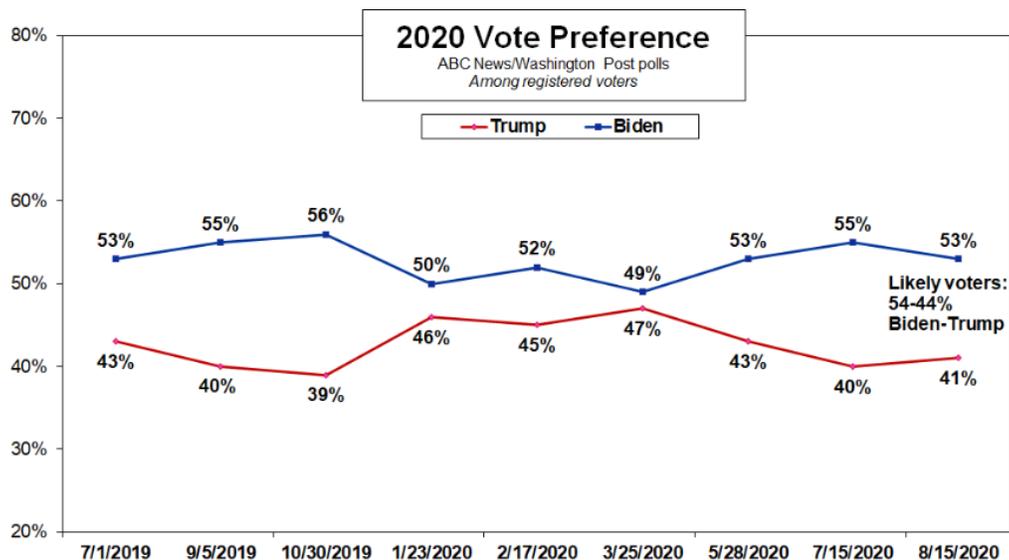


## **Election Advantage Stays with Biden; Enthusiasm Deficit Eases, but Remains**

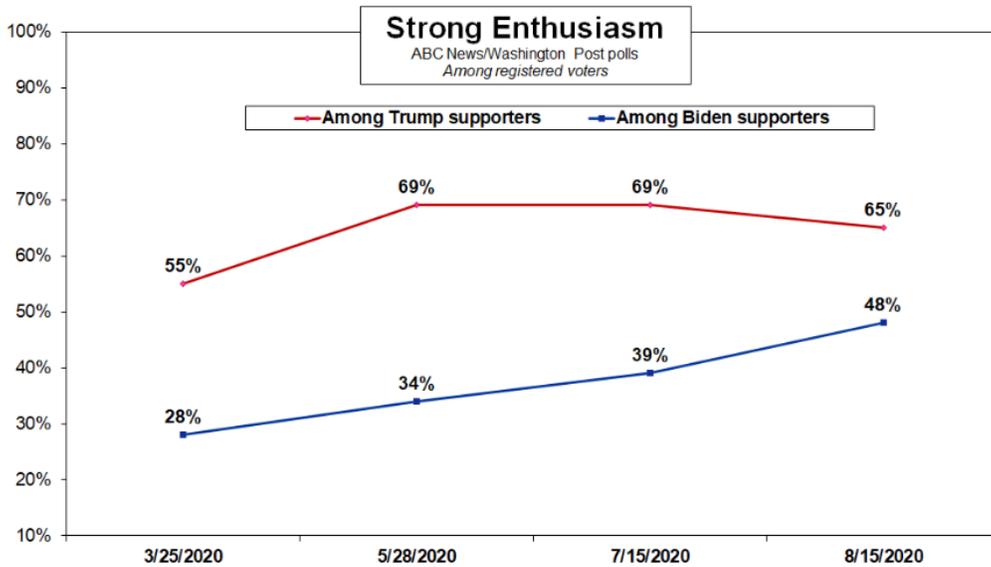
A welcome reception for Kamala Harris and rising enthusiasm for Joe Biden mark Donald Trump’s challenges in the 2020 election, as do two realities on the ground: Just 14 percent of Americans in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll say the coronavirus pandemic is under control, and two-thirds say the economy is in bad shape – the most since October 2014, when voters reacted with a vengeance.

As the virtual Democratic National Convention opens, Biden holds a 12 percentage-point lead over Trump among registered voters, 53-41 percent, and a similar 10 points among likely voters, 54-44 percent, with two and a half consequential months to go.



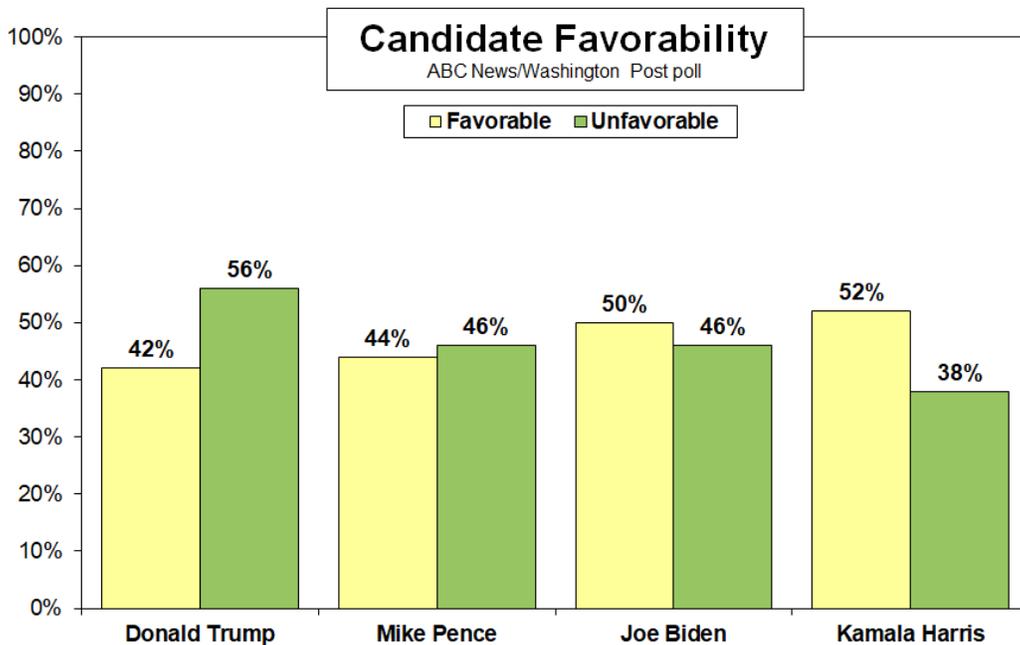
Beneath that result is an underlying shift: The share of Biden supporters who are very enthusiastic about supporting him has grown from 28 percent in March to 48 percent today. He still has a wide deficit on this gauge compared with Trump, with 65 percent strong enthusiasm, but it’s eased considerably. It’s a measure to watch because enthusiasm can encourage turnout, especially given the extra effort needed to vote in many states this year.

Biden’s enthusiasm score started up before he selected Harris; it’s risen in ABC/Post polls since May. Nonetheless, views of her selection are positive; as [reported](#) Sunday, Americans approve by a 25-point margin, 54-29 percent.



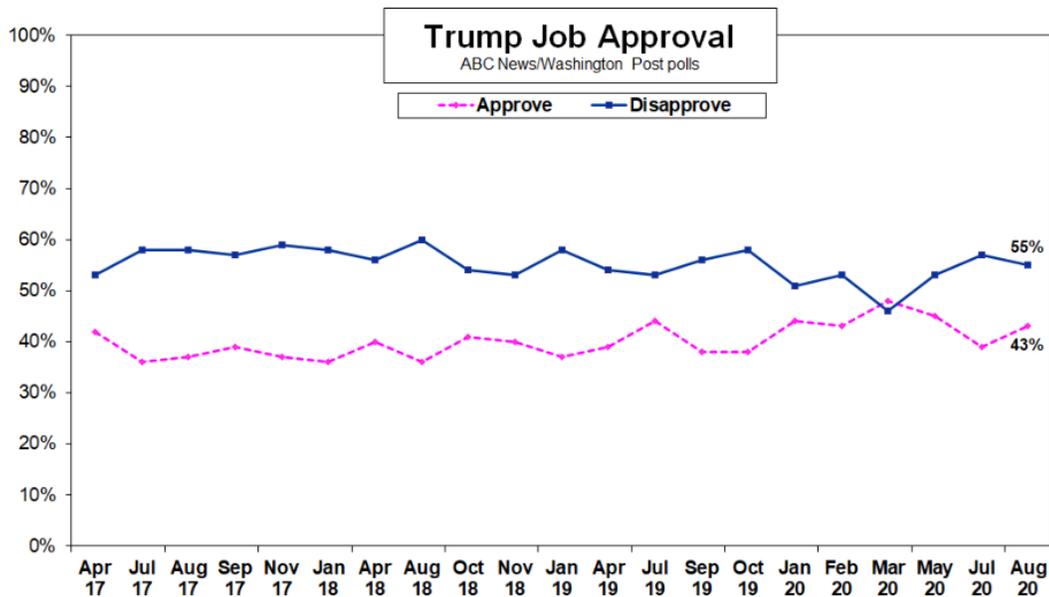
Moreover, 54 percent see Harris as qualified to take over as president if something happened to Biden, as many as say the same about Mike Pence and Trump. Just 33 percent see her as “too liberal,” a GOP line of attack. And a narrow majority, 52 percent, sees her favorably overall, the only one of the four to cross that line. Biden toes it, at 50 percent favorability, vs. 44 percent for Pence and 42 percent for Trump.

Trump is the only one in the group to be seen unfavorably by most Americans, 56 percent in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#). He’s seen strongly unfavorably rather than strongly favorably by a 17-point margin, 46-29 percent – about double the strongly negative margin for Biden, 8 points, 34-26 percent.



Looking back four years, Hillary Clinton had a favorability rating of 42 percent heading into her convention, 8 points below Biden’s now. By late October, she and Trump were equally unpopular, taking favorability off the table as a differentiating factor in that election.

TRUMP/PANDEMIC – Trump’s underwater favorability reflects views of his job performance overall – 43 percent approve, while 55 percent disapprove, similar to last month. He remains the only president in modern polling, since the Truman administration, never to reach majority approval, with the lowest career average approval as president on record. Further, strong disapprovers of Trump’s performance outnumber strong approvers by 18 points.

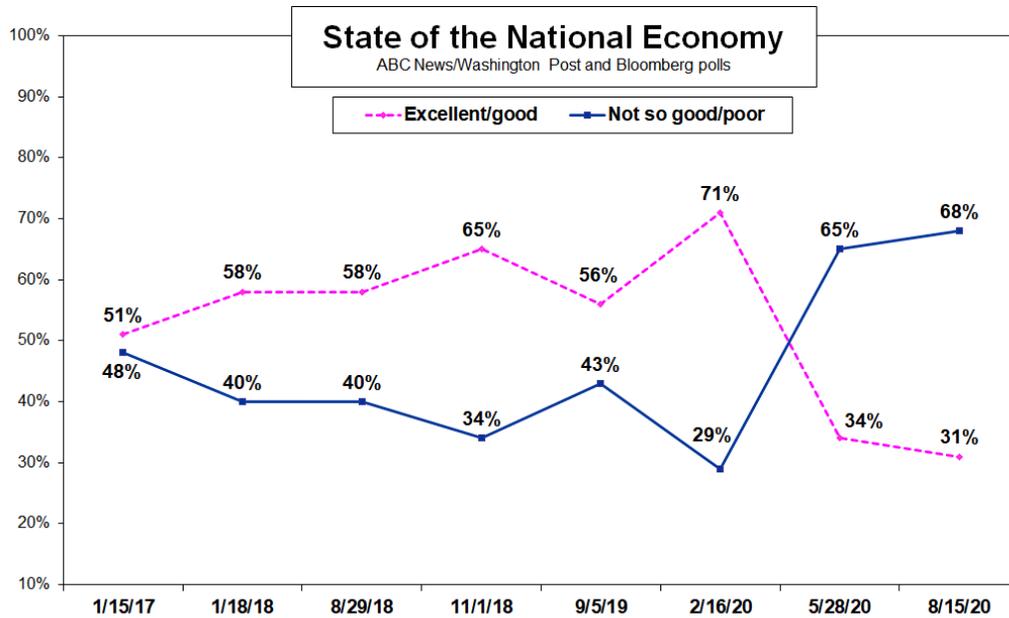


Fifty-nine percent disapprove specifically of Trump’s handling of the pandemic. As many say it has had severe economic impacts in their community. Sixty-five percent remain very or somewhat worried they may catch the virus, steady for months. And, as noted, just 14 percent say the outbreak is completely or mostly under control.

Compared with community-level economic impacts, fewer, 29 percent, report severe economic impacts of the pandemic on their personal finances. That rises in some groups, to about four in 10 Black people, Hispanics, lower-income and younger adults and, notably, politically independent women. Independents can be swing voters.

ECONOMY – Views of the broader economy typically outweigh personal finances in political considerations, and here is a root of Trump’s risks. Sixty-eight percent of Americans say the economy is in not-so-good or poor shape, the most, as noted, in ABC/Post polls since October 2014 – heading into the midterm elections that flipped the Senate to the then out-party Republicans and boosted their margin in the House.

Negative ratings of the economy are up 20 points since Trump took office, double their level in November 2018 and 39 points higher than in a Bloomberg survey in February, a month before the pandemic came crashing in.



These views matter: Among registered voters who say the economy is in excellent or good shape, 79 percent support Trump and Pence. Among those who say it’s in bad shape, by contrast, 70 percent support Biden and Harris – rising to 84 percent of those who give the economy the worst rating, poor.

Indeed, in a statistical analysis called regression, including controls for partisanship, ideology and demographic variables, discontent with the national economy is a significant independent predictor of vote preferences, as is worry about catching the coronavirus – both negatively for Trump.

**BETTER WITH BIDEN?** – Given current conditions, if voters cast a ballot on the basis of the economy, Trump’s got trouble. On the other hand, if it’s a question of whether Biden would have done a better job handling the economy, the ground is more even: The public splits roughly in thirds on whether, if Biden were president, the economy would be in better shape than it is now (32 percent), worse (35 percent) or about the same (30 percent).

That said, there are three other measures on which more people think things would be better than worse if Biden were president: Handling the country’s response to the pandemic (seen as better under Biden by a 22-point margin), health care (13 points) and race relations (26 points).

Trump prevails in assessments of whether safety from crime would be better or worse under Biden – 25 percent say better, 32 percent worse. The margin here is largest in rural areas, where Trump generally is more popular, but also is substantial, 20 points, among suburban whites.

	Under Biden			Better-worse margin
	Better	Worse	Same	
<b>Economy</b>	32%	35%	30%	-3
<b>Safety from crime</b>	25	32	41	-7
<b>Health care</b>	39	26	32	+13
<b>Pandemic response</b>	46	24	26	+22
<b>Race relations</b>	46	20	31	+26

It's an open question whether or not Harris, with her prosecutorial background, can offer Biden assistance on perceptions of handling crime. Informed that she's a former San Francisco district attorney and California attorney general, 32 percent say they have a more favorable opinion of her, 16 percent less favorable.

More broadly, as is typical for a vice presidential candidate, most people by far – 71 percent – say Harris won't have any impact on their voting decision. Of the rest, 17 percent say she makes them more likely to vote for the Democratic ticket, 10 percent less likely, a 7-point net positive, when each point can count.

The course of the campaign likely will matter here: In an epic case of VP-backfire, Palin's presence in 2008 started with 19 percent of registered voters saying it made them less likely to vote for the Republican ticket – and went as high as 46 percent (of likely voters) saying so.

**VOTE GROUPS** – Among registered voter groups, Biden leads Trump by 8 points in the suburbs, 51-43 percent, essentially steady since May. Biden's advantage is far bigger in urban areas, 67-29 percent, where he needs turnout. In rural areas Trump leads by 24 points, down from 47 in March as the pandemic has spread.

Critically, Biden has a 17-point lead among independents, 54-37 percent, potentially a swing group that Trump won by 4 points in 2016. Whites divide closely, 50-45 percent, Trump-Biden, compared with Trump +18 points in March; Biden's +45 points among racial and ethnic minorities. And men have moved toward the Democrat; they now divide 51-43 percent, Biden-Trump. Biden is +16 points among women.

**ONWARD** – Trump has reached for ideology as pushback. Overall, it may not fly: About as many Americans call him too conservative, 34 percent, as see Biden as too liberal, 36 percent. Similarly, 33 percent say Harris is too liberal; about as many, 36 percent, call Pence too conservative.

About equal numbers call all four of these candidates “about right” ideologically, 43 to 47 percent, with vast differences among groups, of course. As such, Trump's approach on ideology wars looks to be more about motivating his base than claiming a middle ground.

Overall, these results suggest the Democrats will pound hard on the economy and the pandemic, as well as their traditional advantages on health care and race relations, while Trump seeks to motivate his base, push on crime, and hope for improvements in the pandemic and the economy.

Biden, to be sure, has his own set of risks. Among registered voters, strong enthusiasm for his candidacy has grown especially among whites (+27 points since March, to 54 percent), people age 40 and older (up 25 points, to 60 percent) and mainline Democrats (up 24 points, to 58 percent). It's notably lower among racial and ethnic minorities, independents and younger adults – groups in which turnout can lag.

<b>Biden voters: very enthusiastic</b>	
<b>All</b>	48%
<b>Whites</b>	54
<b>Racial/ethnic minorities</b>	41
<b>Democrats</b>	58
<b>Independents</b>	33
<b>Age 40+</b>	60
<b>Age &lt; 40</b>	29

In the end, though, incumbent elections are first about the incumbent. Trump's support is more affirmative: Seventy-three percent of his backers say their aim is to support him, not to oppose Biden. For Biden, it's different: A majority of his voters, 59 percent, are more focused on beating Trump than on supporting Biden.

Negative motivations aren't always as powerful as positive ones, but they can suffice – as demonstrated by none other than Trump himself, four years ago. At this point in 2016, 57 percent of his supporters said they cared most about opposing Clinton, not supporting him – virtually matching the share of Biden supporters who say the same about Trump today.

**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Aug. 12-15, 2020, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 31-26-37 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling and data collection by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md. See details on the survey's methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

Q8 previously released. \* = less than 0.5 percent.

1. How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
8/15/20		80	47	33	20	9	11	*
8/15/20	RV	87	54	33	12	6	6	*
11/6/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
11/5/16	LV	94	64	29	6	4	2	*
11/4/16	LV	94	65	29	6	4	2	*
11/3/16	LV	94	65	29	6	3	2	1
11/2/16	LV	94	65	30	6	4	2	*
11/1/16	LV	94	67	27	6	3	2	*
10/31/16	LV	94	66	28	5	3	2	*
10/30/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	2	*
10/29/16	LV	95	68	27	5	3	2	*
10/28/16	LV	94	66	29	5	3	2	*
10/27/16	LV	94	66	28	6	3	3	*
10/26/16	LV	93	64	29	7	4	3	*
10/25/16	LV	92	62	30	7	5	3	*
10/24/16	LV	93	65	28	7	4	2	*
10/23/16	LV	94	66	28	6	4	2	*
10/22/16	LV	94	71	23	6	4	2	*
10/13/16	LV	94	66	28	5	4	1	1
9/22/16	LV	92	60	32	8	5	3	*
9/8/16	LV	92	59	33	8	5	3	*
1/24/16	RV	84	39	45	16	10	6	*
11/19/15		75	30	45	25	13	12	*

Call for full trend.

\*2/4/12 and previous "not too closely" instead of "not so closely"

2. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain	Probably	Chances	Less than	Don't think	Already	No
		to vote	vote	50/50	that	will vote	voted	op.
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8/15/20		72	7	8	9	4	NA	*
8/15/20	RV	86	5	5	3	1	NA	*
7/15/20	RV	86	5	5	2	*	NA	1
5/28/20	RV	84	9	4	2	1	NA	*
4/25/19	RV	85	8	6	1	*	NA	1
10/31/16	RV	72	4	4	3	1	16	0
10/30/16	RV	72	5	4	3	1	15	0
10/29/16	RV	73	6	4	3	1	14	0
10/28/16	RV	76	5	4	3	1	11	0
10/27/16	RV	77	6	4	3	1	9	*
10/26/16	RV	78	6	4	3	*	8	*
10/25/16	RV	79	6	5	3	*	6	*
10/24/16	RV	78	7	5	4	1	5	*
10/23/16	RV	79	7	5	3	1	5	*

10/22/16	RV	80	7	5	2	1	5	*
10/13/16	RV	85	6	5	3	1	1	0
9/22/16	RV	83	7	6	3	*	0	*
9/8/16	RV	81	8	6	5	1	NA	*
8/4/16	RV	81	8	6	4	1	NA	*
7/14/16	RV	79	10	5	3	1	NA	1
6/23/16	RV	79	8	7	4	2	NA	*
5/19/16	RV	80	9	5	3	2	NA	*

Call for full trend.

3. If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - GEN POP

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
8/15/20	41	53	*	3	2	2
7/15/20*	39	54	2	3	1	1
5/28/20	40	53	1	2	2	1
3/25/20	44	50	*	2	1	2
2/17/20	44	52	*	2	1	1
1/23/20	44	51	*	2	2	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	1
9/5/19	38	54	*	4	3	1
7/1/19	41	55	*	2	1	1

\*7/14/20 and prior: "2020 presidential election", "Joe Biden, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican"

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
8/15/20	41	53	*	3	1	2
7/15/20*	40	55	2	2	1	1
5/28/20	43	53	1	1	*	1
3/25/20	47	49	*	2	1	1
2/17/20	45	52	0	2	1	1
1/23/20	46	50	*	2	1	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	*
9/5/19	40	55	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	43	53	*	1	*	1

\*7/14/20 and prior: "2020 presidential election", "Joe Biden, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican"

4. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
8/15/20	86	59	27	11	7	5	2
8/15/20 RV	89	65	24	10	7	4	1
7/15/20	91	62	29	8	5	3	*
7/15/20 RV	94	69	25	6	4	2	*
5/28/20	87	64	23	11	7	4	1
5/28/20 RV	90	69	21	9	5	3	2
3/25/20	86	53	32	14	6	8	*

3/25/20 RV	86	55	31	13	6	7	*
10/31/16 RV	83	48	34	17	11	6	1
10/30/16 RV	83	51	32	16	10	6	*
10/29/16 RV	84	51	33	15	10	6	*
10/28/16 RV	83	52	31	17	11	6	*
10/27/16 RV	82	51	31	17	10	7	1
10/24/16 RV	83	51	32	17	10	7	1
10/23/16 RV	84	51	33	16	10	6	*
10/13/16 RV	78	44	34	22	13	9	*
9/22/16 RV	88	49	39	11	6	5	1
9/8/16 RV	83	46	37	17	11	6	*

5. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
8/15/20	79	44	36	20	9	10	1
8/15/20 RV	82	48	33	18	10	8	1
7/15/20	77	36	41	22	12	10	1
7/15/20 RV	79	39	40	20	10	10	1
5/28/20	74	31	43	25	13	12	*
5/28/20 RV	76	34	43	23	11	13	1
3/25/20	74	24	49	26	14	11	1
3/25/20 RV	74	28	46	26	14	11	*

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Biden?

	Support Trump	Oppose Biden	No opinion
8/15/20	74	24	2
8/15/20 RV	73	26	1

Compare to:

Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Clinton?

	Support Trump	Oppose Clinton	No opinion
11/5/16 LV	44	51	5
10/23/16 LV	41	54	5
10/22/16 LV	41	54	6
8/4/16 RV	40	56	4
7/14/16 RV	38	57	4
5/19/16 RV	44	53	4

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Do you mainly support Biden, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Biden	Oppose Trump	No opinion
8/15/20	41	56	4
8/15/20 RV	38	59	3

Compare to:

Do you mainly support Clinton, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Clinton	Oppose Trump	No opinion
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11/5/16	LV	55	42	3
10/23/16	LV	55	42	2
10/22/16	LV	56	42	2
8/4/16	RV	49	47	4
7/14/16	RV	44	54	2
5/19/16	RV	48	48	3

6/7 NET:

	---- Vote for Trump ----			---- Vote for Biden ----					Not			
	Support	Oppose	No	Support	Oppose	No	Oth.	Neither	vote	No		
	NET	Trump	Biden	op	NET	Biden	Trump	op	(vol)	(vol)	(vol)	op
8/15/20	41	30	10	1	53	21	29	2	*	3	2	2

9. Does Biden's choice of Harris for vice president make you more likely to vote for Biden, less likely, or won't it make any difference in your vote?

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion
8/15/20	17	10	71	2

Compare to:

Romney's choice of Ryan:

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion
8/25/12	14	14	70	2

Obama's choice of Biden:

11/2/08	LV	25	15	60	*
11/1/08	LV	28	14	58	*
9/29/08	LV	26	14	60	*
9/4/08	RV	22	11	66	1

McCain's choice of Palin:

11/2/08	LV	18	44	38	*
11/1/08	LV	17	46	37	*
9/29/08	LV	24	32	43	*
9/4/08	RV	25	19	55	1

Kerry's choice of Edwards:

7/25/08	RV	24	9	66	*
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Gore's choice of Lieberman:

8/7/00	All	15	10	73	2
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Bush's choice of Cheney:

7/29/00	RV	14	6	78	2
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Dole's choice of Kemp:

8/15/96	RV	18	6	75	1
8/14/96	RV	20	7	71	1
8/13/96	RV	21	7	70	3
8/12/96	RV	17	6	74	3
8/11/96	RV	16	5	76	3
8/10/96	RV	14	7	75	4

Perot's choice of Choate:

9/10/96	RV	4	7	86	4
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Bush's choice of Quayle:

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	Not voting for Bush	No opinion
9/19/88 RV	7	19	68	4	2
8/18/88 All	11	14	67	5	3
8/17/88 All	13	10	72	2	3

Dukakis' choice of Bentsen:

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	Not voting for Dukakis	No opinion
9/19/88 RV	20	6	71	2	1
7/17/88 All	13	8	73	2	4

Mondale's choice of Ferraro:

	More likely	Less likely	No difference	No opinion
7/12/84 RV	22	19	49	10

10. If something were to happen to [ITEM], do you think that [ITEM] would be qualified to take over as president of the United States, or not?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	Qualified	Not qualified	No opinion
a. Trump/Mike Pence	54	39	7
b. Biden/Harris	54	38	8

Compare to:

	Qualified	Not qualified	No opinion
Dan Quayle			
6/7/92	31	63	6
1/3/92*	44	50	6
10/29/91	44	52	4
5/5/91	40	57	4
2/26/91	43	49	7
8/8/89	38	52	11
11/6/90	41	53	6
8/8/89	38	52	11
10/11/88 LV	39	46	15
10/9/88 LV	37	49	14
8/18/88	18	22	61

Lloyd Bentsen

10/11/88 LV	77	11	12
10/9/88 LV	80	11	10
8/18/88	36	10	54

\* Washington Post

11. Before being elected to the U.S. Senate, Harris served as the San Francisco district attorney and then as California's attorney general. Does this background make your opinion of her more favorable, less favorable, or does it make no difference?

	More favorable	Less favorable	No difference	No opinion
8/15/20	32	16	51	1

On another subject...

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	43	29	15	55	7	47	2
7/15/20	39	28	11	57	9	48	3
5/28/20	45	32	12	53	11	42	3
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

13. Do you think [ITEM]'s views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
a. Trump	12	34	43	11
b. Biden	36	10	47	8
c. Pence	7	36	44	13
d. Harris	33	7	46	13

Trend where available:

a. No trend.

b. Biden

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
8/15/20	36	10	47	8
2/17/20	25	19	42	15
8/25/12	34	7	36	22

c-d: No trend.

14. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Trump	42	29	13	56	10	46	2
b. Biden	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
c. Pence	44	24	20	46	13	33	9
d. Harris	52	26	26	38	10	29	10

Trend where available:

a. Donald Trump

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	42	29	13	56	10	46	2
5/28/20	42	30	12	55	11	44	3
9/5/19	40	26	14	57	9	48	3
1/15/17	40	19	21	54	14	41	6
11/5/16 LV	38	21	17	60	10	50	3
10/29/16 RV	37	19	18	59	11	47	4
10/13/16	31	17	14	66	11	54	4
9/30/16	34	18	17	64	13	51	2
9/22/16	35	18	17	59	14	45	6
8/28/16	35	16	18	63	16	47	3
8/4/16	34	16	18	63	11	52	3
7/14/16	31	15	16	64	13	52	4
6/12/16	29	15	14	70	14	56	1
5/19/16	37	18	19	60	11	49	3
4/10/16	31	14	17	67	14	53	2
3/6/16	30	15	14	67	11	56	3
1/10/16	35	17	18	62	14	48	3
11/8/15	38	16	23	59	13	46	3
9/27/15	35	14	21	60	19	41	5
8/30/15	37	16	21	59	16	43	4
7/12/15	33	14	19	61	16	45	6
5/31/15	16	7	9	71	16	55	13
12/18/11	40	12	29	48	21	27	12
1/16/00*	20	NA	NA	70	NA	NA	11
10/31/99*	18	"	"	70	"	"	12

\*"Regardless of how you might vote, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump, or perhaps you don't know enough to say."

b. Joe Biden

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
5/28/20	46	21	26	48	13	35	6
9/5/19	53	23	29	37	16	21	10
10/11/15	45	16	29	40	19	22	15
8/30/15	46	15	30	46	20	26	9
1/20/13	48	22	26	37	14	23	15
8/19/12*	43	17	26	43	16	27	14
4/24/09	57	20	37	32	14	18	11
1/16/09	63	28	35	29	15	14	8
10/23/08 LV	59	31	28	33	13	20	9
9/29/08 RV	57	24	33	30	13	17	14
9/7/08 RV	51	23	27	29	13	16	20
9/4/08* RV	54	32	23	31	15	16	14

\*"the Democratic nominee for vice president"

c. Pence

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	44	24	20	46	13	33	9
8/4/16	38	14	23	26	12	14	36

d. Harris

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	

8/15/20	52	26	26	38	10	29	10
9/5/19	38	15	23	35	12	24	26

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/15/20	40	27	13	59	8	50	2
7/15/20	38	25	13	60	8	52	2
5/28/20	46	28	17	53	10	43	1
3/25/20	51	36	15	45	8	36	4
3/7/20*	41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	11

\*CNN

16. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1

Call for full trend.

17. How would you describe the economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on [ITEM] - would you say the economic impacts have been very severe, severe, moderate, or less than that?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	----- Severe -----			----- Not severe -----			No op.
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	
a. your community	59	22	37	40	32	8	1
b. your personal financial situation	29	12	16	70	33	37	1

Trend where available:

a. your community

	----- Severe -----			----- Not severe -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	
8/15/20	59	22	37	40	32	8	1
5/28/20	59	23	36	39	32	6	2
3/25/20	43	16	27	53	42	10	4

b. No trend.

18. If Biden were president, do you think [ITEM] would be better than [it is/they are] now, would be worse than [it is/they are] now, or would be about the same?

8/15/20 - Summary table

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
a. the economy	32	35	30	3

b. the country's response to the coronavirus outbreak	46	24	26	4
c. race relations	46	20	31	3
d. safety from crime	25	32	41	3
e. health care	39	26	32	3

19. How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	it (vol.)	op
8/15/20	65	31	34	29	15	14	5	*
7/15/20	66	33	33	29	17	12	5	1
5/28/20	63	30	33	35	22	13	2	*
3/25/20	69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20* RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

\*NBC/Wall Street Journal

20. Do you think the coronavirus outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

	-- More under control --			---- Less under control ----			No opinion
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	
8/15/20	14	3	10	85	39	46	1
7/15/20* RV	20	8	12	78	27	51	2
6/16/20 RV	23	7	16	75	43	33	2
5/20/20 RV	21	5	15	78	43	35	1

\*7/15/20 and previous: Fox News, "coronavirus in the United States"

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