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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.

On another topic,

9. Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	42	38	14	6	--
2019 Sep 3-15	32	45	17	6	*
2018 Sep 4-12	35	40	18	6	*
2017 Sep 6-10	36	41	16	7	*
2016 Sep 7-11	39	39	17	5	*
2015 Sep 9-13	31	46	16	6	*
2014 Sep 4-7	32	43	18	6	1
2013 Sep 5-8	33	44	17	5	*
2012 Sep 6-9	39	43	13	4	*
2011 Sep 8-11	35	45	15	5	*
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	36	42	16	6	*
2008 Sep 8-11	43	44	10	3	--
2007 Sep 14-16	30	51	16	3	*
2006 Sep 7-10	31	47	19	3	*
2005 Sep 12-15	28	48	18	5	1
2004 Sep 13-15	36	45	16	3	*
2003 Oct 24-26	28	50	19	3	*
2003 Sep 8-10	27	45	21	7	--
2002 Sep 5-8	25	48	22	5	--
2001 Sep 7-10	23	52	21	4	*
2001 Jun 11-17	22	46	26	6	*
2001 Jun 8-10	23	48	23	6	*
2001 May 7-9	19	49	25	7	*
2001 Jan 10-14	26	50	18	5	1
1996 Jul 18-21	27	47	19	6	2
1996 Jun 18-19	24	49	20	6	1
1996 May 28-29	25	48	21	6	1
1996 May 9-12	23	51	17	6	2
1996 Apr 23-25	23	48	21	7	1
1996 Apr 9-10	25	50	20	5	1
1996 Mar 15-17	26	51	18	5	*
1996 Mar 8-10	24	51	20	5	1
1996 Feb 23-25	24	50	20	6	1
1996 Jan 12-15	23	50	20	7	1
1996 Jan 5-7	30	51	13	5	1
1995 Dec 15-18	27	49	18	4	1
1995 Oct 19-22	19	52	22	7	1
1995 Sep 22-24	27	48	18	6	1
1995 Aug 28-30	19	56	18	6	1
1995 Aug 11-14	22	53	20	5	1
1995 Aug 4-7	24	46	22	7	1
1995 Jul 20-23	24	51	18	6	1
1995 Jul 7-9	18	51	25	6	1

^ 1995-1996 WORDING: Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

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QN9: Follow national politics 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
Very closely,		430	216	213	321	107	69	124	224	192	119	117	131	140	157	173	131	123
		42%	43%	41%	47%	33%	23%	40%	56%	55%	41%	32%	45%	35%	51%	48%	34%	48%
Somewhat closely,		384	172	212	247	127	134	124	124	128	118	133	108	147	122	102	170	106
		38%	34%	41%	36%	39%	46%	40%	31%	36%	40%	37%	37%	36%	40%	28%	44%	41%
Not too closely, or		143	76	67	77	66	62	42	39	25	45	72	40	75	25	59	54	25
		14%	15%	13%	11%	20%	21%	14%	10%	7%	15%	20%	14%	18%	8%	16%	14%	10%
Not at all		62	37	26	36	22	30	17	14	7	12	42	13	43	3	25	31	5
		6%	7%	5%	5%	7%	10%	5%	3%	2%	4%	12%	5%	11%	1%	7%	8%	2%

