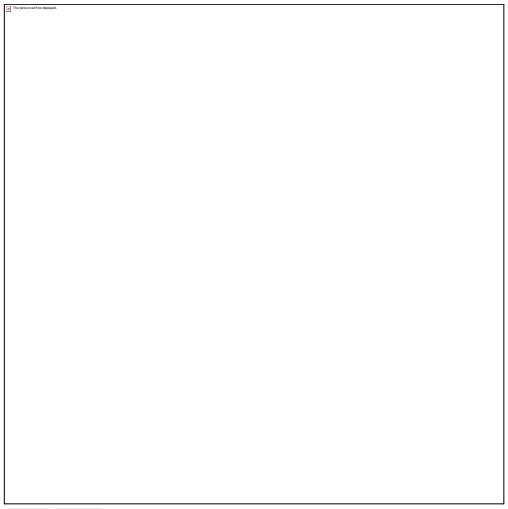

Q32 Strengthening background checks to prevent guns from being sold to people with criminal records or mental illness

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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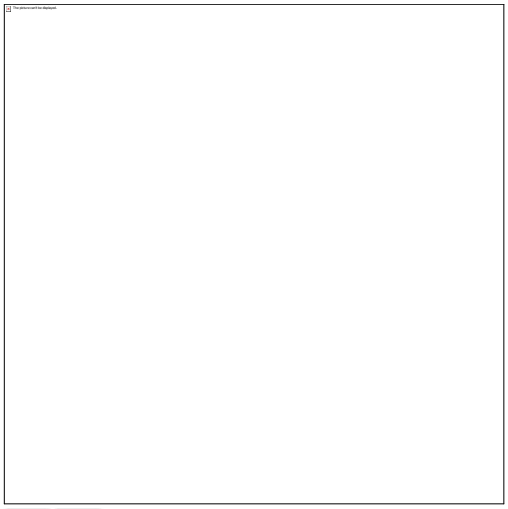

Q33 Restricting the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) factories can emit

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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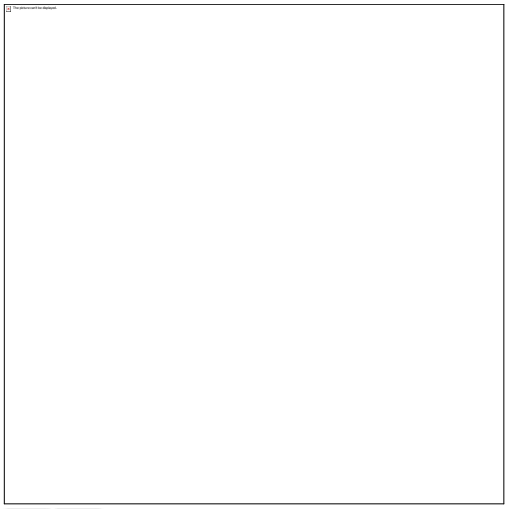

Q34 Preventing any Muslim who is not a US citizen from entering the country

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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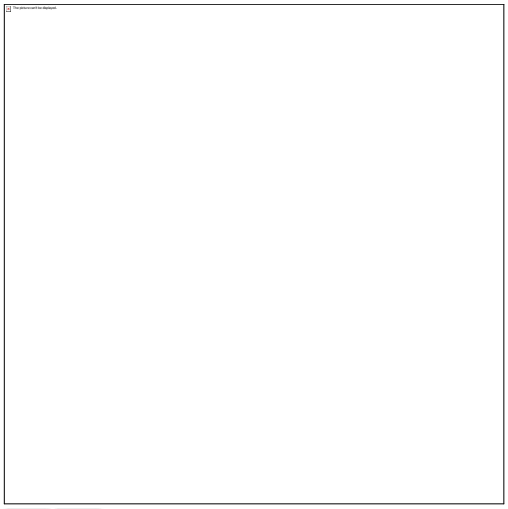

Q35 Repealing (Canceling) the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare")

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (3)	○	○	○
Republican Party (4)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (6)	○	○	○

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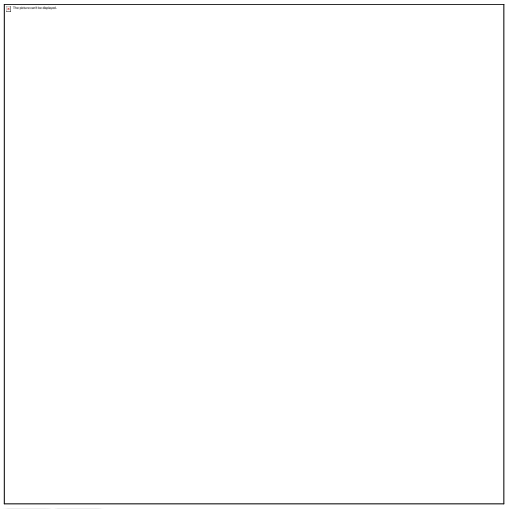

Q36 The United States should be part of the World Health Organization (WHO)

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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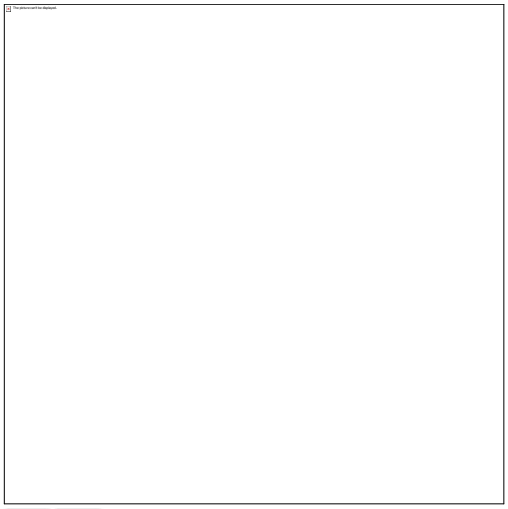

Q37 Building a wall along the Mexican border

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (Q37_5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (Q37_1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (Q37_2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (Q37_3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (Q37_4)	○	○	○

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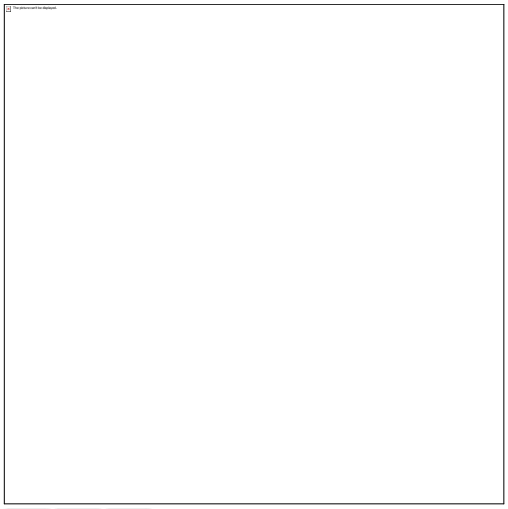

Q38 Requiring people to wear masks in public to slow the spread of the coronavirus

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (Q38_5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (Q38_1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (Q38_2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (Q38_3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (Q38_4)	○	○	○

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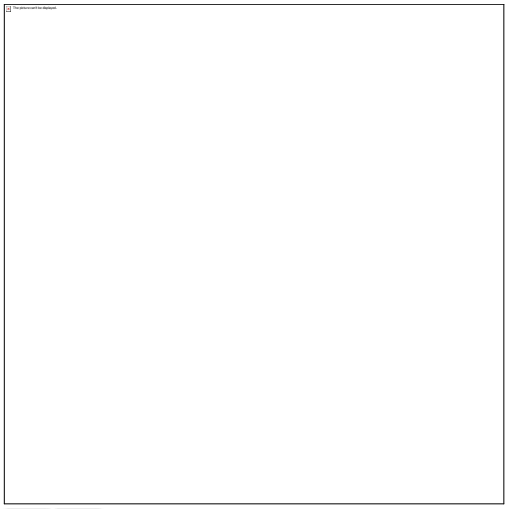

Q39 Increasing free trade with other countries

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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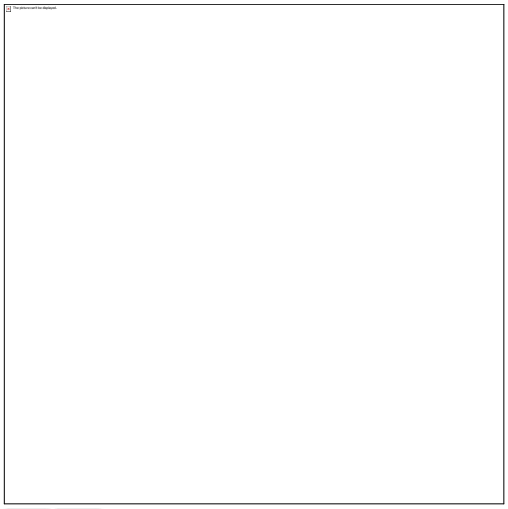

Q40 Reducing the size of the income gap between rich and poor Americans

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○

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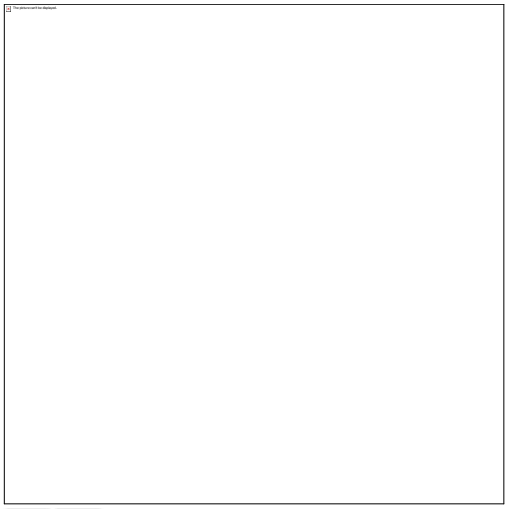

Q41 Closing non-essential businesses to slow the spread of the coronavirus

	Agree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Disagree (3)
You (Q41_5)	○	○	○
Democratic Party (Q41_1)	○	○	○
Joe Biden (Q41_2)	○	○	○
Republican Party (Q41_3)	○	○	○
Donald Trump (Q41_4)	○	○	○

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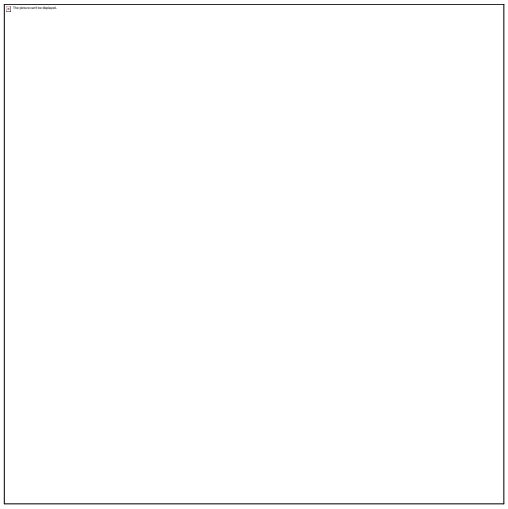
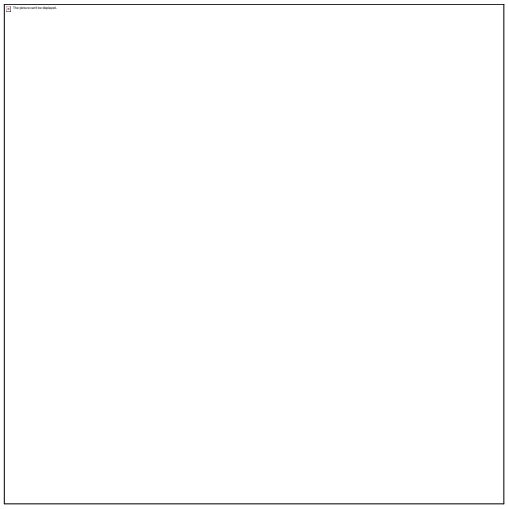


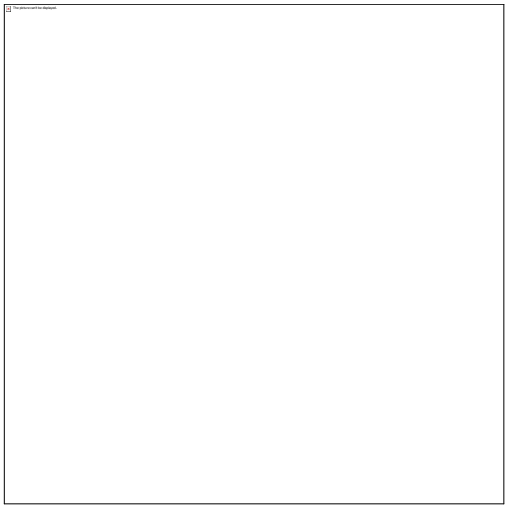
End of Block: Policy Questions: Agree or Disagree Self/Parties/Candidates

Start of Block: Policy Questions: Agree or Disagree Self

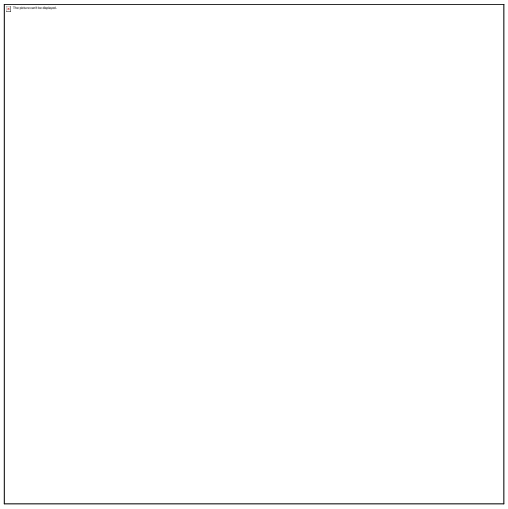


Q42 For the questions below, please tell us how **YOU** feel about each issue.

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
Allowing existing illegal immigrants to obtain a work permit to stay in the US (13)	○	○	○	○	○
Increasing taxes on households with very high incomes (12)	○	○	○	○	○
Blacks should work their way up without any special favors (10)	○	○	○	○	○
Requiring people to have health insurance (9)	○	○	○	○	○
Restrictions on abortions in the LAST THREE MONTHS of pregnancy (8)	○	○	○	○	○
Restrictions on abortions	○	○	○	○	○



in the FIRST THREE MONTHS of pregnancy (7)					
Deporting all people who entered the US illegally back to their country of origin (14)	○	○	○	○	○
Appointing judges to the Supreme Court who would overturn the Roe v Wade decision that allowed abortion (15)	○	○	○	○	○
White people in the US have advantages because of the color of their skin (17)	○	○	○	○	○
Affirmative action to help Blacks (19)	○	○	○	○	○



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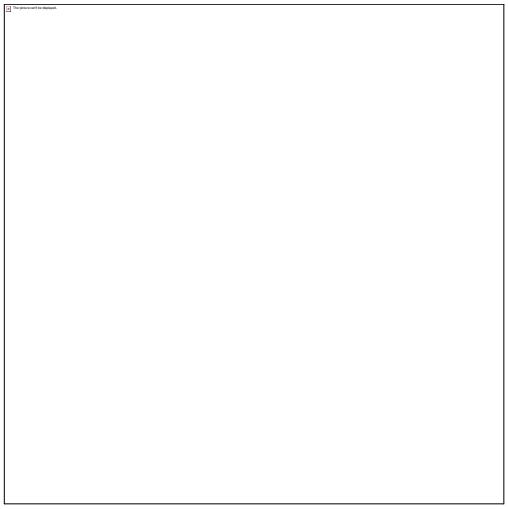
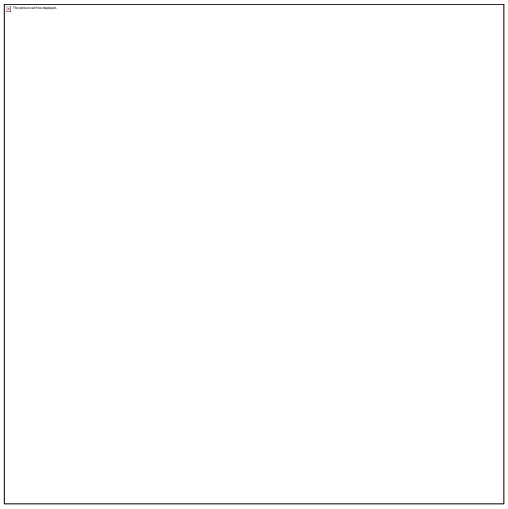


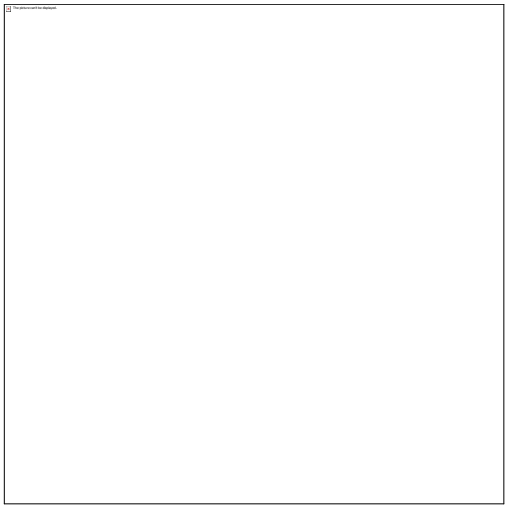
End of Block: Policy Questions: Agree or Disagree Self

Start of Block: Policy Questions: Level of Government Effort and Spending



Q43 Please tell us about how much effort **YOU** want from the federal government in each of these policy areas.

	Much more than now (1)	Somewhat more than now (2)	The same as now (3)	Somewhat less than now (4)	Much less than now (5)
Stopping employers from hiring illegal immigrants (5)	○	○	○	○	○
Coronavirus testing (8)	○	○	○	○	○
Protecting the environment (6)	○	○	○	○	○
Making sure people with the coronavirus stay at home (9)	○	○	○	○	○
Protecting Americans from the coronavirus (10)	○	○	○	○	○
Protecting the air we breathe (11)	○	○	○	○	○



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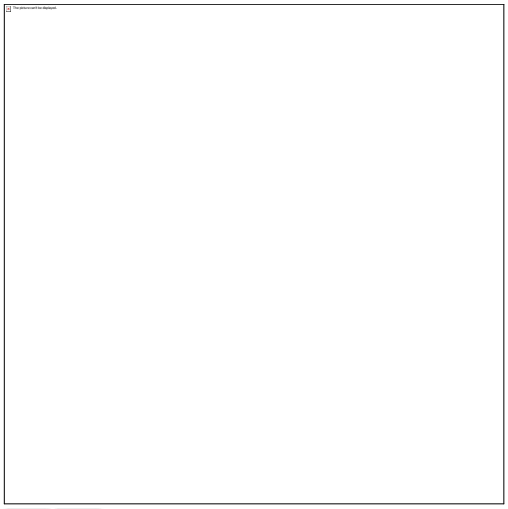
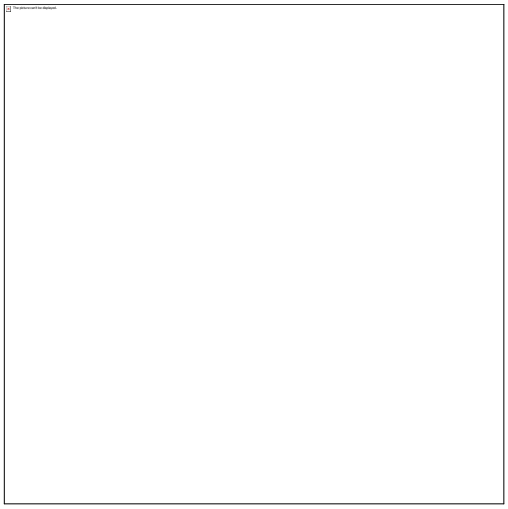


Q44 Please tell us how much more or less **YOU** think the federal government should spend on each of these policy areas.

	Much more than now (1)	Somewhat more than now (2)	The same as now (3)	Somewhat less than now (4)	Much less than now (5)
Developing alternative sources of energy that do not depend on oil (5)	○	○	○	○	○
Health care (12)	○	○	○	○	○
Health care assistance to people who cannot afford health insurance (6)	○	○	○	○	○
Assistance to poor people (7)	○	○	○	○	○
Helping Black Americans get ahead (11)	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Policy Questions: Level of Government Effort and Spending



Start of Block: Party and Leader Ratings and Vote Intentions

Q45 Please rate the following parties and candidates on a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 means you strongly dislike them and 7 that you strongly like them.

	1 (strongly dislike) (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 (strongly like) (7)
Democratic Party (1)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Joe Biden (2)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Republican Party (3)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Donald Trump (4)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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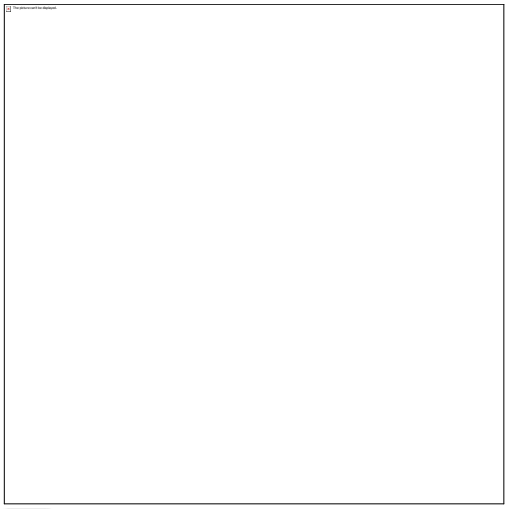

Q46 Who do you intend to vote for in the November 2020 presidential election?

- Donald Trump (1)
- Joe Biden (2)
- Other (3)
- Do not intend to vote (4)

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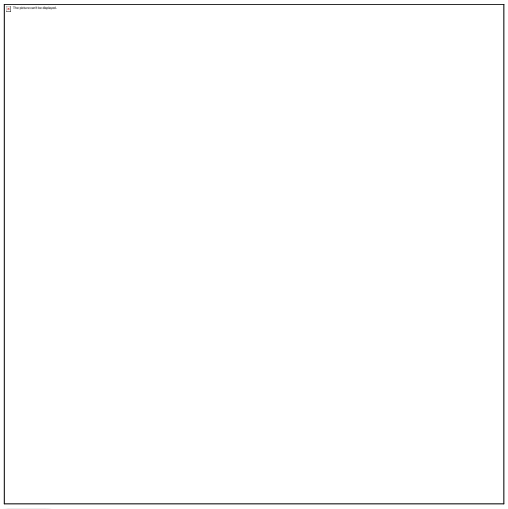

Q47 Where would you place yourself on this scale?

- Extremely liberal (1) (1)
- Liberal (2) (2)
- Slightly liberal (3) (3)
- Moderate; middle of the road (4) (4)
- Slightly conservative (5) (5)
- Conservative (6) (6)
- Extremely conservative (7) (7)

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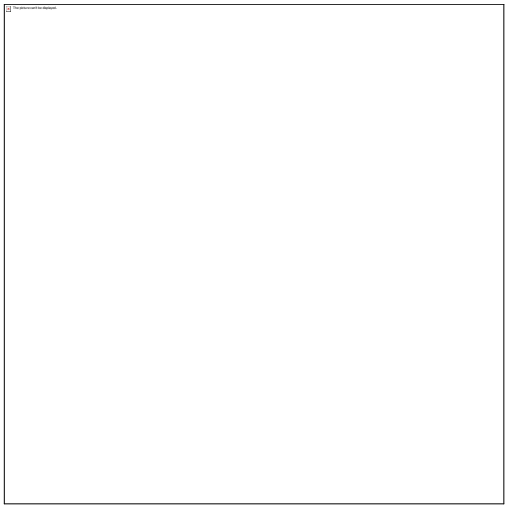

End of Block: Party and Leader Ratings and Vote Intentions

Start of Block: News Intro 1

Q48 We would like to know whether you've seen some recent news stories.

End of Block: News Intro 1

Start of Block: Vaccine alternate intros + news views 1

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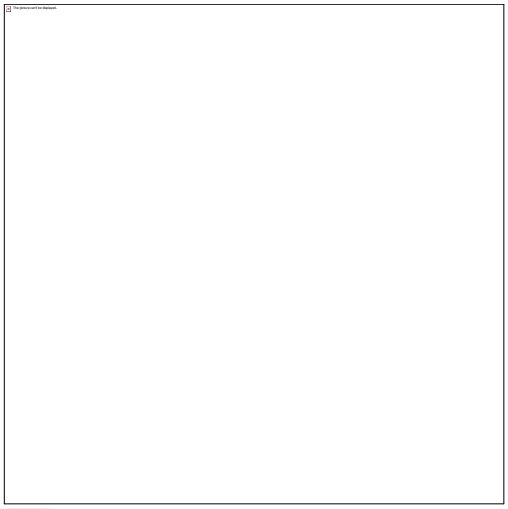


Q49 **Massive Sahara desert dust plume drifting towards the United States**

A massive plume of dust from the Sahara desert in northern Africa has crossed the Atlantic Ocean and is now closing in on the United States.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

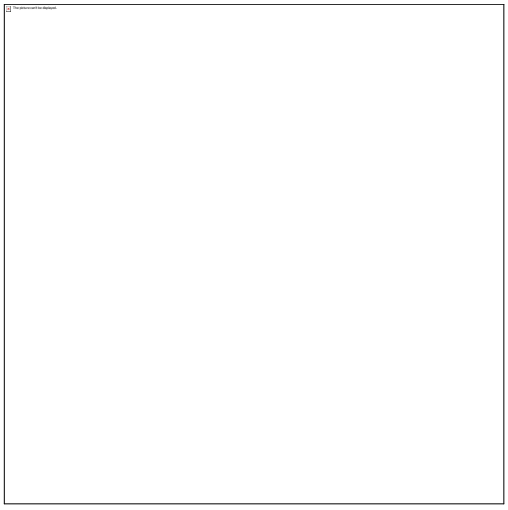
Q50 **Donald Trump says a vaccine will soon end the coronavirus crisis**

Donald Trump says scientists are close to having a safe vaccine that will end the coronavirus crisis, possibly before the November 3rd election.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q51
A Republican politician says a vaccine will soon end the coronavirus crisis



A Republican politician says scientists are close to having a safe vaccine that will end the coronavirus crisis, possibly before the November 3rd election.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q52

Politicians say a vaccine will soon end the coronavirus crisis

Politicians say scientists are close to having a safe vaccine that will end the coronavirus crisis, possibly before the November 3rd election.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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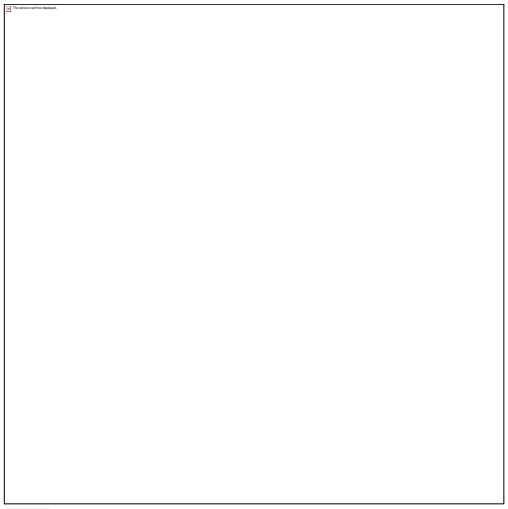

Q53 How worried are you about the dust clouds' arrival in the US?

- Not at all worried (1)
- A little worried (2)
- Somewhat worried (3)
- Very worried (4)
- Extremely worried (5)

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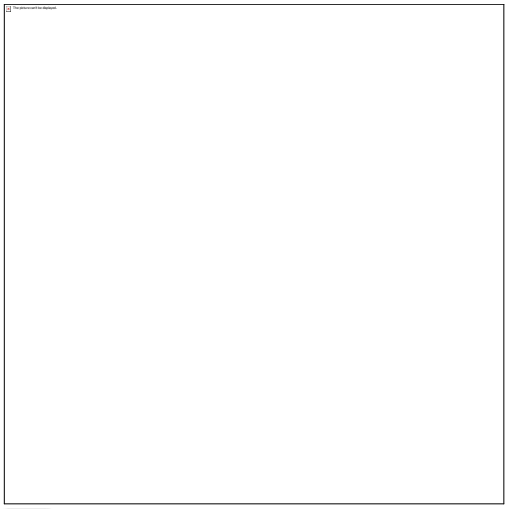

Q56 If a vaccine against the coronavirus becomes available, how likely are you to decide to get vaccinated?

- Very unlikely (1)
- Somewhat unlikely (2)
- Neither likely nor unlikely (3)
- Somewhat likely (4)
- Very likely (5)

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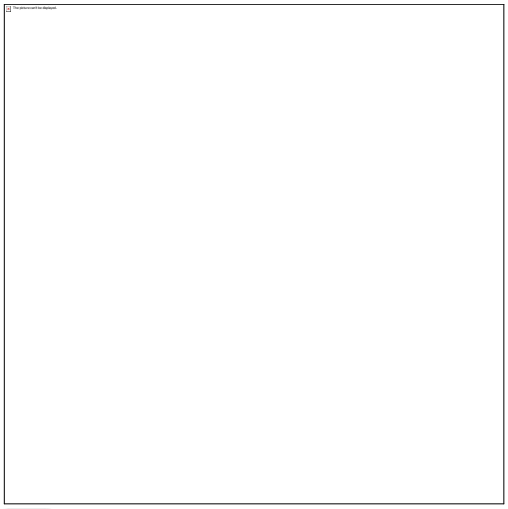

Q55 How strongly do you trust or distrust coronavirus vaccine research?

- Strongly trust (1)
- Somewhat trust (2)
- Neither trust nor distrust (3)
- Somewhat distrust (4)
- Strongly distrust (5)

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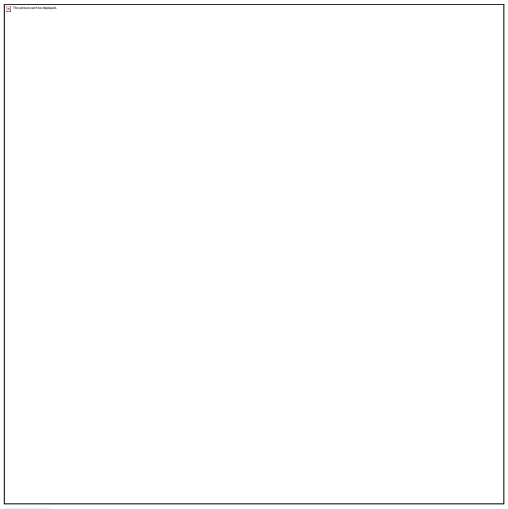

Q54 How worried are you about the safety of a potential coronavirus vaccine?

- Not at all worried (1)
- A little worried (2)
- Somewhat worried (3)
- Very worried (4)
- Extremely worried (5)

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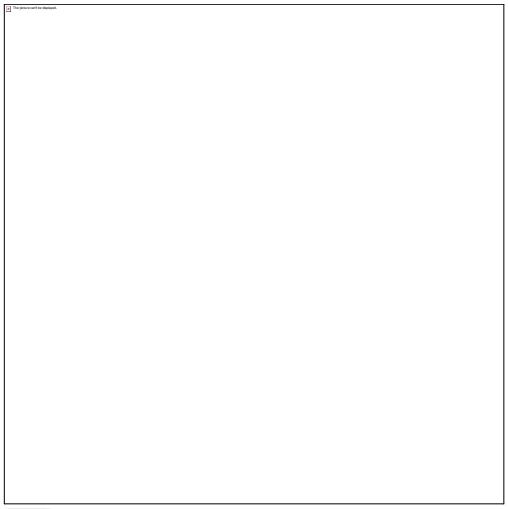

Q57 How confident do you think the following politicians are that there will soon be a safe vaccine that will end the coronavirus crisis?

	Not at all confident (1)	A little confident (2)	Somewhat confident (3)	Very confident (4)	Extremely confident (5)
Donald Trump (1)	○	○	○	○	○
Republican politicians (2)	○	○	○	○	○
Joe Biden (4)	○	○	○	○	○
Democratic politicians (5)	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Vaccine alternate intros + news views 1

Start of Block: News Intro 2

Q58 We would like to know whether you've seen some more recent news stories.

End of Block: News Intro 2

Start of Block: Coronavirus intros + news views 2

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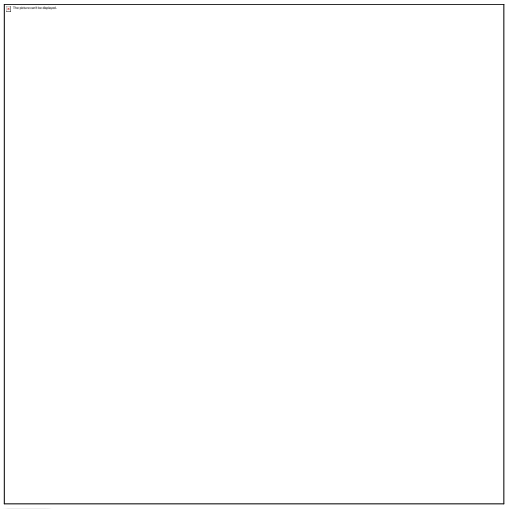


Q59 Taliban killed 291 Afghan security personnel in one recent week

A top government official accused the armed group of unleashing a wave of violence ahead of potential peace talks.

Have you seen this story?

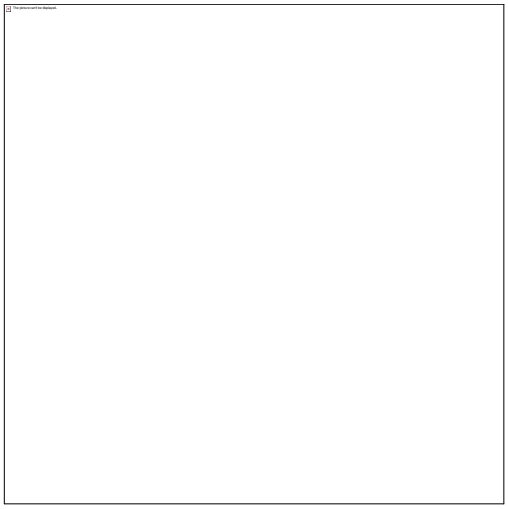
- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q60
Trump says Americans should not worry about the coronavirus

Trump says that the coronavirus is harmless for most people so Americans should return to their pre-pandemic lives.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)



Q61

A Republican politician says Americans should not worry about the coronavirus

A Republican politician says that the coronavirus is harmless for most people so Americans should return to their pre-pandemic lives.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q62

Politicians say Americans should not worry about the coronavirus

Politicians say that the coronavirus is harmless for most people so Americans should return to their pre-pandemic lives.

Have you seen this story?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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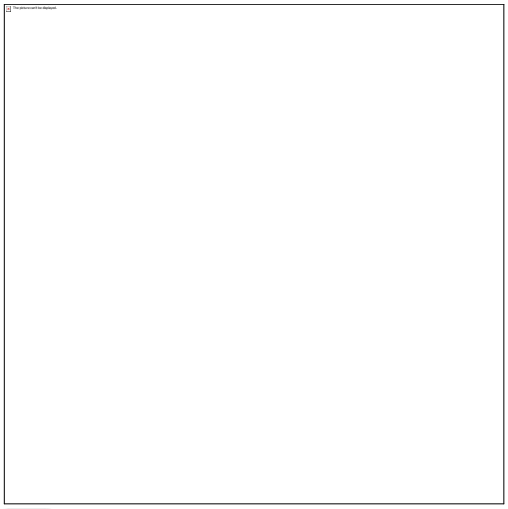

Q63 How worried are you about Taliban violence in Afghanistan?

- Not at all worried (1)
- A little worried (2)
- Somewhat worried (3)
- Very worried (4)
- Extremely worried (5)

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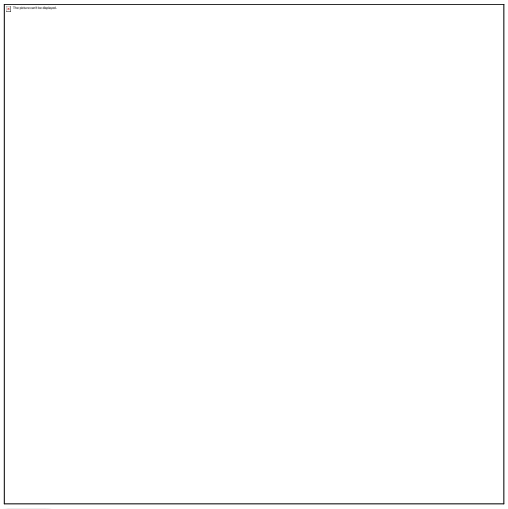

Q64

In the next month, how often do you plan to wear a mask in public?

- Never (1)
- Rarely (2)
- Sometimes (3)
- Usually (4)
- Nearly always (5)
- Always (6)

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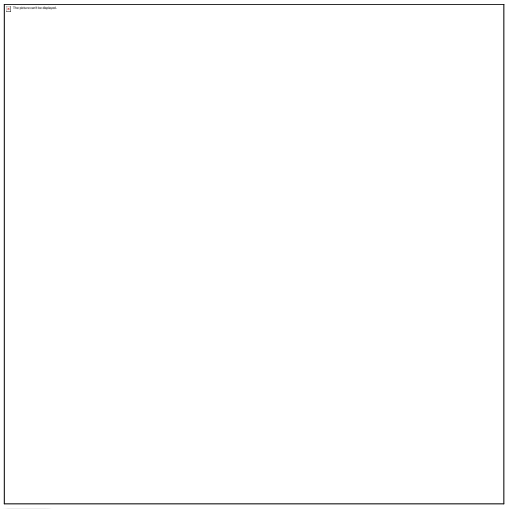

Q65 In the next month, how often do you plan to keep a six-feet distance from people in order to avoid spreading the coronavirus?

- Never (1)
- Rarely (2)
- Sometimes (3)
- Usually (4)
- Nearly always (5)
- Always (6)

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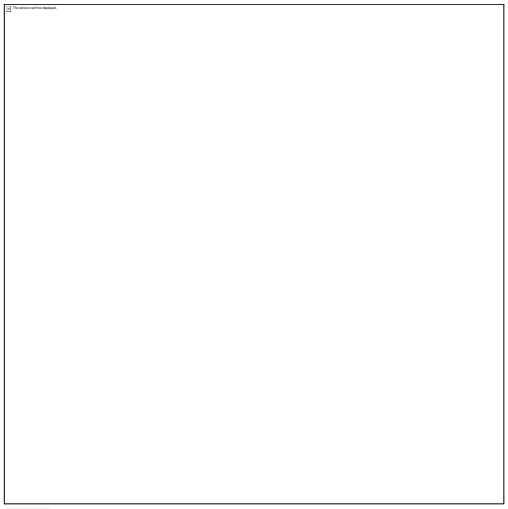

Q66 How serious of a threat do you think the coronavirus is?

- Not at all serious (1)
- A little serious (2)
- Somewhat serious (3)
- Very serious (4)
- Extremely serious (5)

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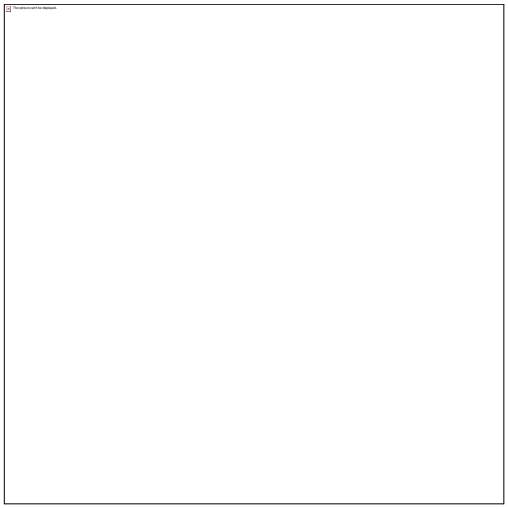

Q71 Do you agree or disagree that Americans should return to their pre-pandemic lives right away?

- Strongly agree (1)
- Somewhat agree (2)
- Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- Somewhat disagree (5)
- Strongly disagree (4)

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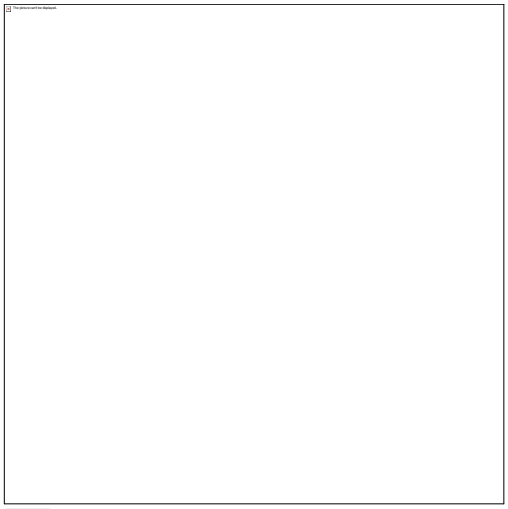

Q67 How serious of a threat do you think these politicians think the coronavirus is?

	Not at all serious (1)	Not very serious (2)	Somewhat serious (3)	Very serious (4)	Extremely serious (5)
Donald Trump (1)	○	○	○	○	○
Republican politicians (2)	○	○	○	○	○
Joe Biden (3)	○	○	○	○	○
Democratic politicians (4)	○	○	○	○	○

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