WORKTRENDS

Topline Survey Results

Work Trends Pre-election and Post-election Surveys

May 2021

Pre-election Survey

- ▶ Ipsos Public Affairs, LLC
- ▶ October 21 to November 1, 2020
- ▶ Web-based survey conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs, LLC
- ▶ National, adults age 18+
- ▶ N=810
- ▶ Margin of error: ±3.80%
- ▶ Design effect: 1.2198
- ▶ Half sample A: N=398; margin of error: ±5.4%
- ▶ Half sample B: N=409; margin of error: ±5.4%

Post-election Survey

- ▶ Ipsos Public Affairs, LLC
- ▶ December 4 to 14, 2020
- ▶ Web-based survey conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs, LLC
- ▶ National, adults age 18+
- ▶ N=814
- ▶ Margin of error: ±3.77%
- ▶ Design effect: 1.2029
- ▶ Half sample A: N=406; margin of error: ±5.3%
- ▶ Half sample B: N=401; margin of error: ±5.4%

Weighted percentages and unweighted sample sizes are presented.

Percentage totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Refusals are counted as missing data and are not displayed in the topline.

Questions are based on total sample unless otherwise noted.

* indicates value of less than 0.5%

Q1. Which of the following best describes you?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Employed	58%	56%
Unemployed and looking for work	5%	6%
Unemployed and not looking for work	8%	6%
On temporary layoff from a job (furlough)	2%	2%
In the military	*	*
Retired	22%	23%
Unable to work	5%	6%
Total	100%	99%
N	810	814

Q2. Do you expect to return to your job in the next six months?

Based on temporary leave from job (furlough)

	Pre-election
Yes	20%
No	10%
Don't know	71%
Total	101%
N	13

Q3. Thinking about your retirement…which of the following statements best describes what you're doing now?

Based on retired

	Pre-election	Post-election
I'm retired, but I work for pay for the needed income it provides	*	3%
I'm retired, but I work for pay for interest or enjoyment	8%	8%
I do not work for pay at all	91%	89%
Total	99%	100%
N	231	246

Q1a. Thinking about your current job [most recent job]…if you work [worked] in multiple jobs, please think about the one you consider [considered] your primary occupation. How are [were] you paid?

Pre-election based on employed, retired but working, or unemployed and looking for work

Post-election based on employed or retired but working

	Pre-election	Post-election
Salary	40%	45%
Hourly	49%	46%
Self-employed	9%	7%
Receive/[received]commission/stipend	2%	3%
Total	100%	101%
N	492	461

Q1b. Which of the following categories best describes how many hours you work [worked] in a typical week? If you have more than one job, please think about the total number of hours you work in a typical week.

Pre-election based on employed, retired but working, or unemployed and looking for work

Post-election based on employed or retired but working

	Pre-election	Post-election
1 to 14 hours	7%	7%
15 to 20 hours	5%	5%
21 to 30 hours	6%	6%
31 to 34 hours	4%	4%
35 to 40 hours	45%	41%
41 to 50 hours	28%	26%
51 or more hours	7%	9%
Total	102%	98%
N	491	460

Q1c. Do you currently have health insurance?

	Pre-election
Yes, from current employer	37%
Yes, from previous employer (such as COBRA or other)	3%
Yes, from other family member	19%
Yes, Medicaid or Medicare	28%
Yes, other	6%
No	7%
Total	100%
N	808

Q4. How much confidence do you have that the government in Washington, D.C. will make progress over the next year on the most important problems facing the country?

	Pre-election	Post-election
A lot of confidence	7%	12%
Some confidence	39%	37%
Not much confidence	42%	32%
No confidence at all	12%	19%
Total	100%	100%
N	804	812

Q5. How would you rate the current state of the national economy?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Excellent	3%	3%
Good	28%	27%
Only fair	42%	41%
Poor	26%	29%
Total	99%	100%
N	810	813

Q6. A year from now, do you expect economic conditions in the country as a whole will be:

[RANDOMIZE BETTER/WORSE]

	Pre-election	Post-election
Better	50%	46%
Worse	17%	30%
The same as now	33%	24%
Total	100%	100%
N	805	813

Q6A. In the next year, how important is it that Democrats and Republicans work together to develop strategies to strengthen the economy?

	Post-election
Very important	80%
Somewhat important	14%
Not too important	3%
Not at all important	2%
Total	99%
N	811

Q6B. In the next year, how likely is it that Democrats and Republicans will work together to develop strategies to strengthen the economy?

	Post-election
Very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not too likely	41%
Not at all likely	22%
Total	100%
N	809

Q7. Thinking about you and your family and the national economy, would you describe yourself as:

	Pre-election	Post-election
Unconcerned	16%	9%
Concerned	58%	61%
Worried	21%	25%
Scared	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%
N	808	811

Q8. How well do you think the government in Washington, D.C. is doing addressing the job situation in America?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Excellent	6%	5%
Good	25%	19%
Only fair	33%	42%
Poor	37%	35%
Total	101%	101%
N	807	814

Q9. And thinking about the job situation in America today, would you say that now is a good time or a bad time to find a quality job?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Good time	28%	27%
Bad time	72%	73%
Total	100%	100%
N	805	811

Q10. Just your best guess...is the COVID-19 pandemic causing the U.S. economy to experience

(RANDOMIZE: [a temporary downturn] OR [fundamental and lasting changes]?)

	Pre-election	Post-election
A temporary downturn	51%	43%
Fundamental and lasting changes	49%	57%
Total	100%	100%
N	807	808

Q11. Thinking about some economic issues…Please mark how concerned you are about each one. How concerned are you about…

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED, A-B-C ASKED FIRST IN RANDOM ORDER]

a. The current unemployment rate

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	38%	41%
Somewhat concerned	42%	43%
Not too concerned	18%	14%
Not concerned at all	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%
N	807	809

b. The job market for those looking for work

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	37%	43%
Somewhat concerned	44%	43%
Not too concerned	16%	11%
Not concerned at all	3%	3%
Total	100%	100%
N	807	810

c. Job security for those currently working

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	26%	29%
Somewhat concerned	49%	54%
Not too concerned	22%	14%
Not concerned at all	4%	3%
Total	101%	100%
N	809	810

d. Your own job security

Based on employed or retired but working

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	11%	13%
Somewhat concerned	24%	29%
Not too concerned	40%	36%
Not concerned at all	25%	21%
Total	100%	99%
N	465	461

e. The ability to financially support you and your family

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	19%	20%
Somewhat concerned	30%	32%
Not too concerned	35%	32%
Not concerned at all	16%	15%
Total	100%	99%
N	806	811

f. The amount of stress in your life

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	23%	28%
Somewhat concerned	38%	36%
Not too concerned	30%	28%
Not concerned at all	9%	9%
Total	100%	101%
N	809	814

g. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	54%	59%
Somewhat concerned	37%	33%
Not too concerned	8%	6%
Not concerned at all	2%	1%
Total	101%	99%
N	810	813

h. The impact of technology on jobs, such as automation of jobs

	Pre-election	Post-election
Very concerned	20%	20%
Somewhat concerned	39%	40%
Not too concerned	33%	34%
Not concerned at all	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%
N	809	813

Q12. Which of the following issues concerns you the most?

Based on more than one "very concerned" response in Q11

	Pre-election
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy	50%
The ability to financially support you and your family	18%
The job market for those looking for work	10%
The amount of stress in your life	8%
Job security for those currently working	5%
The current unemployment rate	4%
The impact of technology on jobs	4%
Your own job security	1%
Total	100%
N	392

Q13. Please indicate which you think will happen in each of the following areas.

Will it soon return to the way it was before the pandemic; will it return to the way it was before the pandemic, but not for many years; or will it not return to the way it was before the pandemic?

a. The availability of good jobs at good pay for those who want to work

	Pre-election	Post-election
It will soon return to way it was before the pandemic	31%	25%
Not for many years	45%	48%
Will not return	23%	27%
Total	99%	100%
N	809	812

b. A lower unemployment rate

	Pre-election	Post-election
It will soon return to way it was before the pandemic	34%	25%
Not for many years	48%	52%
Will not return	19%	23%
Total	101%	100%
N	806	810

c. Workers feeling secure in their jobs

	Pre-election	Post-election
It will soon return to way it was before the pandemic	28%	21%
Not for many years	45%	50%
Will not return	27%	28%
Total	100%	99%
N	807	810

d. The ability of young people to afford college

	Pre-election	Post-election
It will soon return to the way it was before the pandemic	28%	24%
Not for many years	33%	38%
Will not return	39%	37%
Total	100%	99%
N	805	807

Q14. Please indicate which of the following two statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

▶ Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard

▶ Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people

Pre-election based on half sample A

Post-election based on total sample

	Pre-election	Post-election
Can get ahead with hard work	58%	55%
No guarantee of success	42%	45%
Total	100%	100%
N	398	811

Q15a. Please indicate which of the following two statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

▶ Most women who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard

▶ Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most women

Based on half sample A

	Post-election
Can get ahead with hard work	50%
No guarantee of success	50%
Total	100%
N	406

Q15b. Please indicate which of the following two statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right:

▶ Most racial minorities who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard

▶ Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most racial minorities

Pre-election based on half sample B

Post-election based on half sample B

	Pre-election	Post-election
Can get ahead with hard work	54%	49%
No guarantee of success	46%	51%
Total	100%	100%
N	409	401

Q16. Please indicate to what degree you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It's not hard to find a job in America if you really want to work

	Pre-election	Post-election
Strongly agree	29%	24%
Somewhat agree	39%	41%
Somewhat disagree	23%	27%
Strongly disagree	9%	9%
Total	100%	101%
N	810	813

Q17. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Overall, job, career, and employment opportunities will be better for the next generation than for my generation.

	Pre-election	Post-election
Strongly agree	7%	5%
Somewhat agree	41%	34%
Somewhat disagree	43%	49%
Strongly disagree	9%	11%
Total	100%	99%
N	805	809

Q18. Please indicate whether you think each of the following things are a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to American workers.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

a. Illegal immigrants taking jobs from Americans

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	26%	28%
Minor threat	36%	37%
Not a threat	38%	35%
Total	100%	100%
N	809	813

b. Competition and cheap labor from other countries

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	54%	60%
Minor threat	41%	34%
Not a threat	5%	6%
Total	100%	100%
N	807	814

c. Corporate decision-making moving jobs to other countries

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	63%	66%
Minor threat	32%	30%
Not a threat	4%	5%
Total	99%	101%
N	808	814

d. Technology, such as automation of jobs

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	29%	35%
Minor threat	60%	53%
Not a threat	11%	12%
Total	100%	100%
N	808	814

e. The government in Washington, D.C.

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	53%	55%
Minor threat	36%	34%
Not a threat	11%	10%
Total	100%	99%
N	807	810

f. Employers filling job vacancies with temporary contract workers, rather than hiring permanent full-time workers

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	44%	49%
Minor threat	48%	43%
Not a threat	8%	8%
Total	100%	100%
N	808	814

g. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	68%	76%
Minor threat	29%	22%
Not a threat	4%	2%
Total	101%	100%
N	810	813

h. Racial discrimination

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major threat	42%	44%
Minor threat	39%	36%
Not a threat	19%	20%
Total	100%	100%
N	808	814

Q19. You indicated that the following things are a major threat to American workers. Which is the biggest threat?

Based on selected more than one "major threat" in Q18

	Pre-election
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic	34%
The government in Washington, DC	20%
Corporate decision-making moving jobs to other countries	11%
Employers filling job vacancies with temporary contract workers, rather than hiring permanent full-time workers	10%
Competition and cheap labor from other countries	8%
Racial discrimination	7%
Illegal immigrants taking jobs from Americans	5%
Technology, such as automation of jobs	4%
Total	99%
N	668

Q20. When people are laid off from work, who should be mainly responsible for helping them? Is it government, employers, or workers themselves?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Government	49%	49%
Employers	25%	29%
Workers	26%	22%
Total	100%	100%
N	803	812

Q22. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Government should assist laid-off workers by extending their unemployment insurance benefits

	Pre-election	Post-election
Strongly agree	36%	38%
Somewhat agree	41%	41%
Somewhat disagree	15%	15%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%
N	810	814

b. Government should assist laid-off workers by paying for education and training for new jobs and careers

	Pre-election	Post-election
Strongly agree	28%	28%
Somewhat agree	46%	46%
Somewhat disagree	18%	18%
Strongly disagree	9%	8%
Total	101%	100%
N	810	814

c. Government should offer temporary community service jobs to individuals so they can earn money while working in their local communities

	Pre-election	Post-election
Strongly agree	40%	37%
Somewhat agree	45%	49%
Somewhat disagree	10%	10%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%
Total	100%	101%
N	810	813

Q22B. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Government should raise the federal minimum wage to at least $15 per hour

	Post-election
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	23%
Somewhat disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	17%
Total	101%
N	814

b. Government should fund projects to build roads, bridges, and schools, and to prepare for natural disasters, such as storms and flooding

	Post-election
Strongly agree	61%
Somewhat agree	33%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	2%
Total	100%
N	812

c. Government should eliminate college loan debts for low- and moderate-income individuals

	Post-election
Strongly agree	31%
Somewhat agree	29%
Somewhat disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	21%
Total	100%
N	814

Q22D. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Government should provide state and local governments with aid to ensure that educators, firefighters, and other essential workers aren't laid off

	Post-election
Strongly agree	53%
Somewhat agree	33%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	4%
Total	100%
N	813

b. Government should provide temporary financial assistance to small, main street businesses and entrepreneurs

	Post-election
Strongly agree	45%
Somewhat agree	45%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	2%
Total	101%
N	812

c. Government should fund programs to hire people to help fight the pandemic by establishing a public health jobs corps

	Post-election
Strongly agree	35%
Somewhat agree	41%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	8%
Total	99%
N	813

d. Government should ensure workers can take paid family leave when needed so they can care for themselves, their children, or close relatives

	Post-election
Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	35%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	5%
Total	99%
N	813

DISPLAY TO ALL: Thinking about you and your family...

Q23. How would you rate your own personal financial situation?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Excellent shape	16%	15%
Good shape	48%	46%
Fair shape	28%	29%
Poor shape	9%	10%
Total	101%	100%
N	805	812

Q24. Over the next year, do you think your family's finances will:

	Pre-election	Post-election
Get a lot better	9%	7%
Get a little better	31%	30%
Stay the same	48%	48%
Get a little worse	9%	12%
Get a lot worse	2%	4%
Total	99%	101%
N	808	813

Q25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I often don't have enough money to make ends meet.

	Pre-election	Post-election
Agree	21%	26%
Disagree	79%	74%
Total	100%	100%
N	805	813

Q26. Have you and your family done any of the following since the COVID-19 pandemic began (beginning around March 2020)?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	Pre-election[1]	Post-election[2]
Reduced overall spending	63%	69%
Borrowed money from friends or family, other than adult children	8%	13%
Borrowed money against your house or from a bank	3%	5%
Declared personal bankruptcy	*	Not asked
Used money from savings set aside for other things or retirement, to make ends meet	18%	28%
Increased credit card debt	17%	22%
Sold some of your possessions to make ends meet	7%	Not asked
Moved in with family or friends to save money	2%	Not asked
Missed a credit card payment	6%	9%
Missed a mortgage or rent payment	4%	8%
Sought professional help for a stress-related disorder or depression	10%	12%
Taken a job you/a family member did not like	4%	Not asked
Used Food Stamps or received food from a nonprofit or religious organization	11%	13%
Cut back on doctor visits or medical treatment	19%	30%
N	810	814

Q28. In general, how much of an impact has the COVID-19 pandemic had on you and your family?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Major impact	27%	32%
Minor impact	58%	55%
Hardly any impact	15%	14%
Total	100%	101%
N	809	814

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[1] Format presented as check all that apply.

[2] Format presented as Yes/No. (N sizes are 810–814 for items.)

Q29. Please check off if you yourself have experienced the following, or if it describes someone you know, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020:

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

Percentages based on total sample

a. Tested positive or diagnosed with COVID-19

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	2%	5%
Another member of immediate household	4%	6%
A member of extended family	30%	36%
N	810	814

b. Hospitalized due to COVID-19

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	1%	1%
Another member of immediate household	2%	3%
A member of extended family	19%	23%
N	810	814

c. Passed away due to COVID-19 (DO NOT POPULATE "MYSELF")

	Pre-election	Post-election
Another member of immediate household	1%	2%
A member of extended family	16%	18%
N	810	814

d. Temporarily laid off from a full-time job or a part-time job

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	8%	9%
Another member of immediate household	11%	10%
A member of extended family	26%	26%
N	810	814

e. Permanently laid off from a full-time job or a part-time job

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	6%	7%
Another member of immediate household	6%	6%
A member of extended family	22%	21%
N	810	814

f. Lost a job during the pandemic, but since found a new job

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	4%	5%
Another member of immediate household	6%	6%
A member of extended family	21%	21%
N	810	814

g. Took a pay cut

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	9%	10%
Another member of immediate household	6%	9%
A member of extended family	21%	20%
N	810	814

h. Collected unemployment benefits

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	12%	12%
Another member of immediate household	14%	15%
A member of extended family	29%	27%
N	810	814

i. Supervised children enrolled in virtual or hybrid schooling

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	17%	16%
Another member of immediate household	13%	15%
A member of extended family	33%	30%
N	810	814

j. Required to take furlough days

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	7%	8%
Another member of immediate household	7%	9%
A member of extended family	23%	24%
N	810	814

k. Had to stop working to care for a family member, such as an elderly parent or child

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	3%	4%
Another member of immediate household	3%	5%
A member of extended family	15%	15%
N	810	814

l. Worked remotely or telecommuted

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	30%	31%
Another member of immediate household	25%	24%
A member of extended family	36%	38%
N	810	814

m. Had layoffs occur in your/their firm or workplace [ASK "MYSELF" IF EMPLOYED OR RETIRED BUT WORKING]

	Pre-election	Post-election
Myself	11%	11%[3]
Another member of immediate household	13%	14%
A member of extended family	30%	30%
N	810	814

Q29a. You did not select any responses to the previous question. Is that because none of the responses apply to you?

Based on no response to Q29 items

	Post-election
Yes, responses do not apply to me	100%
No	0%
Total	100%
N	92

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[3] Percentage based on the total sample.

DISPLAY TO ALL: On another subject…

Q31. How concerned are you that you might lose your job in the next year?

Based on employed or retired but working

	Pre-election	Post-election
Extremely concerned	5%	6%
Very concerned	6%	9%
Somewhat concerned	17%	17%
Not very concerned	38%	39%
Not at all concerned	34%	29%
Total	100%	100%
N	467	460

Q31a. How confident are you that if you lost or wanted to leave your current job, you could find another job as good or better?

Based on employed or retired but working

	Pre-election	Post-election
Extremely confident	11%	10%
Very confident	17%	17%
Somewhat confident	37%	35%
Not very confident	25%	26%
Not at all confident	10%	13%
Total	100%	101%
N	466	458

Q32. People react differently to the most important issues facing our country. Please check off the words that describe how you feel.

	Pre-election	Post-election
Anxious	45%	41%
Helpless	19%	23%
Depressed	22%	24%
Angry	32%	36%
Motivated	18%	13%
Hopeless	13%	15%
Hopeful	39%	39%
Stressed	47%	48%
Eager for a new start	37%	35%
N	810	814

DISPLAY TO ALL: On another subject…

QPARTY1. All things considered, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

	Pre-election	Post-election
Democrat	35%	37%
Republican	32%	31%
Independent	25%	26%
Something else	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%
N	809	813

QPARTY2. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Based on Independent/Something Else/Refused

	Pre-election	Post-election
Democratic party	37%	29%
Republican party	27%	32%
Neither	36%	39%
Total	100%	100%
N	274	258

QIDEOLOGY. Do you think of yourself as a:

[ROTATE 1-3, 3-1]

	Pre-election	Post-election
Liberal	23%	21%
Moderate	46%	49%
Conservative	31%	30%
Total	100%	100%
N	805	812

Q20ELEC2.
PRE-ELECTION: Thinking personally, how much do you think who wins the 2020 presidential election will affect your life?
POST-ELECTION: Thinking personally, how much do you think the election of Joe Biden will affect your life?

	Pre-election	Post-election
A great deal	45%	31%
Pretty much	24%	23%
Some	21%	32%
Not much/not at all	10%	13%
Total	100%	99%
N	810	812

Q20ELEC4a. Regardless of your party or who you plan to vote for, please mark how confident you are that Joe Biden will handle each of the following issues if he is elected president.

Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Joe Biden will…

	Pre-election				
	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not too Confident	Not at all Confident	N
Build a stronger economy	19%	31%	21%	29%	806
Help people living on pensions/fixed incomes	20%	35%	20%	24%	807
Lower the unemployment rate in the next year	16%	34%	22%	28%	804
Boost the stock market	12%	33%	25%	31%	807
Create more jobs	18%	32%	22%	28%	807
Safely manage the COVID-19 pandemic	31%	28%	17%	24%	808

Q20ELEC4a. Regardless of your party or who you plan to vote for, please mark how confident you are that president-elect Joe Biden will handle each of the following issues.

Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Joe Biden will...

	Post-election				
	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not too Confident	Not at all Confident	N
Build a stronger economy	22%	30%	23%	26%	806
Help people living on pensions/fixed incomes	17%	35%	25%	23%	808
Lower the unemployment rate in the next year	18%	32%	26%	23%	805
Boost the stock market	15%	32%	29%	24%	804
Create more jobs	18%	34%	25%	23%	806
Safely manage the COVID-19 pandemic	33%	30%	17%	21%	807

Q20ELEC4b. Regardless of your party or who you plan to vote for, please mark how confident you are that Donald Trump will handle each of the following issues if he is re-elected president.

Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Donald Trump will...

	Pre-election				
	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not too Confident	Not at all Confident	N
Build a stronger economy	30%	21%	18%	31%	809
Help people living on pensions/fixed incomes	16%	24%	20%	40%	805
Lower the unemployment rate in the next year	25%	24%	19%	32%	809
Boost the stock market	30%	29%	20%	21%	806
Create more jobs	26%	24%	19%	31%	807
Safely manage the COVID-19 pandemic	19%	20%	14%	46%	808

Q20ELEC5. A year from now, will economic conditions in the country as a whole be:

[RANDOMIZE "Better if Donald Trump wins re-election" and "Better if Joe Biden wins the election"]

	Pre-election
Better if Donald Trump wins re-election	39%
Better if Joe Biden wins the election	41%
Will not make a difference either way	20%
Total	100%
N	808

Q20ELEC3. Have you already voted, or do you plan to vote in the upcoming election?

	Pre-election
Yes, have voted by mail	32%
Yes, have voted in person	16%
Yes, plan to vote by mail	10%
Yes, plan to vote in person	28%
No, don't plan to vote	7%
Not registered to vote	4%
Unsure	4%
Total	101%
N	810

Q20ELEC3. Did you vote in the November election?

	Post-election
Yes, voted	84%
No, did not vote	10%
Not registered to vote	6%
Unsure	*
Total	100%
N	814

Q20ELEC6. [IF ALREADY VOTED: For which presidential candidate did you vote?] [IF PLANNING TO VOTE OR UNSURE: How do you think you will vote in the election for president in November?]

[RANDOMIZE "For Joe Biden" and "For Donald Trump"]

	Pre-election
For Joe Biden	51%
For Donald Trump	38%
Neither	3%
Other	2%
[IF PLANNING TO VOTE OR UNSURE] Undecided/Don't know	6%
Total	100%
N	743

Q20ELEC6. Which candidate did you vote for or support in the presidential election?

[RANDOMIZE "Joe Biden" and "Donald Trump"]

	Post-election
Joe Biden	48%
Donald Trump	38%
Neither/Other	11%
Don't know	3%
Total	100%
N	810

Q20ELEC7. [IF ALREADY VOTED: For which representatives in Congress did you vote?] [IF PLANNING TO VOTE OR UNSURE: How do you think you will vote in the election for your representatives in Congress in November?]

[RANDOMIZE "For the Democratic candidates" and "For the Republican candidates"]

	Pre-election
For the Democratic candidates	46%
For the Republican candidates	34%
For both Democratic and Republican candidates	9%
Neither Democratic or Republican candidates	2%
[IF PLANNING TO VOTE OR UNSURE] Undecided/Don't know	9%
Total	100%
N	742

Q20ELEC7. Which representatives in Congress did you vote for or support in the election?

[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Post-election
The Democratic candidates	41%
The Republican candidates	34%
Both Democratic and Republican candidates	10%
Neither Democratic or Republican candidates	9%
Don't know	6%
Total	100%
N	813

Appendix A: Methodological Statement

This report presents the results from two surveys using fresh samples conducted before (pre-) and after (post-) the November 3, 2020 presidential election. The pre-election survey was fielded October 21 to November 1, 2020 online with a national probability sample of 810 U.S. residents age 18 or older. The post-election survey was fielded December 4 to 14, 2020 online with a national probability sample of 814 U.S. residents age 18 or older. Both studies have been weighted separately using sample weights and post-stratification weights on various demographic categories such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, census region, education, metropolitan status, and household income.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for the pre-election sample of 810 respondents is ±3.80 percentage points, at a 95% confidence interval (design effect is 1.2198). The sampling error for the post-election sample of 814 respondents is ±3.77 percentage points, at a 95% confidence interval (the design effect is 1.2029). Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups, such as separate figures reported by party identification, are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or contextual effects.

The survey was conducted in English using Ipsos Public Affairs' web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population (all non-institutionalized adults age 18 or older who live in the United States). Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or by mail to participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate but do not already have Internet access, Ipsos provides at no cost a laptop and Internet Service Provider connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique login information for accessing surveys online, and are sent e-mails inviting them to participate in research.

Appendix B: Sample Composition and Notes

In this report, percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding. Refusals are excluded as missing data. Reported sample sizes are unweighted to reflect the sample composition of each survey. Reported percentages are weighted. A sample composition table is presented below for both the post-election and pre-election surveys.

Post-election Survey

Field Dates: December 4 to 14, 2020	Unweighted Sample Size	Approximate Margin of Error
Total Sample	814	±3.77%
Democrats (including leaners)	343	±5.80%
Republicans (including leaners)	380	±5.51%

Sample Composition	Unweighted Sample Size	Unweighted Percent
Gender		
Male	404	50%
Female	410	50%
Total	814	100%
Age		
18 to 34	170	21%
35 to 44	116	14%
45 to 64	288	35%
65+	240	30%
Total	814	100%
Education		
Less than high school	46	6%
High school degree	207	25%
Some college	235	29%
Bachelor's degree or higher	326	40%
Total	814	100%
Race/Ethnicity		
White, non-Hispanic	575	71%
Black, non-Hispanic	70	9%
Other, non-Hispanic	42	5%
Two+ races, non-Hispanic	27	3%
Hispanic	100	12%
Total	814	100%
Income		
Under $30,000	103	13%
$30,000 to $59,999	156	19%
$60,000 to $74,999	74	9%
$75,000 to $99,999	133	16%
$100,000 to $124,999	110	14%
$125,000+	238	29%
Total	814	100%
Party Identification		
Democrat, including leaners	343	42%
Republican, including leaners	380	47%
Independent	91	11%
Total	814	100%
Region		
Northeast	143	18%
Midwest	173	21%
South	282	35%
West	216	27%
Total	814	101%

Pre-election Survey

Field Dates: October 21 to November 1, 2020	Unweighted Sample Size	Approximate Margin of Error
Total sample	810	±3.80%
Democrats (including leaners)	330	±5.96%
Republicans (including leaners)	380	±5.56%

Sample Composition	Unweighted Sample Size	Unweighted Percent
Gender		
Male	405	50%
Female	405	50%
Total	810	100%
Age		
18 to 34	146	18%
35 to 44	119	15%
45 to 64	319	39%
65+	226	28%
Total	810	100%
Education		
Less than high school	54	7%
High school degree	216	27%
Some college	222	27%
Bachelor's degree or higher	318	39%
Total	810	100%
Race/Ethnicity		
White, non-Hispanic	585	72%
Black, non-Hispanic	63	8%
Other, non-Hispanic	34	4%
Two+ races, non-Hispanic	28	4%
Hispanic	100	12%
Total	810	100%
Income		
Under $30,000	112	14%
$30,000 to $59,999	163	20%
$60,000 to $74,999	68	8%
$75,000 to $99,999	98	12%
$100,000 to $124,999	110	14%
$125,000+	259	32%
Total	810	100%
Party Identification		
Democrat, including leaners	330	41%
Republican, including leaners	380	47%
Independent	99	12%
Total	809*	100%
Region		
Northeast	137	17%
Midwest	183	23%
South	305	38%
West	185	23%
Total	810	101%

* One respondent refused to answer the party identification question set