

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
GOVERNANCE**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 31-September 13, 2020 with a random sample of – 1,019—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 samples of –478—adults in Form A, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the samples of –541—adults in Form B, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 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 Dynata. 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 2019 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.

27. 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]?

	<u>Amend the constitution</u>	<u>Keep current system</u>	<u>Both/neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	61	38	*	*
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

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SURVEY
September 2020
Public Release Data**

QN27: Presidential Election Process 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	1019	553	466	771	234	195	275	533	467	343	199	336	376	296	392	373	243
	Weighted n	1019	502	517	682	322	295	307	401	352	294	364	292	405	307	359	386	260
To amend the constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election, (or)		624	269	355	370	241	223	187	202	226	166	228	68	275	272	120	267	229
		61%	54%	69%	54%	75%	76%	61%	50%	64%	57%	63%	23%	68%	89%	33%	69%	88%
To keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election, (388	231	158	308	79	72	119	193	123	127	134	223	127	32	238	114	30
		38%	46%	30%	45%	24%	24%	39%	48%	35%	43%	37%	77%	31%	10%	66%	30%	12%
Both/Neither (Vol.)		1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	0	-	-	1	0	1	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-
(DK)/(Refused)		5	0	5	3	2	-	-	5	2	0	2	1	2	2	-	5	0
		0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%