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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  $\pm 4$  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  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

For results based on the samples of –541—adults in Form B, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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24. Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

	Doing too much	Should do more	Mixed (vol.)	No opin- ion		Doing too much	Should do more	Mixed (vol.)	No opin- ion
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	41	54	4	1	2004 Sep 13-15	49	41	8	2
2019 Sep 3-15	49	47	3	1	2003 Oct 24-26	52	40	6	2
2018 Sep 4-12	50	44	5	2	2003 Sep 8-10	51	43	4	2
2017 Sep 6-10	50	45	4	1	2002 Sep 5-8	50	43	5	2
2016 Sep 7-11	54	41	3	2	2001 Oct 5-6	41	50	6	3
2015 Sep 9-13	55	40	3	2	2001 Sep 7-10	55	36	7	2
2014 Sep 4-7	54	41	5	1	2000 Sep 11-13	50	37	11	2
2013 Sep 5-8	53	40	4	3	2000 Aug 18-19	54	38	6	2
2012 Sep 24-27	57	34	6	3	1999 Sep 10-14	55	39	4	2
2012 Sep 6-9	54	39	5	3	1998 Oct 29-30	50	38	6	6
2012 Jul 19-22	61	34	4	1	1998 Apr 17-19	59	33	7	1
2011 Sep 8-11	56	39	2	2	1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	33	6	3
2010 Sep 13-16	58	36	5	1	1996 Jan 12-15	58	35	6	1
2010 Jun 11-13	53	39	7	1	1995 Dec 15-19	60	32	5	3
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	57	38	4	1	1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	5	3
2009 Mar 27-29	50	42	6	2	1994 Oct 22-25	57	37	4	2
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	47	42	8	3	1994 Jan 15-17	54	39	5	2
2008 Sep 8-11	53	41	4	2	1993 Dec 17-19	55	38	6	1
2008 Jun 15-18	50	43	5	2	1993 Apr 22-24	49	45	3	3
2007 Sep 14-16	49	43	6	2	1993 Mar 22-24	45	49	4	2
2006 Sep 7-10	47	44	6	3	1992 Oct 23-25 †	48	44	5	3
2005 Sep 12-15	50	44	4	2	1992 Sep 11-15	46	47	4	3
2004 Nov 19-21	55	36	7	2	1992 Aug 31-Sep 2 †	50	43	5	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† Based on registered voters

25. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view?

	Tradi- tional values	Not favor any	Mixed (vol.)	No opin- ion		Tradi- tional values	Not favor any	Mixed (vol.)	No opin- ion
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	47	50	1	2	2004 Nov 19-21	55	41	2	2
					2004 Sep 13-15	54	41	3	2
2019 Sep 3-15	50	48	1	1	2003 Sep 8-10	56	40	2	2
2018 Sep 4-12	49	47	2	2	2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	3	3
2017 Sep 6-10	45	51	2	3	2001 Oct 5-6	59	39	1	2
2016 Sep 7-11	45	50	1	3	2001 Sep 7-10	53	41	4	2
2015 Sep 9-13	43	51	3	3	2000 Sep 11-13	54	38	5	3
2014 Sep 4-7	48	48	1	3	1999 Sep 10-14	56	39	1	3
2013 Sep 5-8	46	48	2	4	1998 Oct 29-30	56	37	2	5
2012 Sep 6-9	44	52	1	3	1998 Apr 17-19	55	38	4	3
2011 Sep 8-11	48	46	3	3	1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	53	40	3	4
2010 Sep 13-16	53	43	2	2	1996 Jan 12-15	59	36	1	4
2010 Jun 11-13	47	49	2	3	1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	2	6
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	53	42	2	3	1994 Oct 22-25	55	40	2	3
2008 Sep 8-11	48	48	1	3	1994 Jan 15-17	54	40	2	4
2007 Sep 14-16	49	45	4	3	1993 Dec 17-19	57	37	2	4
2006 Sep 7-10	50	44	3	3	1993 Apr 22-24	55	39	1	5
2005 Sep 12-15	50	47	1	2	1993 Mar 22-24	53	42	1	4

## Q.24-25 (GOVERNMENT ROLE) CONTINUED

### COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.24-25)

	<u>“pure liberal”</u>	<u>“populist”</u>	<u>“libertarian”</u>	<u>“pure conservative”</u>	<u>undesigned</u>
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	32	21	15	25	7
2019 Sep 3-15	26	21	21	27	5
2018 Sep 4-12	23	19	21	27	10
2017 Sep 6-10	26	17	22	26	9
2016 Sep 7-11	22	19	26	25	8
2015 Sep 9-13	23	15	27	26	10
2014 Sep 4-7	21	18	24	27	9
2013 Sep 5-8	23	16	22	28	11
2012 Sep 6-9	24	14	25	27	11
2011 Sep 8-11	18	19	26	27	10
2010 Sep 13-16	19	16	23	33	10
2010 Jun 11-13	21	16	23	27	13
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	18	19	23	31	9
2008 Sep 8-11	23	17	23	29	9
2007 Sep 14-16	20	20	21	26	13
2006 Sep 7-10	21	20	21	25	12
2005 Sep 12-15	24	19	21	27	9
2004 Nov 19-21	16	19	23	30	12
2004 Sep 13-15	20	20	17	29	14
2003 Sep 8-10	19	22	19	31	9
2002 Sep 5-8	18	23	19	29	11
2001 Oct 5-6	18	30	17	23	12
2001 Sep 7-10	16	18	22	30	14
2000 Sep 11-13	16	18	18	30	18
1999 Sep 10-14	15	23	23	31	8
1998 Oct 29-30	14	23	19	29	15
1998 Apr 17-19	13	17	21	34	15
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	13	17	24	31	15
1996 Jan 12-15	13	20	20	35	12
1994 Nov 2-6	15	20	20	32	13
1994 Oct 22-25	16	19	21	33	11
1994 Jan 15-17	16	20	22	30	14
1993 Dec 17-19	13	23	22	31	11
1993 Apr 22-24	17	25	20	27	11
1993 Mar 22-24	20	27	19	24	10

Note: “Pure liberals” are defined as those who want government to do more to solve country’s problems but not promote traditional values.

“Populists” are defined as those who want government to do more to solve the country’s problems and to promote traditional values.

“Libertarians” are defined as those who think the government is doing too much to solve the country’s problems and do not think the government should promote traditional values.

“Pure conservatives” are defined as those who think the government is doing too much to solve the country’s problems but want the government to promote traditional values.

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**QN24: Government trying to do too many things 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
Government doing too much		417	240	177	329	85	98	135	181	135	148	129	216	155	40	248	126	35
		41%	48%	34%	48%	26%	33%	44%	45%	38%	50%	36%	74%	38%	13%	69%	33%	14%
Government should do more		555	238	317	317	230	188	160	194	204	136	212	65	227	256	95	242	213
		54%	47%	61%	47%	71%	64%	52%	48%	58%	46%	58%	22%	56%	83%	26%	63%	82%
Mixed/Depends (vol.)		38	16	21	31	3	8	10	19	12	9	16	7	18	10	10	17	9
		4%	3%	4%	5%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%
(DK)/(Refused)		10	7	2	5	5	-	2	7	1	1	7	4	5	1	6	2	2
		1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%

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**QN25: Government should promote traditional values 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
Government should promote traditional values		483	242	242	331	146	86	169	219	120	159	200	217	169	89	277	154	49
		47%	48%	47%	48%	45%	29%	55%	55%	34%	54%	55%	74%	42%	29%	77%	40%	19%
Government should not favor any set of values		505	247	258	336	161	206	129	164	219	128	154	71	222	206	77	215	204
		50%	49%	50%	49%	50%	70%	42%	41%	62%	43%	42%	24%	55%	67%	21%	56%	79%
Mixed/Depends (vol.)		13	5	9	6	8	2	5	6	10	2	2	-	6	7	2	7	4
		1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
(DK)/(Refused)		18	9	9	10	7	1	4	12	3	6	9	4	9	5	3	10	3
		2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%