

**GW POLITICS POLL**

**2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

The survey was fielded October 16-26, 2020 by YouGov with a sample of registered voters. YouGov recruits individuals in a variety of ways into their panel and then uses sample matching to create a representative sample from this non-randomly selected pool. YouGov constructed a sampling frame of U.S. Citizens by stratified sampling from the full 2018 American Community Survey. A total of 2759 respondents were interviewed and then matched to the sampling frame on gender, age, race and education and weighted to the frame using propensity score function that included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education and region. This produced a final data sample of 2500. The partial toplines reported below are based on frequencies using a weight variable provided by Yougov for the sample. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2%.

**Vote Choice and Voting**

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| If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans, or Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats, for whom would you vote? | |
| **Vote if presidential election held today** | All |
| Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans | 41% |
| Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats | 52% |
| Another candidate | 2% |
| Not sure | 4% |
| I did not/would not vote for president | 1% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| How likely are you to vote in the upcoming general election in November? | |
| **Likelihood to Vote** | All |
| Definitely will vote | 65% |
| Probably will vote | 6% |
| Probably will not vote | 1% |
| Definitely will not vote | 1% |
| Already voted | 26% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| For those who have not yet voted: Which of the following best describes you this year? | |
| **Likely voting method** | All |
| I plan to vote by mail (or absentee) | 36% |
| I plan to vote in-person at an early voting location | 25% |
| I plan to vote in-person on Election Day | 38% |
| I do not plan to vote | 1% |
| Unweighted N | 1765 |

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| Asked of those who said voting for President Trump: Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not very enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all? | |
| **Enthusiasm about Trump** | All |
| Very enthusiastic | 75% |
| Somewhat enthusiastic | 18% |
| Not very enthusiastic | 5% |
| Not enthusiastic at all | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 912 |

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| Asked of those who said voting for Vice President Biden: Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not very enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all? | |
| **Enthusiasm about Biden** | All |
| Very enthusiastic | 59% |
| Somewhat enthusiastic | 29% |
| Not very enthusiastic | 9% |
| Not enthusiastic at all | 3% |
| Unweighted N | 1423 |

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| If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live? | |
| **Vote if US Congress election held today** | All |
| The Republican Party candidate | 40% |
| The Democratic Party candidate | 51% |
| Other | 3% |
| Not sure | 6% |
| I would not vote | 1% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

**Evaluation of Political Figures**

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| Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? | |
| **Approval of Donald Trump's job as President** | All |
| Strongly approve | 29% |
| Somewhat approve | 14% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7% |
| Strongly disapprove | 49% |
| Don’t know | 1% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

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| Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people? | | | | | | |
|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know | Unweighted N |
| Donald Trump | 31% | 12% | 6% | 49% | 1% | 2500 |
| Joe Biden | 30% | 21% | 10% | 37% | 2% | 2499 |
| Barack Obama | 42% | 14% | 8% | 33% | 2% | 2500 |
| Kamala Harris | 30% | 19% | 9% | 38% | 4% | 2499 |
| Mike Pence | 31% | 13% | 10% | 41% | 4% | 2500 |
| Bernie Sanders | 24% | 24% | 12% | 35% | 5% | 2500 |
| Vladimir Putin | 2% | 6% | 17% | 65% | 10% | 2496 |
| Chuck Schumer | 13% | 23% | 12% | 35% | 18% | 2499 |
| Nancy Pelosi | 18% | 22% | 12% | 43% | 5% | 2499 |
| Mitch McConnell | 9% | 22% | 12% | 44% | 13% | 2499 |
| Kevin McCarthy | 12% | 13% | 10% | 22% | 44% | 2499 |
| Anthony Fauci | 41% | 21% | 15% | 13% | 9% | 2499 |
| Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez | 21% | 19% | 9% | 36% | 15% | 2500 |
| Mitt Romney | 5% | 25% | 34% | 26% | 11% | 2500 |
| Amy Coney Barrett | 31% | 10% | 14% | 28% | 17% | 2499 |
| Gretchen Whitmer | 17% | 16% | 8% | 24% | 36% | 2500 |

**Views of the Country**

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| Would you say things in this country today are... | |
| **View of the country** | All |
| Generally headed in the right direction | 29% |
| Off on the wrong track | 66% |
| Don’t know | 5% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| Would you say that you and your family are... | |
| **View of family situation** | All |
| Better off financially than you were a year ago | 21% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago | 49% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 28% |
| Don’t know | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

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| Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse? | |
| **View of economy** | All |
| Getting better | 27% |
| About the same | 19% |
| Getting worse | 50% |
| Don’t know | 4% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

Political Participation and Political Mobilization

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| Has anyone from one of the political parties called you up or come around and talk to you about the campaign this year? | |
| **Political party contact** | All |
| Yes | 40% |
| No | 60% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

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| Which party was that? |  |
| **Political party contact - Which party** | All |
| Democratic Party | 76% |
| Republican Party | 55% |
| Another party | 5% |
| Unweighted N | 995 |

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| Has anyone from one of the political parties texted you about the campaign this year? | |
| **Political party contact-text** | All |
| Yes | 56% |
| No | 44% |
| Unweighted N | 2472 |

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| Which party was that? |  |
| **Political party contact - Which party text** | All |
| Democratic Party | 77% |
| Republican Party | 51% |
| Another party | 3% |
| Unweighted N | 1404 |

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| In the past 3 months, have you done any of the following in person or online? | | | |
| **Political participation** | Yes | No | Unweighted N |
| Political participation -- Talked to someone and tried to show them why they should vote for or against one of the parties or candidates up for election in November 2020 | 52% | 48% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Gone to any political meetings or rallies focused on a political issue | 14% | 86% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Gone to any political meetings, rallies, speeches, or fundraisers in support of a particular candidate | 14% | 86% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Worn a campaign button, put a campaign sticker on your car, or placed a sign in your window or in front of your house | 25% | 75% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Given money to an individual candidate running for public office in 2020 | 30% | 70% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Used Facebook, Twitter, or other social media to express your opinion or share someone else's opinion about a political candidate, issue, or event | 53% | 47% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Done any other work for one of the parties or candidates | 10% | 90% | 2500 |
| Political participation -- Attended a political protest | 10% | 90% | 2500 |

**Emotional Reactions to Candidates**

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| Now we would like to ask you about your reactions to political figures. For each, please tell me whether something about that person, or something he has done, has made you have certain feelings like anger or pride.  Think about Joe Biden. How often would you say you have felt the following emotions because of the kind of person Joe Biden is or because of something he has done? | | | | | | |
| **Emotions towards Joe Biden** | Always | Most of the time | About half of the time | Some of the time | Never | Unweighted N |
| Angry | 17% | 12% | 9% | 19% | 42% | 2497 |
| Proud | 15% | 21% | 11% | 11% | 42% | 2497 |
| Disgusted | 23% | 10% | 8% | 15% | 43% | 2498 |
| Afraid | 18% | 11% | 7% | 14% | 49% | 2497 |
| Hopeful | 21% | 21% | 9% | 11% | 38% | 2499 |

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| Think about Donald Trump. How often would you say you have felt the following emotions because of the kind of person Donald Trump is or because of something he has done? | | | | | | |
| **Emotions towards Donald Trump** | Always | Most of the time | About half of the time | Some of the time | Never | Unweighted N |
| Angry | 33% | 15% | 7% | 17% | 28% | 2498 |
| Proud | 20% | 14% | 7% | 8% | 51% | 2499 |
| Disgusted | 40% | 11% | 6% | 16% | 27% | 2498 |
| Afraid | 24% | 15% | 9% | 13% | 39% | 2498 |
| Hopeful | 23% | 14% | 7% | 9% | 47% | 2497 |

**Candidate’s ability to handle key issues**

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| How confident are you in Joe Biden's ability to handle the following issues? | | | | | | |
| **Issues** | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | Don’t know | Unweighted N |
| the coronavirus pandemic | 32% | 23% | 9% | 34% | 3% | 2499 |
| racial justice and equality | 26% | 25% | 12% | 34% | 3% | 2499 |
| the economy | 26% | 25% | 9% | 38% | 2% | 2499 |
| relations with China | 21% | 27% | 9% | 38% | 5% | 2499 |
| the health care system | 29% | 22% | 10% | 36% | 3% | 2499 |

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| How confident are you in Donald Trump’s ability to handle the following issues? | | | | | | |
| **Issues** | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | Don’t know | Unweighted N |
| the coronavirus pandemic | 25% | 16% | 7% | 51% | 1% | 2500 |
| racial justice and equality | 26% | 14% | 8% | 51% | 2% | 2500 |
| the economy | 37% | 12% | 11% | 38% | 2% | 2500 |
| relations with China | 31% | 12% | 10% | 45% | 2% | 2500 |
| the health care system | 25% | 16% | 8% | 49% | 2% | 2500 |

**Candidate Trait Evaluations**

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| How well does each of the following describe Joe Biden? | | | | | |
| **Biden Traits** | Not well at all | Not too well | Quite well | Extremely well | Unweighted N |
| Provides strong leadership | 34% | 14% | 27% | 25% | 2499 |
| Has the mental soundness to serve effectively as president | 38% | 12% | 26% | 24% | 2499 |
| Really cares about people like you | 32% | 15% | 24% | 29% | 2500 |
| Honest | 34% | 14% | 26% | 26% | 2500 |
| Moral | 29% | 17% | 23% | 31% | 2499 |
| Knowledgeable | 26% | 18% | 28% | 28% | 2500 |
| Patriotic | 24% | 16% | 26% | 34% | 2499 |

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| How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump? | | | | | |
| **Trump Traits** | Not well at all | Not too well | Quite well | Extremely well | Unweighted N |
| Provides strong leadership | 45% | 11% | 13% | 31% | 2497 |
| Has the mental soundness to serve effectively as president | 44% | 12% | 14% | 30% | 2496 |
| Really cares about people like you | 50% | 8% | 16% | 25% | 2498 |
| Honest | 51% | 13% | 18% | 18% | 2498 |
| Moral | 50% | 15% | 19% | 15% | 2497 |
| Knowledgeable | 45% | 13% | 17% | 25% | 2498 |
| Patriotic | 36% | 13% | 15% | 36% | 2499 |

**Coronavirus**

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| Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the current coronavirus outbreak in the United States? | | | | | | |
| **Approval of how each handled coronavirus outbreak** | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Neither approve nor disapprove | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | Unweighted N |
| President Donald Trump | 24% | 16% | 7% | 7% | 47% | 2499 |
| The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) | 17% | 35% | 19% | 18% | 11% | 2500 |
| The World Health Organization (WHO) | 17% | 29% | 19% | 13% | 21% | 2498 |
| Your State’s Governor | 27% | 26% | 12% | 11% | 25% | 2500 |
| Democrats in Congress | 16% | 24% | 17% | 13% | 29% | 2500 |
| Republicans in Congress | 11% | 20% | 15% | 15% | 38% | 2499 |
| Your local government officials | 19% | 35% | 20% | 14% | 12% | 2500 |

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| When do you expect the coronavirus outbreak will be controlled enough that people will be able to fully resume their regular daily routines (that were changed because of the pandemic)? | |
| **Expect coronavirus to be controlled enough to resume daily routines** | All |
| It has already been sufficiently controlled | 12% |
| In a few weeks | 4% |
| By the end of the year | 15% |
| By next summer | 34% |
| Longer than that | 34% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

**Democratic Principles**

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| How important are each of the following to the United States maintaining a strong democracy? | | | | | |
| **Importance in maintaining a strong democracy** | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | Unweighted N |
| That the rights of people with unpopular views are protected | 66% | 26% | 6% | 2% | 2500 |
| That national elections are open and fair | 89% | 7% | 2% | 2% | 2499 |
| That news organizations are free to criticize political leaders | 61% | 20% | 11% | 8% | 2499 |
| That people have the right to non-violent protest | 75% | 17% | 5% | 3% | 2499 |
| That there is a system of checks and balances dividing power between the President, Congress, and the courts | 82% | 14% | 2% | 2% | 2498 |

**Supreme Court**

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| As you may know, Amy Coney Barrett is the federal judge President Trump nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Do you personally think that President Trump should be the one to appoint the justice who will fill the seat, or do you think that the president elected in November should be the one to make the appointment? | |
| **Trump or next elected president should appoint next justice** | All |
| President Trump should be the one to appoint the justice who will fill the seat | 42% |
| The person elected president in November should be the one to appoint the justice who will fill the seat | 52% |
| Don’t know | 6% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

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| Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Barrett serving on the Supreme Court, or not? | |
| **Like to see Senate vote for Amy Coney Barrett** | All |
| Yes, vote in favor | 44% |
| No, not vote in favor | 43% |
| Unsure | 13% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

**Election Outcomes**

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| How confident are you that votes will be counted accurately in the election? | |
| **Confidence votes will be counted** | All |
| Very confident | 23% |
| Somewhat confident | 39% |
| Not too confident | 23% |
| Not at all confident | 12% |
| Don’t know | 3% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| Regardless of who you support, are you prepare to accept the outcome of the election as legitimate or are you not prepared to do that at this time? | |
| **Prepared to accept election outcome as legitimate** | All |
| prepared to accept as legitimate | 53% |
| not prepared to do that at this time | 17% |
| Don’t know | 29% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

**Perceptions of Misinformation**

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| How much of a problem do you think made-up news and information that is intended to mislead the public are in the country today? | |
| **Extent of made-up news and misinformation problem** | All |
| A very big problem | 63% |
| A moderately big problem | 23% |
| A small problem | 9% |
| Not a problem at all | 2% |
| Don’t know | 3% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |

**Personal Economic Circumstances**

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| Over the past 6 months how worried have you been about your personal finances? | |
| **Worried about personal finances in last 6 months** | All |
| Very worried | 22% |
| Somewhat worried | 36% |
| Not very worried | 27% |
| Not at all worried | 14% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| Thinking about your household’s finances today, do you feel your household is financially prepared for the unexpected? | |
| **Financially prepared for the unexpected** | All |
| Very prepared | 18% |
| Somewhat prepared | 45% |
| Not very prepared | 21% |
| Not at all prepared | 16% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

**Gender Roles**

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| Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each statement. | | | |
|  | Strongly agree, Somewhat agree | Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree | Unweighted N |
| Women should return to their traditional roles in society | 19% | 81% | 2499 |
| When women demand equality these days, they are actually seeking special favors | 31% | 69% | 2498 |
| Women often miss out on good jobs because of discrimination | 67% | 33% | 2499 |
| Women who complain about harassment often cause more problems than they solve. | 29% | 71% | 2499 |
| Sexual harassment against women in the workplace is no longer a problem in the United States. | 20% | 80% | 2499 |
| Increased opportunities for women have significantly improved the quality of life in the United States. | 86% | 14% | 2498 |

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| Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) during the past year? (Select all that apply) | |
| **Personally or know someone diagnosed with COVID-19** | All |
| Yes, I have | 5% |
| Yes, family member | 20% |
| Yes, friend | 31% |
| Yes, co-worker | 13% |
| No, do not know anyone | 47% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| How did your work status change this year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic or did it not change? (Select all that apply) | |
| **Work change as a result of pandemic** | All |
| Hours reduced | 10% |
| Hours reduced then restored | 7% |
| Temporarily laid off | 5% |
| Temporarily laid off then re-hired | 4% |
| Lost job | 8% |
| Not working when pandemic began | 25% |
| Work status did not change | 44% |
| Reduced compensation but same hours | 3% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

**Demographics**

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| **Age** |  |
| 30 and under | 20% |
| 31-40 | 15% |
| 41-50 | 13% |
| 51-60 | 20% |
| 61-70 | 20% |
| Over 70 | 12% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Gender** |  |
| Male | 47% |
| Female | 53% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Race** |  |
| White | 73% |
| Black | 12% |
| Hispanic | 10% |
| Asian | 2% |
| Native American | 1% |
| Middle Eastern | 0% |
| Two or more races | 2% |
| Other | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Education** |  |
| No HS | 2% |
| High school graduate | 31% |
| Some college | 21% |
| 2-year | 10% |
| 4-year | 23% |
| Post-grad | 13% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Marital Status** |  |
| Married | 51% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 11% |
| Widowed | 6% |
| Never married | 26% |
| Domestic / civil partnership | 4% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Employment Status** |  |
| Full-time | 37% |
| Part-time | 11% |
| Temporarily laid off | 3% |
| Unemployed | 8% |
| Retired | 23% |
| Permanently disabled | 7% |
| Homemaker | 5% |
| Student | 3% |
| Other | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Family income** |  |
| Less than $10,000 | 6% |
| $10,000 - $19,999 | 8% |
| $20,000 - $29,999 | 9% |
| $30,000 - $39,999 | 8% |
| $40,000 - $49,999 | 8% |
| $50,000 - $59,999 | 7% |
| $60,000 - $69,999 | 6% |
| $70,000 - $79,999 | 8% |
| $80,000 - $99,999 | 8% |
| $100,000 - $119,999 | 7% |
| $120,000 - $149,999 | 5% |
| $150,000 - $199,999 | 4% |
| $200,000 - $249,999 | 1% |
| $250,000 - $349,999 | 1% |
| $350,000 - $499,999 | 0% |
| $500,000 or more | 1% |
| Prefer not to say | 11% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **7 point Party ID** |  |
| Strong Democrat | 28% |
| Not very strong Democrat | 9% |
| Strong Republican | 22% |
| Not very strong Republican | 8% |
| Lean Democrat | 11% |
| Lean Republican | 10% |
| Independent | 11% |
| Not sure | 1% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |

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| **Ideology** |  |
| Very liberal | 13% |
| Liberal | 19% |
| Moderate | 26% |
| Conservative | 22% |
| Very conservative | 14% |
| Not sure | 5% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |
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| **Political Interest** |  |
| Most of the time | 61% |
| Some of the time | 24% |
| Only now and then | 9% |
| Hardly at all | 4% |
| Don't know | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 2499 |
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| **Church attendance** |  |
| More than once a week | 10% |
| Once a week | 20% |
| Once or twice a month | 7% |
| A few times a year | 12% |
| Seldom | 19% |
| Never | 31% |
| Don't know | 2% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |
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| **Importance of religion** |  |
| Very important | 40% |
| Somewhat important | 23% |
| Not too important | 14% |
| Not at all important | 23% |
| Unweighted N | 2500 |