

EMBARGOED UNTIL 6 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE & LIKELY VOTERS – FIRST OCTOBER SW [FREQUENCY REPORT OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 600 SAMPLE - ERROR ±4.0%]

Polling Dates: October 8, 2020 through October 12, 2020

Conducted by live interviewers – included 50% cell phones

__03. Thinking ahead to the November 3rd general election, how will you vote? Are you very certain to vote by going to your polling place, somewhat certain to vote at the polls, somewhat certain to vote by absentee ballot, or are you very certain to vote by absentee ballot?

44% Very certain to vote at the polls

2% Somewhat certain to vote at the polls

46% TOTAL VOTE POLLS

51% TOTAL VOTE ABSENTEE

3% Somewhat certain to vote absentee

48% Very certain to vote absentee (**COMBINED WITH Q.2** “Already voted by absentee”)

3% Undecided/Refused

__04. Overall, would you say that things in the country are generally headed in the right direction, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

30% Right direction

59% Wrong track

11% Undecided/Refused

__06. Now I am going to read a list of problems and issues that voters say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list of ten problems, please tell me which one problem or issue concerns you the most? [**READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 10 BELOW – CODE FIRST AND ONLY ONE RESPONSE**]

23% Reopening the economy, in-person schools, and restoring jobs lost to COVID 19

21% Protecting public health by reducing COVID 19 cases and deaths

12% Controlling violence and crime in the cities

8% Addressing systemic racism and discrimination

6% Improving infrastructure - roads, bridges, dams, drinking water & wastewater treatment

6% Improving the quality of education

5% Climate change and the environment – air, water, and the Great Lakes

5% Providing quality, affordable health care

4% Controlling taxes and government spending

2% Foreign policy and national security

--- **More than one - ASK: “But which one issue concerns you the most?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**

8% Undecided/Refused

Now, I am going to read the names of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him or her. If you have not heard a name, say so and we will move on. The first name is.. “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (him/her)?” [IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: “Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

[ROTATE Q.7 THROUGH Q.13]	<u>DO NOT RECOG</u>	<u>VERY FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>REF UNDEC</u>
_07. Donald Trump	0%	31%	41%	55%	49%	4%
_09. Joe Biden	0%	28%	51%	44%	34%	5%
_12. Mike Pence	2%	28%	42%	48%	36%	8%
_13. Kamala Harris	3%	27%	47%	40%	32%	10%

__14. Overall, how would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

23% Excellent
 18% Pretty good
41% TOTAL POSITIVE
57% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 11% Just fair
 46% Poor
 2% Undecided/Refused

__16. Thinking about the condition of the National economy and the employment situation, would you give the national economy a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

7% Excellent
 29% Pretty good
36% TOTAL POSITIVE
61% TOTAL NEGATIVE
 34% Just fair
 27% Poor
 3% Undecided/Refused

Thinking about the upcoming November general election ...

__17. If the election for President were held today, would you, or did you already vote for **[ROTATE]** Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, or one of the third party candidates?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: “Well, if the election was being held today, and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

38% Donald Trump the Republican
 1% Lean toward Trump the Republican
39% TOTAL VOTE TRUMP
 46% Joe Biden the Democrat
 2% Lean toward Biden the Democrat
48% TOTAL VOTE BIDEN
 3% Third party candidate
 1% Lean toward third party candidate
4% TOTAL VOTE THIRD PARTY
 9% Undecided/Refused

On another topic...

__23. Did you watch the first presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden?

75% Yes, watched the debate
 25% No, did not watch the debate **GO TO Q.25**
 0% Undecided/Refused **GO TO Q.25**

__24. Who do you think won the debate, **[ROTATE]** Joe Biden or Donald Trump? **[IF EITHER CANDIDATE, ASK: “Did you think that (*Joe Biden/Donald Trump*) won the debate convincingly or was it a narrow win?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

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30% Joe Biden won convincingly
 11% Joe Biden had a narrow win
41% TOTAL BIDEN WON
20% TOTAL TRUMP WON
 5% Donald Trump had a narrow win
 15% Donald Trump won convincingly
 3% It was a tie/even up (**VOLUNTEERED**)
 33% Neither candidate won (**VOLUNTEERED**)
 3% Undecided/Refused

__25. Did you watch the vice-presidential debate between Mike Pence and Kamala Harris?

62% Yes, watched the debate
 38% No, did not watch the debate **GO TO Q.27**
 0% Undecided/Refused **GO TO Q.27**

__26. Who do you think won the debate, [ROTATE] Kamala Harris or Mike Pence? [IF EITHER CANDIDATE, ASK: “Did you think that (*Kamala Harris/Mike Pence*) won the debate convincingly or was it a narrow win?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]

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- 37% Kamala Harris won convincingly
- 11% Kamala Harris had a narrow win
- 48% TOTAL HARRIS WON**
- 37% TOTAL PENCE WON**
- 4% Mike Pence had a narrow win
- 33% Mike Pence won convincingly
- 5% It was a tie/even up (VOLUNTEERED)
- 7% Neither candidate won (VOLUNTEERED)
- 3% Undecided/Refused

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself for statistical purposes.

__30. Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning that you support allowing women to have the right to an abortion, or do you consider yourself pro-life, meaning that you oppose abortions, except when it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

- 56% Pro-choice – women have the right to an abortion
- 36% Pro-life – against abortions except to save life of mother
- 8% Undecided/Refused

__37. Would you describe yourself as (ROTATE) a conservative, a moderate or a liberal?

- 34% Conservative
- 36% Moderate
- 20% Liberal
- 10% Undecided/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

__38. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat?

(IF DEM) Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

(IF INDEP) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(IF REP) Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- 31% Strong Democrat
- 7% Not Strong Democrat
- 7% Independent-Lean Democrat
- 45% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 11% Independent
- 40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 10% Independent-Lean Republican
- 7% Not Strong Republican
- 24% Strong Republican
- 1% Other
- 3% Undecided/Refused