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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 14-28, 2020 with a random sample of –1,023—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 –532—adults in Form A, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the samples of –491—adults in Form B, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the samples of –905—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 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 2019 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.

Q.14/15 SPLIT SAMPLED

14. *(Asked of a half sample)* How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for president will be accurately cast and counted in this year's election – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

BASED ON – 532- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	19	40	25	16	*
2018 Oct 15-28	28	42	17	13	1
2016 Oct 25-26	35	31	21	12	1
2016 Aug 15-16	24	38	21	15	2
2008 Oct 23-26	18	41	30	11	*
2007 Nov 30-Dec 2 ^	25	46	20	10	*
2006 Oct 20-22	28	47	17	8	*
2004 Oct 14-16	29	43	21	6	1
2004 Jul 19-21	34	42	15	6	3

^ WORDING: How confident are you that, across the country, the votes will be accurately cast and counted in next year's election – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

15. *(Asked of a half sample)* How confident are you that, where you vote, the votes will be accurately cast and counted in this year's election – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

BASED ON – 491- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	47	32	12	9	1
2016 Oct 25-26 †	53	31	8	6	2
2016 Aug 15-16 †	55	26	9	7	3
2007 Nov 30-Dec 2 ‡	60	28	7	5	*
2006 Oct 20-22 †	66	25	6	2	*

† WORDING: How confident are you that, at the voting facility where you vote, the votes will be accurately cast and counted in this year's election -- very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

‡ WORDING: How confident are you that, at the voting facility where you vote, the votes will be accurately cast and counted in next year's election -- very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

16. Just your best guess, in this year's election, do you think each of the following will be a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all across the country? How about – [ITEMS ROTATED]?

A. Eligible voters not being allowed to cast a vote

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	47	32	21	1
2016 Oct 25-26	34	31	33	2
2016 Aug 15-16	32	33	33	3
2008 Oct 23-26 ^	32	32	35	1
2004 Oct 14-16 ^	25	31	41	3

^ Asked of half sample

B. Votes being cast by people who, by law, are not eligible to vote

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	45	28	27	*
2016 Oct 25-26	41	28	29	2
2016 Aug 15-16	36	32	29	2
2008 Oct 23-26^	44	32	23	1
2004 Oct 14-16^	24	43	30	3

^ Asked of half sample

C. People using illegal or fraudulent means to cast votes

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	53	25	21	*
2007 Nov 30-Dec 2 ^	26	53	19	2

^ WORDING: "... in next year's presidential election?"

D. Absentee ballots not being counted because the postal service delivered them to the election offices too late

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Sep 14-28	55	29	16	*

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QN14: Confidence in Country Vote Counting 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	532	274	258	381	134	106	151	264	245	162	119	149	215	154	213	185	115
	Weighted n	533	261	271	359	162	142	179	204	186	139	204	150	234	137	219	185	115
Very confident		100	61	39	67	31	14	26	57	46	20	32	8	41	47	27	44	26
		19%	23%	14%	19%	19%	10%	15%	28%	25%	15%	16%	5%	18%	34%	12%	24%	22%
Somewhat confident		211	85	126	147	60	56	80	71	76	57	75	59	91	57	83	74	52
		40%	33%	46%	41%	37%	39%	45%	35%	41%	41%	37%	39%	39%	42%	38%	40%	45%
Not too confident		136	67	69	95	38	42	36	57	40	39	56	55	52	27	77	34	21
		25%	26%	25%	27%	23%	29%	20%	28%	21%	28%	27%	36%	22%	20%	35%	18%	19%
Not at all confident		86	48	37	49	33	30	36	19	24	21	41	27	49	6	31	32	16
		16%	18%	14%	14%	21%	21%	20%	9%	13%	15%	20%	18%	21%	4%	14%	17%	14%
(DK)/(Refused)		1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	0%	0%	-

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QN15: Confidence in Local Vote Counting 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	491	253	238	349	131	103	122	257	207	178	103	161	179	140	189	174	114
	Weighted n	491	246	245	315	166	144	145	191	156	154	178	142	194	140	185	169	120
Very confident		231	123	108	173	53	48	59	116	91	74	65	80	80	68	90	84	48
		47%	50%	44%	55%	32%	34%	41%	61%	59%	48%	36%	56%	41%	49%	49%	50%	40%
Somewhat confident		156	68	88	99	55	49	55	52	48	48	60	50	52	53	54	55	46
		32%	28%	36%	32%	33%	34%	38%	27%	31%	31%	34%	35%	27%	38%	29%	33%	38%
Not too confident		56	27	30	26	30	23	18	16	14	20	23	10	31	10	18	18	16
		12%	11%	12%	8%	18%	16%	12%	8%	9%	13%	13%	7%	16%	7%	10%	11%	14%
Not at all confident		44	28	16	16	26	24	14	6	3	11	29	2	32	9	23	11	9
		9%	12%	6%	5%	16%	17%	10%	3%	2%	7%	16%	1%	17%	6%	12%	7%	8%
(DK)/(Refused)		3	-	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-

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QN16A: Problem With Eligible voters not being allowed to cast a vote 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	1023	527	496	730	265	209	273	521	452	340	222	310	394	294	402	359	229
	Weighted n	1023	507	516	674	328	286	324	395	342	293	382	291	428	276	404	353	235
Major problem		478	223	255	250	219	169	136	166	136	132	207	93	202	172	143	175	146
		47%	44%	49%	37%	67%	59%	42%	42%	40%	45%	54%	32%	47%	62%	35%	50%	62%
Minor problem		322	156	167	249	65	87	101	129	112	101	106	100	139	74	134	118	61
		32%	31%	32%	37%	20%	30%	31%	33%	33%	34%	28%	34%	32%	27%	33%	33%	26%
Not a problem at all		216	126	90	170	43	30	86	97	93	58	65	95	86	29	124	60	26
		21%	25%	17%	25%	13%	11%	26%	24%	27%	20%	17%	33%	20%	11%	31%	17%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		7	2	5	6	1	-	1	4	1	2	3	3	2	1	3	1	2
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%

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QN16B: Problem With Votes being cast by people who, by law, are not eligible to vote 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	1023	527	496	730	265	209	273	521	452	340	222	310	394	294	402	359	229
	Weighted n	1023	507	516	674	328	286	324	395	342	293	382	291	428	276	404	353	235
Major problem		459	227	231	289	159	120	149	184	104	132	220	196	180	67	270	116	55
		45%	45%	45%	43%	48%	42%	46%	47%	30%	45%	58%	67%	42%	24%	67%	33%	23%
Minor problem		290	137	153	209	74	87	86	110	101	98	89	74	130	83	95	124	65
		28%	27%	30%	31%	22%	30%	26%	28%	29%	33%	23%	25%	30%	30%	24%	35%	28%
Not a problem at all		272	143	129	176	94	80	88	99	138	63	70	22	117	126	38	112	115
		27%	28%	25%	26%	29%	28%	27%	25%	40%	22%	18%	8%	27%	46%	9%	32%	49%
(DK)/(Refused)		3	-	3	0	2	-	1	2	0	-	3	-	1	0	0	1	-
		0%	-	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-

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QN16C: Problem With People using illegal or fraudulent means to cast votes 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	1023	527	496	730	265	209	273	521	452	340	222	310	394	294	402	359	229
	Weighted n	1023	507	516	674	328	286	324	395	342	293	382	291	428	276	404	353	235
Major problem		541	275	266	335	191	170	177	188	118	143	276	205	231	89	288	154	81
		53%	54%	52%	50%	58%	60%	55%	47%	35%	49%	72%	70%	54%	32%	71%	43%	34%
Minor problem		261	120	140	190	67	67	69	119	97	98	64	69	111	76	93	104	58
		25%	24%	27%	28%	20%	23%	21%	30%	28%	33%	17%	24%	26%	27%	23%	29%	25%
Not a problem at all		217	110	107	146	69	49	76	87	125	51	40	13	86	111	22	94	95
		21%	22%	21%	22%	21%	17%	23%	22%	37%	17%	11%	5%	20%	40%	6%	27%	41%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	2	2	3	1	-	2	2	2	1	2	4	1	-	1	2	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%

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QN16D: Problem With Absentee ballots not being counted because the postal service 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	1023	527	496	730	265	209	273	521	452	340	222	310	394	294	402	359	229
	Weighted n	1023	507	516	674	328	286	324	395	342	293	382	291	428	276	404	353	235
Major problem		560	256	304	327	221	183	177	193	157	177	221	148	223	174	211	184	145
		55%	50%	59%	49%	67%	64%	55%	49%	46%	61%	58%	51%	52%	63%	52%	52%	62%
Minor problem		296	147	148	227	62	70	92	125	124	71	100	89	139	62	124	106	61
		29%	29%	29%	34%	19%	25%	28%	32%	36%	24%	26%	31%	33%	22%	31%	30%	26%
Not a problem at all		163	102	61	116	44	33	53	75	59	44	59	52	65	40	69	60	30
		16%	20%	12%	17%	13%	11%	16%	19%	17%	15%	16%	18%	15%	14%	17%	17%	13%
(DK)/(Refused)		5	2	3	4	1	-	2	2	3	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	-
		0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-