

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:  
GOVERNANCE**

**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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August 31-September 13, 2020

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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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Thinking about the country more generally,

22. Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

	<u>Same party</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>Different parties</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	41	32	23	4
2018 Sep 4-12 ^	36	31	29	4
2017 Sep 6-10	33	37	25	6
2016 Sep 7-11	36	36	20	8
2015 Sep 9-13	33	38	24	5
2014 Sep 4-7	30	37	28	5
2013 Oct 3-6	25	38	28	9
2012 Sep 6-9	38	33	23	6
2011 Sep 8-11 ^	28	39	29	5
2010 Aug 27-30	27	40	27	5
2010 May 24-25	27	39	30	4
2008 Sep 8-11 ^	34	34	25	7
2007 Sep 14-16	26	38	29	6
2006 Sep 7-10 ^	28	36	32	3
2006 Jun 23-25	26	38	31	5
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	29	33	36	2
2004 Sep 13-15 ^	33	37	26	4
2003 Sep 8-10 ^	35	37	26	2
2002 Sep 5-8 ^	34	33	30	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

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

**QN22: Better for the Country 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 have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress,		416	205	212	283	131	105	113	185	134	131	149	153	126	133	176	124	116
		41%	41%	41%	41%	41%	36%	37%	46%	38%	45%	41%	52%	31%	43%	49%	32%	45%
Does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better		326	167	159	217	101	105	101	119	112	79	131	80	147	93	108	140	70
		32%	33%	31%	32%	31%	36%	33%	30%	32%	27%	36%	27%	36%	30%	30%	36%	27%
To have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another,		236	110	126	166	67	78	81	74	99	75	59	50	109	71	60	107	64
		23%	22%	24%	24%	21%	27%	26%	19%	28%	25%	16%	17%	27%	23%	17%	28%	25%
(DK)/(Refused)		41	20	21	16	23	6	11	22	7	9	24	9	23	9	15	15	9
		4%	4%	4%	2%	7%	2%	4%	6%	2%	3%	7%	3%	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%