

Topline

KFF Health Tracking Poll – September 2020



METHODOLOGY

This *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted August 28-September 3, 2020, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,199 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). The sample included 290 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll at least nine months ago. Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (295) and cell phone (904, including 652 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (25% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) as well as a subsample of respondents who had previously completed Spanish language interviews on the SSRS Omnibus poll ($n=6$). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's March 2019 Supplement of the U.S. Census Population Survey (CPS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January- June 2019 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of prepaid cell phones and likelihood of non-response for the re-contacted sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,199	± 3 percentage points
Total voters	989	± 4 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	371	± 6 percentage points
Republicans	309	± 7 percentage points
Independents	414	± 6 percentage points
Party Identification among voters		
Democratic voters	319	± 6 percentage points
Republican voters	283	± 7 percentage points
Independent voters	320	± 6 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from the KFF Health Tracking Polls except for:

10/15: Kaiser Family Foundation/CNN, *Survey of Americans on Race* (August 25-October 3, 2015)

11/11: *The Washington Post*/Kaiser Family Foundation, *Black Women in America* (conducted October 6-November 2, 2011)

1/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health, *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

9/99: Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Race, Ethnicity and Medical Care: Public Perceptions and Experiences (conducted July 7-September 19, 1999)

9/95: *The Washington Post*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Four Americas, 1995 (conducted August-September, 1995)

RVOTE. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	9/20
Yes	78
No	21
Don't know	2
Refused	-

Q1. How important will each of the following issues be in deciding your vote for president this year? Will (INSERT ITEM) be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important in deciding your vote for president this year? How about (INSERT ITEM NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Will (INSERT ITEM) be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important in deciding your vote for president this year? (scramble a-f)

Based on those who are registered to vote

	Very/ Somewhat important (NET)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/ Not at all important (NET)	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Health care								
9/20	87	59	27	13	8	5	*	n=989
5/20	86	62	24	13	7	7	*	n=970
2/20	89	63	25	11	6	5	*	n=998
b. The economy								
9/20	94	69	25	6	3	3	*	n=989
5/20	91	63	27	9	5	4	*	n=970
2/20	92	67	25	8	6	2	*	n=998
c. Race relations								
9/20	81	56	25	19	7	12	1	n=989
d. Immigration								
9/20	81	44	37	19	10	9	1	n=989
5/20	72	40	31	28	16	11	1	n=970
2/20	81	49	31	19	12	7	*	n=998
e. The coronavirus outbreak								
9/20 ¹	72	52	20	27	11	16	1	n=989
5/20	72	50	22	27	10	17	*	n=970
f. Criminal justice and policing								
9/20	93	69	24	7	3	4	*	n=989

Q2. Of the issues you said were very important, what issue do you think will be the most important in deciding your vote for president this year? (READ LIST). READ IF NEEDED: I understand it might be hard to choose just one of these very important issues. However, we're looking for what you think will be the **most** important issue in deciding your vote. (rotate answer options in same order as Q1)

Q1/Q2 Most important issue for Vote Decision

Based on those who are registered to vote

	9/20
The economy	32
The coronavirus outbreak	20
Criminal justice and policing	16
Race relations	14
Health care	10
Immigration	4
No issues rated very important	4
Don't know/Refused most important	-
	n=989

¹Modified stem and question wording in May 2020

FOR REFERENCE: Most important issue for vote decision, May 2020 Tracking Poll

Based on those who are registered to vote

	5/20
Health care	23
The economy	25
Climate change	6
Immigration	6
Taxes	5
Foreign policy and national security	10
The coronavirus pandemic in the U.S.	17
None of these	6
Something else	1
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=970</i>

FOR REFERENCE: Most important issue for vote decision, February 2020 Tracking Poll

Based on those who are registered voters

	2/20
Health care	26
The economy	23
Climate change	14
Foreign policy and national security	13
Immigration	9
Taxes	7
International trade and tariffs	2
None of these	4
Something else	1
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=998</i>

Q3. Looking ahead to the presidential election in November, what HEALTH CARE issue will be most important to you in deciding who to vote for? (*Up to two responses accepted*)

Table I: First mention

Based on those who are registered to vote (n=989)

	9/20
Increasing access (NET)	18
Increasing access to health care	9
Universal coverage/Everyone has coverage	9
The cost of health care (NET)	15
Affordability/Cost	10
Health care costs (unspec.)	5
Prescription drug costs	3
The cost of premiums	1
Deductibles	*
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	8
Medicare/Senior concerns	7
Limiting government's role in health care/Increasing choice (NET)	5
Getting rid of ACA/Obamacare	2
Increasing choice in health care	2
Against Medicare-for-all	1
Limiting government's role	1
Keeping the ACA (NET)	5
Pre-existing conditions	3
Affordable Care Act (positive mention)	2
Health insurance	4
Expanding government's role in health care (NET)	3
Medicare-for-all	2
Public option	1
Health care (unspecified)	2
Women's health/Reproductive health (NET)	1
Women's health care	1
Abortion	1
Maintain current health care/keep coverage	1
Mental health care	1
Improving quality of health care	1
Medicaid	1
Prescription drugs	1
Restricting access to immigrants in the country illegally	*
Cancer research/funding	*
Hospitals	*
VA health care/veteran access to benefits	*
Science/research-based policy not politics	*
Emergency care	*
Nothing, not an issue that will impact vote	2
Something else	4
Don't know	11
Refused	5

Table II: Second mention

Based on those who are registered to vote (n=989)

	9/20
The cost of health care (NET)	10
Affordability/Cost	6
Prescription drug costs	3
Health care costs (unspec.)	3
Deductibles	*
The cost of premiums	*
Increasing access (NET)	7
Increasing access to health care	5
Universal coverage/Everyone has coverage	3
Keeping the ACA (NET)	5
Pre-existing conditions	3
Affordable Care Act (positive mention)	1
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	3
Limiting government's role in health care/Increasing choice (NET)	2
Increasing choice in health care	1
Limiting government's role	1
Against Medicare-for-all	*
Getting rid of ACA/Obamacare	*
Medicare/Senior concerns	2
Health insurance	1
Women's health/Reproductive health (NET)	1
Abortion	1
Women's health care	1
Improving quality of health care	1
Prescription drugs	1
Medicaid	1
Expanding government's role in health care (NET)	1
Public option	*
Medicare-for-all	*
Restricting access to immigrants in the country illegally	1
Cancer research/funding	*
Maintain current health care/keep coverage	*
Health care (unspecified)	*
Mental health care	*
VA health care/veteran access to benefits	*
Emergency care	*
Science/research-based policy not politics	*
Hospitals	-
Nothing, not an issue that will impact vote	*
Something else	6
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	-
No second issue	53

Table III: First mention

Based on total voters who named health care as an important issue in deciding vote for president this year (n=856)

	9/20
Increasing access (NET)	19
Increasing access to health care	10
Universal coverage/Everyone has coverage	9
The cost of health care (NET)	14
Affordability/Cost	11
Health care costs (unspec.)	5
Prescription drug costs	3
The cost of premiums	1
Deductibles	-
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	9
Medicare/Senior concerns	8
Keeping the ACA (NET)	6
Pre-existing conditions	3
Affordable Care Act (positive mention)	2
Limiting government's role in health care/Increasing choice (NET)	4
Getting rid of ACA/Obamacare	2
Increasing choice in health care	1
Against Medicare-for-all	1
Limiting government's role	1
Health insurance	4
Expanding government's role in health care (NET)	3
Medicare-for-all	2
Public option	1
Health care (unspecified)	2
Maintain current health care/keep coverage	1
Women's health/Reproductive health (NET)	1
Women's health care	1
Abortion	*
Improving quality of health care	1
Medicaid	1
Mental health care	1
Prescription drugs	1
Cancer research/funding	*
Restricting access to immigrants in the country illegally	*
Hospitals	*
Science/research-based policy not politics	*
VA health care/veteran access to benefits	*
Emergency care	*
Nothing, not an issue that will impact vote	1
Something else	4
Don't know	11
Refused	3

Table IV: Second mention

Based on total voters who named health care as an important issue in deciding vote for president this year (n=856)

	9/20
The cost of health care (NET)	10
Affordability/Cost	6
Prescription drug costs	4
Health care costs (unspec.)	3
Deductibles	*
The cost of premiums	*
Increasing access (NET)	8
Increasing access to health care	5
Universal coverage/Everyone has coverage	3
Keeping the ACA (NET)	5
Pre-existing conditions	4
Affordable Care Act (positive mention)	1
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	3
Medicare/Senior concerns	2
Limiting government's role in health care/Increasing choice (NET)	2
Increasing choice in health care	1
Limiting government's role	1
Against Medicare-for-all	*
Getting rid of ACA/Obamacare	*
Health insurance	1
Women's health/Reproductive health (NET)	1
Abortion	1
Women's health care	1
Improving quality of health care	1
Expanding government's role in health care (NET)	1
Public option	*
Medicare-for-all	*
Prescription drugs	1
Medicaid	1
Health care (unspecified)	1
Cancer research/funding	*
Maintain current health care/keep coverage	*
Mental health care	*
VA health care/veteran access to benefits	*
Restricting access to immigrants in the country illegally	*
Emergency care	*
Science/research-based policy not politics	*
Hospitals	-
Nothing, not an issue that will impact vote	*
Something else	6
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused	-
No second issue	51

ACA. As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
9/20	26	23	14	28	9
7/20	31	20	11	25	13
5/20	24	27	14	27	8
Early 4/20	22	28	17	22	12
02/20	24	31	14	23	9
01/20	28	25	11	26	10
11/19	26	26	12	29	7
10/19	30	21	12	28	8
09/19	29	24	15	26	7
07/19	26	22	12	29	12
06/19	27	19	13	27	12
04/19	29	21	11	27	13
03/19	27	23	11	28	11
02/19	28	22	12	25	12
01/19	29	22	12	28	10
11/18	28	25	14	26	8
09/18	23	26	15	27	9
08/18	26	24	13	27	10
07/18	28	20	12	28	11
06/18	26	24	13	28	8
04/18	27	22	15	28	9
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	8
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17 ²	24	24	15	26	12
Early 04/17	20	26	16	30	9
03/17	21	28	15	29	6
02/17	20	28	15	27	10
12/16	21	22	16	30	11
11/16	19	24	17	28	11
10/16	19	26	13	32	10
09/16	18	26	17	30	9
08/16	19	21	14	28	17
07/16	18	22	17	29	14
06/16	18	24	12	32	14
04/16	15	23	17	32	13
03/16	21	20	17	30	13
02/16	19	22	12	34	14
01/16	21	20	16	28	16
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14

² January 2012 through Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010..."

ACA continued...

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ³	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10 ⁴	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10

³ February 2011 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

⁴ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

ACA continued...

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ⁵	23	23	10	30	14

Q4. Do you think (Donald Trump) or (Joe Biden) has the better approach to (INSERT ITEM)? (Rotate text in parentheses; scramble a-h)

Items a,b,g, and h asked of half sample A. Items c,d,e, and f asked of half sample B.

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Don't know	Refused	
a. Lowering the cost of health care for individuals					
9/20	39	50	10	1	n=573
b. Determining the future of the Affordable Care Act, sometimes called Obamacare					
9/20	36	55	8	*	n=573
c. Lowering prescription drug costs					
9/20	45	43	10	2	n=626
d. Protecting people from surprise medical bills from out-of-network care					
9/20	38	49	12	2	n=626
e. Making sure everyone has access to health care and insurance					
9/20	39	51	8	1	n=626
f. Maintaining protections for people with pre-existing health conditions					
9/20	37	52	9	2	n=626
g. Making decisions about women's reproductive health choices and services, including abortion, family planning, and contraception					
9/20	33	55	9	3	n=573
h. overseeing development and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine for the U.S.					
9/20	41	51	7	1	n=573

⁵ April 2010 trend wording was "President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

Q4. Do you think (Donald Trump) or (Joe Biden) has the better approach to (INSERT ITEM)? (Rotate text in parentheses; scramble a-h)

Table II – Based on total registered voters

Items a,b,g, and h asked of half sample A. Items c,d,e, and f asked of half sample B.

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Don't know	Refused	
a. Lowering the cost of health care for individuals					
9/20	42	48	8	1	n=472
b. Determining the future of the Affordable Care Act, sometimes called Obamacare					
9/20	41	54	5	*	n=472
c. Lowering prescription drug costs					
9/20	46	42	10	2	n=517
d. Protecting people from surprise medical bills from out-of-network care					
9/20	39	47	12	2	n=517
e. Making sure everyone has access to health care and insurance					
9/20	40	52	7	1	n=517
f. Maintaining protections for people with pre-existing health conditions					
9/20	38	52	8	2	n=517
g. Making decisions about women's reproductive health choices and services, including abortion, family planning, and contraception					
9/20	35	55	7	2	n=472
h. overseeing development and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine for the U.S.					
9/20	44	49	5	2	n=472

Read to all: Moving on to another topic...

Q5. In the past six months, have you or a family member in your household skipped or postponed any type of medical or dental care for any reason, or not? IF YES ASK: And was that you, a family member, or both you and a family member who skipped or postponed medical or dental care?

	9/20
Yes (NET)	42
Yes, me	18
Yes, a family member	7
Yes, both me and a family member	17
No	57
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q6. Did (you/your family member/you or your family member) skip or postpone dental care, medical care, or both medical and dental care?

Based on those who said they or family skipped care

	9/20
Dental care	30
Medical care	18
Both medical and dental	51
Don't know/Refused (NET)	2
Don't know	1
Refused	1
	n=511

Q5/Q6 Combo table – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	42
Dental care	13
Medical care	8
Both medical and dental care	21
Don't know/Refused	1
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

Q7. Did (your/your family member/you or your family member's) condition get worse as a result of skipping or postponing care, or not?

Based on those who said they or family skipped care

	9/20
Yes, got worse	34
No, did not get worse	64
Don't know/Refused(NET)	3
Don't know	2
Refused	*
	n=511

Q5/Q7 Combo table – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	42
Yes, condition got worse	14
No, did not get worse	27
Don't know/Refused	1
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

Q8. Please say if each of the following is a reason why (you/your family member/you or your family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months. First, (ITEM)? How about, (ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a reason (you/your family member/you or your family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months? (scramble a-c)

Based on those who said they or family skipped care

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	
a. The doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus					
9/20	66	34	1	-	n=511
b. (You/your family member/you or your family member) felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak					
9/20	49	51	-	*	n=511
c. (You/your family member/you or your family member) were unable to afford or were concerned about the cost of care					
9/20	40	60	-	-	n=511

Q5/Q8a Combo table – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	42
Yes, the doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus was reason why (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	28
No, the doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus was NOT a reason why (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	14
Don't know/Refused	*

No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

FOR REFERENCE: The doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus was reason why (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical in the past three months, June 2020 Tracking Poll

	6/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care because of the coronavirus outbreak (NET)	52
Yes, the doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus was reason why (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past three months	43
No, the doctor's office or facility was closed or offering limited appointments due to coronavirus was NOT a reason why (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past three months	9
Don't know/Refused	*
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care because of the coronavirus outbreak	48
Don't know/Refused	*

Q5/Q8b Combo table – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	42
Yes, having felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak was a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	21
No, having felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak was NOT a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	21
Don't know/Refused	*
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

FOR REFERENCE: Having felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak was a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past three months, June 2020 Tracking Poll

	6/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	52
Yes, having felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak was a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past three months	27
No, having felt unsafe visiting a doctor's office or medical facility during the coronavirus outbreak was NOT a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past three months	24
Don't know/Refused	*
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	48
Don't know/Refused	*

Q5/Q8c Combo table – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent, family member, or both skipped care (NET)	42
Yes, being unable to afford or concerned about the cost of care was a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	17
No, being unable to afford or concerned about the cost of care was NOT a reason (they/their family member/they and their family member) skipped or postponed medical or dental care in the past six months	25
Don't know/Refused	-
No, respondent, family or both did not skip care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

- Q9. Thinking about the care you or your family member skipped or postponed, do you think you or they will eventually get this care, or not?
IF YES ASK: Will that be in the next month, within two to three months, within four months to one year, or longer than that?

Based on those who said they or family skipped care

	9/20
Yes (NET)	83
Within next three months (NET)	46
Yes, will get in the next month	23
Yes, will get in next 2-3 months	24
Yes, will get in 4 months to 1 year	24
Yes, longer than 1 year	8
Yes, not sure how long (Vol.)	5
No will not get	6
Have already gotten the care that was skipped or postponed (Vol.)	10
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	<i>n=511</i>

Q5/Q9 Combo Table

Table I - *Based on total*

	9/20
Yes, respondent skipped or postponed care (NET)	35
Yes, will get care (NET)	29
Within next three months (NET)	15
Yes, will get in the next month	7
Yes, will get in next 2-3 months	8
Yes, will get in 4 months to 1 year	9
Yes, longer than 1 year	3
Yes, not sure how long (Vol.)	2
No will not get	2
Have already gotten the care that was skipped or postponed (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	*
No, respondent did not skip or postpone care	64
Don't know/Refused	1

Table II – Based on total

	9/20
Yes, respondent or family member skipped or postponed care (NET)	42
Yes, will get care (NET)	35
Within next three months (NET)	19
Yes, will get in the next month	10
Yes, will get in next 2-3 months	10
Yes, will get in 4 months to 1 year	10
Yes, longer than 1 year	3
Yes, not sure how long (Vol.)	2
No will not get	2
Have already gotten the care that was skipped or postponed (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
No, respondent and family member did not skip or postpone care	57
Don't know/Refused	1

Read to all: On another topic...

TRUMPAPPROVE. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?]

	9/20
Approve (NET)	45
Strongly approve	31
Somewhat approve	14
Disapprove (NET)	52
Somewhat disapprove	9
Strongly disapprove	43
Don't know	2
Refused	1

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the current coronavirus outbreak in the US?

	9/20	7/20	5/20	Early 4/20
Approve	43	34	46	50
Disapprove	55	62	52	47
Don't know	2	3	1	3
Refused	*	1	1	*
	n=1,199	n=1,313	n=1,189	n=1,226

SWING. Thinking about the upcoming presidential election, do you think you are definitely going to vote for President Trump, probably going to vote for President Trump, probably going to vote for Joe Biden, or are you definitely going to vote for Joe Biden? (rotate 1-4, 4-1)

Based on those who are registered to vote

	9/20
Definitely going to vote for President Trump	35
Definitely going to vote for Joe Biden	38
Swing voters (NET)	24
Probably going to vote for President Trump	8
Probably going to vote for Joe Biden	10
Undecided (Vol.)	5
Don't know	*
Vote for someone else (Vol.)	2
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Refused	1
	n=989

SWING2. Is there a chance you will vote for (President Trump/Joe Biden) or is there no chance? (Insert "President Trump" if respondent said they would probably vote for Joe Biden; insert "Joe Biden" if respondent said they would probably vote for President Trump.

Based on those who are registered to vote will probably vote for President Trump or will probably vote for Joe Biden

SWING/SWING2 Combo Table

Based on total

	9/20
Definitely going to vote for President Trump	35
Probably going to vote for President Trump	8
There is a chance will vote for Joe Biden	3
There is no chance will vote for Joe Biden	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Probably going to vote for Joe Biden	10
There is a chance will vote for President Trump	3
There is no chance will vote for President Trump	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Definitely going to vote for Joe Biden	38
Undecided (Vol.)	5
Vote for someone else (Vol.)	2
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

Q27. Is your vote mainly a vote against (Donald Trump/Joe Biden) or mainly a vote for (Donald Trump/Joe Biden)?

SWING /Q27 Combo Table I

Based on those who are registered to vote

	9/20
Definitely or probably going to vote for President Trump	43
Mainly a vote against Joe Biden	8
Mainly a vote for President Trump	32
Neither (Vol.)	*
Both (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused	*
Definitely or probably going to vote for Joe Biden	48
Mainly a vote against President Trump	19
Mainly a vote for Joe Biden	23
Neither (Vol.)	*
Both (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Undecided (Vol.)	5
Vote for someone else (Vol.)	2
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

Table II - Based on those who are registered to vote and say they are definitely or probably going to vote for President Trump

	9/20
Mainly a vote against Joe Biden	18
Mainly a vote for President Trump	75
Neither (Vol.)	1
Both (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*

Table III - Based on those who are registered to vote and say they are definitely or probably going to vote for Joe Biden

	9/20
Mainly a vote against President Trump	39
Mainly a vote for Joe Biden	48
Neither (Vol.)	1
Both (Vol.)	11
Don't know/Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Now I want to ask you some questions about coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

Q11. Which of the following best describes your feelings about the coronavirus outbreak in the United States? (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B text from rotating)

	9/20	7/20	5/20	Late 4/20	Early 4/20
Option A: The worst is behind us	38	20	28	31	13
Option B: The worst is yet to come	38	60	50	51	74
Do you not think the coronavirus is or will be a major problem in the U.S.?	19	16	16	13	10
Don't know	4	4	6	4	2
Refused	*	1	1	1	*
	n=1,199	n=1,313	n=1,189	n=1,202	n=1,226

Q12. How much do you trust (INSERT ITEM) to provide reliable information on coronavirus? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Do you trust (Him/Them/Her) a great deal, a fair amount, not much or not at all to provide reliable information on coronavirus?) (READ LIST) (rotate items a-e)

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	Not at all	Depends (Vol)	Don't know/Refused (NET)	
a. President Trump							
9/20	21	19	16	43	*	1	n=1,199
Early 4/20	21	25	21	32	*	1	n= 1,226
3/20	23	23	18	33	*	3	n= 1,216
b. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC							
9/20	25	42	21	10	*	1	n=1,199
Early 4/20	43	41	13	3	-	1	n= 617
3/20	48	37	10	3	*	2	n= 1,216
c. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases							
9/20	37	31	15	11	*	6	n=1,199
Early 4/20	41	37	10	2	-	10	n= 609
d. Dr. Deborah Birx, the Coronavirus Response Coordinator for the White House Coronavirus Task Force							
9/20	15	38	24	12	1	11	n=1,199
e. Joe Biden							
9/20	23	28	17	29	*	2	n=1,199

Q13. As far as you know, (INSERT ITEM), or not? (scramble a-f)

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	
a. Is there a cure for coronavirus					
9/20	14	80	5	*	n=1,199
b. Is there a vaccine to prevent coronavirus that has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration					
9/20	7	87	5	*	n=1,199
c. Is it possible for children under age 18 to transmit coronavirus to other people					
9/20	88	8	4	*	n=1,199
d. Does wearing a face mask help to limit the spread of coronavirus					
9/20	81	16	2	*	n=1,199
e. Is wearing a face mask harmful to your health					
9/20	20	77	2	*	n=1,199
f. Is Hydroxychloroquine an effective treatment for COVID-19					
9/20	24	55	20	1	n=1,199

Q14. Have you heard about a new coronavirus treatment called convalescent plasma that recently received emergency authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or not?

	9/20
Yes	55
No	43
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q15. From what you have heard, do you think convalescent plasma has been proven to be an effective treatment for most people who are sick from coronavirus, or are more studies needed to determine how effective it is?

Based on those who have heard of convalescent plasma

	9/20
Has been proven to be an effective treatment	21
More studies are needed to determine how effective it is	74
Don't know	5
Refused	*
	<i>n=738</i>

Q14/Q15 Combo table – *Based on total*

	9/20
Yes, have heard of convalescent plasma	55
Has been proven to be an effective treatment	12
More studies are needed to determine how effective it is	40
Don't know/Refused	3
No, has not heard of convalescent plasma	43
Don't know/Refused	2

Q16. Do you think a vaccine for coronavirus will be widely available in the U.S. before the presidential election in November, or not?

	9/20
Yes, will be widely available	14
No, will not be widely available	81
Don't know	4
Refused	*

Q17. If a coronavirus vaccine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration before the presidential election in November and was available for free to everyone who wanted it, do you think you would want to get vaccinated, or not?

	9/20
Yes, would want to get vaccinated	42
No, would not want to get vaccinated	54
Don't know	4
Refused	*

Q18. How worried are you, if at all, that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will rush to approve a coronavirus vaccine without making sure that it is safe and effective due to political pressure from the Trump Administration?

	9/20
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	62
Very worried	33
Somewhat worried	29
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	36
Not too worried	16
Not at all worried	20
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q20. Do you think that under the Trump Administration, the Food and Drug Administration pays (too much attention), (not enough attention), or about the right amount of attention to (INSERT ITEM) when reviewing and approving treatments for coronavirus? (rotate text in parentheses)

Based on half sample A (n=573)

	Too much attention	Not enough attention	About the right amount of attention	Don't know	Refused
a. Science					
9/20	4	46	43	7	1
b. Politics					
9/20	39	19	34	7	1

Q21. Do you think that under the Trump Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pays (too much attention), (not enough attention), or about the right amount of attention to (INSERT ITEM) when issuing guidelines and recommendations related to coronavirus? (rotate text in parentheses)

Based on half sample B (n=626)

	Too much attention	Not enough attention	About the right amount of attention	Don't know	Refused
a. Science					
9/20	7	46	43	3	1
b. Politics					
9/20	42	20	33	3	1

Q22. How big a problem is (INSERT ITEM) in the U.S. today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem or not a problem at all? (scramble a-c)

	Problem (NET)	A big problem	Somewhat of a problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	Don't know/Refused (NET)	
a. Racism							
9/20	94	60	23	11	5	1	n=1,199
6/20	83	58	25	11	5	1	n=1,296
10/15	82	43	38	11	6	2	n=1,951
11/11	75	21	53	17	7	1	n=1,936
9/95	83	38	45	13	4	1	n=1,970
b. Police violence against the public							
9/20	89	44	25	20	9	1	n=1,199
6/20	74	42	31	19	6	1	n=1,296
c. Violence caused by protests							
9/20	93	54	24	14	6	1	n=1,199
6/20	66	38	28	22	11	1	n=1,296

Q23. Do you think the average Black person in the U.S. is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average White person in terms of (INSERT ITEM)?

	Better off	Worse off	Just as well off	Don't know ⁶	Refused	
a. Getting needed health care						
9/20	7	51	36	5	1	<i>n</i> =1,199
9/99 ⁷	8	38	48	7	*	<i>n</i> =3,884
b. Infant mortality—that is, a baby's chance of surviving after birth						
9/20	3	49	39	7	1	<i>n</i> =1,199
4/06	8	33	43	17	xx	<i>n</i> =1,391
9/99 ⁸	7	44	39	9	*	<i>n</i> =3,884
c. Life expectancy—that is, how long someone can expect to live						
9/20	4	54	36	5	1	<i>n</i> =1,199
4/06	8	36	40	16	xx	<i>n</i> =1,391
9/99 ⁹	7	42	42	9	*	<i>n</i> =3,884
d. Maternal mortality, that is the rate of women dying from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth						
9/20	2	48	38	10	1	<i>n</i> =1,199

⁶ For April 2006, Don't know category includes both "Don't know" and "Refused" responses

⁷ September 1999 trend wording was, "Do you think the average African American is better off worse off or just as well off as the average white person in terms of..."

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READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

RECAGE2 VARIABLE

	9/20
18-29	21
30-49	33
50-64	24
65+	21
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*

HHAGE60. Is there anyone currently living in your household who is age 60 or older?

Based on those age 60 or under

	9/20
Yes	18
No	81
Don't know/Refused (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	*
	<i>n=688</i>

CHILD. Are you the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	9/20
Yes	29
No	71
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

RECAGE2/4 VARIABLE/HHAGE60 Combo table

Based on total

	9/20
Age 60 or older	30
Someone in household age 60 or older	13
Neither self or anyone in household age 60 or older	57
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1

MARITAL. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	9/20
Married	47
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	8
Divorced	9
Separated	3
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

INCLOSSTOTAL. Since February, have you or another adult in your household lost a job, been placed on furlough, or had your income or hours reduced because of the coronavirus outbreak, or not?

	9/20
Yes	40
No	59
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

EMPLOY. What best described your employment situation today?

	9/20
Employed (NET)	54
Employed full-time	44
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed (NET)	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	8
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	4
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	9/20
Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know	-
Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	9/20
Insured less than 65	83
Uninsured less than 65	17
	n = 808

COVTYPE. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

Based on those who are insured

	9/20
Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	13
Plan you purchased yourself	10
Medicare	22
Medicaid	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know	1
Refused	1
	<i>n=1,064</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	9/20
Covered by health insurance	86
Employer	32
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	19
Medicaid	8
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	9/20
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	4
Medicaid	9
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=809</i>

Q24. Have you personally been tested for coronavirus, or not?

	9/20
Yes, have been tested	30
No, have not been tested	69
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q25. Were you tested for an active coronavirus infection, tested for coronavirus antibodies, or were you tested for both?

Based on those who have been tested

	9/20
Tested for an active coronavirus infection	51
Tested for coronavirus antibodies	8
Tested for both	28
Don't know/Refused (NET)	12
Don't know	12
Refused	*
	<i>n=365</i>

Q24/Q25 Combo Table

Based on total

	9/20
Yes, have been tested	30
Tested for an active coronavirus infection	16
Tested for coronavirus antibodies	2
Tested for both	9
Don't know/Refused	4
No, have not been tested	69
Don't know/Refused	1

TEST3. Do you personally know anyone who has died from complications related to coronavirus, or not?

	9/20	6/20	Late 4/20
Yes	24	17	9
No	76	83	91
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1	*	*
Don't know	-	*	*
Refused	1	-	*
	<i>n=1,199</i>	<i>n=1,296</i>	<i>n=1,202</i>

Q26. Were any of the people you know who died from coronavirus family members or close friends, or not?

Based on those who personally know anyone who has died from coronavirus

	9/20
Yes	64
No	36
Don't know/Refused (NET)	-
	<i>n=290</i>

CHRONICCOVID. Do you or anyone in your household have a serious health condition such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes, or not?

	9/20
Yes (NET)	44
Yes, respondent	20
Yes, someone else in household	15
Yes, both respondent and someone else in household	9
No one in household has serious health condition	55
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

HCWORKER2. Do you or anyone in your household work in a health care delivery setting, such as a doctor's office, clinic, hospital, nursing home, or dentist's office? IF YES ASK: And is that you or someone else in your household?]

	9/20
Yes (NET)	15
Yes, I work in health care delivery setting	6
Yes, someone else in my household works in health care delivery setting	9
No	85
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	9/20
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	*

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or what? (rotate items in parentheses)

	9/20
Republican	25
Democrat	30
Independent	35
Or what/Other/None/No preference	8
Don't know	2
Refused	1

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	9/20
Republican	38
Democratic	38
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	15
Other party (Vol.)	1
Don't know	6
Refused	3
	<i>n=519</i>

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

Based on total

	9/20
Republican/Lean Republican	42
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Pure Independent	9
Undesignated	2

Five-Point Party ID

	9/20
Democrat	30
Independent Lean Democrat	17
Independent/Don't lean	7
Independent Lean Republican	17
Republican	25
Undesignated	4

IDEOLOGY. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	9/20
Liberal	25
Moderate	36
Conservative	34
Don't know	3
Refused	2

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ LIST) [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	9/20
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	31
Some college (NET)	27
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	15
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	33
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	18
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	14
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	9/20
Yes	16
No	82
Don't know	1
Refused	1

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	9/20
White, non-Hispanic	61
Total non-White	39
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	2

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (IF HISPANIC=1 INSERT, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country?

Based on Hispanics

	9/20
U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	50
Don't know	-
Refused	*
	n=160

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2019 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ LIST)

	9/20
Less than \$20,000	12
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	7
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	11
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	23
Don't know/Refused (NET)	10

HHADULTS. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household including yourself?

	9/20
1	22
2	45
3	18
4	9
5	3
6 or greater	1
Don't know/Refused (NET)	2



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