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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 17-30, 2019 with a random sample of –1,024—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –530—national adults in Form A and the sample of – 494 – national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –443—Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Q.5/6 SPLIT SAMPLED

5. *(Asked of a half sample)* Thinking for a moment about the way in which the president is elected in this country, which would you prefer -- [ROTATED: to amend the constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election, (or) to keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election]?

BASED ON – 530 – NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Amend the constitution</u>	<u>Keep current system</u>	<u>Both/neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30 ^	55	43	*	2
2016 Nov 28-29	49	47	1	3
2011 Oct 6-9	62	35	1	3
2004 Oct 11-14	61	35	1	3
2000 Dec 15-17	59	37	1	3
2000 Nov 11-12	61	35	2	2

^ Asked of a half sample

For comparison: *Would you approve or disapprove of an amendment to the Constitution which would do away with the Electoral College and base the election of a President on the total vote cast throughout the nation?*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1980 Nov 4	67	19	15
1977 Jan 1	73	15	12
1968 Nov 9-14	80	12	8
1968 May 23-28	66	19	15
1967 Jan 26-31	58	22	20

6. *(Asked of a half sample)* Next, as you may know, some states are considering changing the way they award electoral votes in presidential elections. Under the proposal, the Electoral College would remain, but the states would award their electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote nationwide rather than awarding them to the candidate who received the most votes in their state. Would you be for or against this change?

BASED ON – 494 – NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30 ^	45	53	2

^ Asked of a half sample

7. How concerned are you about each of the following aspects of the U.S. electoral college system – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not concerned at all? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2019 Apr 17-30</i> <i>(sorted by “very/somewhat concerned”)</i>	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very/Somewhat concerned
Small population states have a disproportionate influence on the outcome	35	29	64
The winner of the popular vote doesn’t always win the election	37	26	63
It makes it very difficult for independent or third-party candidates to win	32	29	61
Candidates mostly focus their campaigns on voters in a small number of competitive “swing” states	27	30	57

FULL RESULTS:

A. The winner of the popular vote doesn’t always win the election

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30	37	26	15	22	1

B. Candidates mostly focus their campaigns on voters in a small number of competitive “swing” states

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30	27	30	26	17	1

C. Small population states have a disproportionate influence on the outcome

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30	35	29	20	16	1

D. It makes it very difficult for independent or third-party candidates to win

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 17-30	32	29	20	19	*

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QN5: Way To Elect President Preference BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	530	279	251	395	121	85	143	293	244	176	108	168	199	153	206	182	124
	Weighted n	518	244	274	342	165	134	164	211	184	142	191	156	202	152	192	185	122
To amend the constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election, (or)		285	119	166	155	124	87	79	113	102	71	112	38	115	127	49	125	97
		55%	49%	61%	45%	75%	65%	48%	54%	56%	50%	59%	25%	57%	84%	26%	68%	79%
To keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election, (222	123	99	184	34	44	81	95	78	71	72	117	82	19	139	59	21
		43%	51%	36%	54%	21%	33%	49%	45%	43%	50%	38%	75%	41%	13%	72%	32%	17%
BOTH/NEITHER (VOL.)		2	1	2	2	-	-	0	2	2	-	-	0	1	1	0	1	0
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
(DK)/(Refused)		8	1	7	2	7	3	4	1	1	-	7	-	4	4	3	0	4
		2%	0%	3%	0%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	4%	-	2%	3%	2%	0%	3%

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QN6: For or Against the proposal to change the Electoral College BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	494	275	219	375	111	104	125	257	193	179	116	154	186	143	198	187	93
	Weighted n	506	257	249	340	161	153	151	193	148	150	204	141	205	149	195	196	100
For		227	100	127	129	93	80	74	69	73	64	89	29	92	102	55	93	72
		45%	39%	51%	38%	58%	52%	49%	36%	49%	42%	44%	20%	45%	69%	28%	47%	73%
Against		271	155	115	206	63	71	75	119	73	84	110	111	107	45	134	103	26
		53%	60%	46%	61%	39%	46%	50%	62%	50%	56%	54%	79%	52%	30%	68%	52%	26%
(DK)/(Refused)		9	2	7	4	4	3	1	5	1	2	5	1	6	2	7	0	1
		2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	3%	0%	1%

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QN7A: Concerned The winner of the popular vote doesn't always win the election BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1024	554	470	770	232	189	268	550	437	355	224	322	385	296	404	369	217
	Weighted n	1024	500	524	682	326	288	315	404	332	292	395	296	408	301	388	381	222
Very concerned		374	147	227	243	129	118	97	156	130	103	139	54	147	170	61	162	141
		37%	29%	43%	36%	40%	41%	31%	39%	39%	35%	35%	18%	36%	56%	16%	42%	64%
Somewhat concerned		263	120	143	157	100	89	82	87	73	67	122	72	101	83	89	104	59
		26%	24%	27%	23%	31%	31%	26%	22%	22%	23%	31%	24%	25%	27%	23%	27%	26%
Not too concerned		155	76	79	101	49	44	55	53	45	40	68	52	74	26	75	63	13
		15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	17%	13%	14%	14%	17%	18%	18%	9%	19%	17%	6%
Not concerned at all		225	151	74	175	46	37	75	107	83	80	60	115	81	23	158	50	9
		22%	30%	14%	26%	14%	13%	24%	26%	25%	28%	15%	39%	20%	7%	41%	13%	4%
(DK)/(Refused)		7	7	0	5	2	-	6	1	-	2	5	3	4	-	5	2	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	-

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QN7B: Concerned Candidates mostly focus their campaigns on voters in a small number of competitive swing states BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1024	554	470	770	232	189	268	550	437	355	224	322	385	296	404	369	217
	Weighted n	1024	500	524	682	326	288	315	404	332	292	395	296	408	301	388	381	222
Very concerned		274	136	138	195	76	74	86	111	106	82	85	66	90	116	63	105	100
		27%	27%	26%	29%	23%	26%	27%	27%	32%	28%	22%	22%	22%	39%	16%	28%	45%
Somewhat concerned		310	140	170	196	111	96	91	117	98	86	126	79	123	101	108	121	76
		30%	28%	32%	29%	34%	33%	29%	29%	29%	29%	32%	27%	30%	34%	28%	32%	34%
Not too concerned		262	109	153	169	88	78	84	96	67	80	113	91	119	50	118	103	33
		26%	22%	29%	25%	27%	27%	27%	24%	20%	27%	29%	31%	29%	17%	30%	27%	15%
Not concerned at all		173	114	59	119	49	39	54	74	60	43	69	57	75	32	95	50	13
		17%	23%	11%	17%	15%	14%	17%	18%	18%	15%	18%	19%	18%	11%	25%	13%	6%
(DK)/(Refused)		5	1	4	4	1	-	-	5	0	2	1	3	1	1	3	1	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-

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QN7C: Concerned Small population states have a disproportionate influence on the outcome BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1024	554	470	770	232	189	268	550	437	355	224	322	385	296	404	369	217
	Weighted n	1024	500	524	682	326	288	315	404	332	292	395	296	408	301	388	381	222
Very concerned		354	159	195	222	129	98	106	145	114	99	141	75	122	150	87	145	114
		35%	32%	37%	33%	40%	34%	34%	36%	34%	34%	36%	25%	30%	50%	22%	38%	51%
Somewhat concerned		293	120	173	181	104	91	88	111	87	74	128	64	132	90	98	106	71
		29%	24%	33%	27%	32%	31%	28%	27%	26%	25%	32%	22%	32%	30%	25%	28%	32%
Not too concerned		200	99	102	145	52	61	67	70	67	59	74	70	85	41	97	76	25
		20%	20%	19%	21%	16%	21%	21%	17%	20%	20%	19%	24%	21%	14%	25%	20%	11%
Not concerned at all		168	116	52	128	37	36	49	76	62	59	46	83	65	18	103	49	12
		16%	23%	10%	19%	11%	12%	16%	19%	19%	20%	12%	28%	16%	6%	27%	13%	5%
(DK)/(Refused)		9	7	2	6	2	2	5	1	1	1	6	4	3	2	4	5	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-

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QN7D: Concerned difficult for independent or third-party candidates to win BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1024	554	470	770	232	189	268	550	437	355	224	322	385	296	404	369	217
	Weighted n	1024	500	524	682	326	288	315	404	332	292	395	296	408	301	388	381	222
Very concerned		324	157	167	208	112	117	88	116	114	88	122	54	144	124	69	146	105
		32%	31%	32%	31%	34%	41%	28%	29%	34%	30%	31%	18%	35%	41%	18%	38%	47%
Somewhat concerned		298	128	169	188	104	76	103	110	87	85	122	74	118	98	101	126	61
		29%	26%	32%	28%	32%	26%	33%	27%	26%	29%	31%	25%	29%	32%	26%	33%	27%
Not too concerned		202	95	107	136	62	66	53	83	61	58	83	69	87	45	84	73	36
		20%	19%	21%	20%	19%	23%	17%	21%	18%	20%	21%	23%	21%	15%	22%	19%	16%
Not concerned at all		197	118	79	148	47	27	71	93	70	60	65	98	58	35	133	35	20
		19%	24%	15%	22%	15%	9%	23%	23%	21%	21%	16%	33%	14%	12%	34%	9%	9%
(DK)/(Refused)		3	2	1	2	-	2	-	2	-	0	3	1	0	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-