

National Poll Toplines



Methodology

Poll number: pr2013

Interview Dates: August 5-6, 2020

Sample Population: 1984 registered voters in the United States.

Sample Selection: Scientific online poll - stratified sample of panel respondents.

Weighting Parameters: The sample was weighted based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Voting and Registration Supplement to the Current Population Survey for registered voters in the United States based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, census region, and Hispanic ethnicity.

This topline provides weighted percentages, as well as the unweighted N-size for the total sample. Due to the effects of weighting and rounding, figures may or may not add up to 100%. The standard deviation of the weights was: 0.2220453. The maximum weight was: 2.0928823. The minimum weight was: 0.4255915. 95% of the weights were between 0.5312429, 1.4422799.

Margin of Error: The 95% credibility interval for this survey is +/- 2.3%, which includes the square root of the design effect (DEFT): 1.0243433.

approve...Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	24%	482
Somewhat approve	19%	378
Somewhat disapprove	12%	225
Strongly disapprove	41%	803
Not sure	5%	96

rdwt...Generally speaking, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent	N
Right direction	29%	579
Wrong track	64%	1,262
Not sure	7%	143

Q1...As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, are you spending more or less time outside (such as neighborhood walks or local, state, or national parks), or is the amount of time you're spending outside about the same?

Response	Percent	N
I am spending more time outside	26%	521
I am spending less time outside	42%	813
I am spending about the same amount of time outside	33%	650

Q2...When you think about water pollution, what comes to mind first? [WORD CLOUD OF RESPONSES]



Q3x1...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Your water utility

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	16%	319
Mostly trust	61%	1,214
Mostly distrust	18%	367
Completely distrust	4%	84

Q3x2...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Local elected officials

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	10%	187
Mostly trust	52%	1,025
Mostly distrust	30%	597
Completely distrust	9%	175

Q3x3...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - State elected officials

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	10%	190
Mostly trust	46%	920
Mostly distrust	33%	661
Completely distrust	11%	213

Q3x4...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	22%	434
Mostly trust	54%	1,069
Mostly distrust	19%	370
Completely distrust	5%	111

Q3x5...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Scientists

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	33%	641
Mostly trust	54%	1,065
Mostly distrust	11%	223
Completely distrust	3%	55

Q3x6...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Local community and nonprofit organizations

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	15%	298
Mostly trust	65%	1,303
Mostly distrust	16%	312
Completely distrust	3%	71

Q3x7...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - News media

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	10%	186
Mostly trust	40%	782
Mostly distrust	32%	642
Completely distrust	18%	374

Q3x8...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Public health officials

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	21%	405
Mostly trust	59%	1,165
Mostly distrust	16%	325
Completely distrust	4%	89

Q3x9...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Doctors and nurses

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	36%	701
Mostly trust	56%	1,105
Mostly distrust	7%	138
Completely distrust	2%	40

Q3x10...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - President Donald Trump

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	17%	343
Mostly trust	27%	549
Mostly distrust	16%	312
Completely distrust	40%	780

Q3x11...How much do you trust or distrust each of the following as a source of information about your drinking water? - Your member of Congress

Response	Percent	N
Completely trust	11%	208
Mostly trust	43%	858
Mostly distrust	33%	665
Completely distrust	12%	253

Q4x1...Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Lack of strong environmental and health regulations

Response	Percent	N
1	12%	238
2	15%	306
3	16%	313
4	18%	358
5	20%	385
6	19%	384

Q4x2...Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Lead pipes in homes and schools

Response	Percent	N
1	17%	339
2	15%	300
3	17%	336
4	13%	260
5	14%	278
6	23%	471

Q4x3...Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Limited funding for water testing, treatment

Response	Percent	N
1	7%	131
2	10%	195
3	13%	254
4	20%	409
5	22%	437
6	28%	558

Q4x4...Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Outdated public water systems (i.e. treatment plants, city plumbing)

Response	Percent	N
1	19%	374
2	23%	461
3	20%	386
4	15%	304
5	15%	306
6	8%	153

Q4x5...Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Pollution of rivers, lakes, and aquifers that supply drinking water

Response	Percent	N
1	34%	675
2	20%	390
3	17%	333
4	12%	225
5	10%	197
6	8%	164

Q4x6... Below is a list of potential threats to safe drinking water. In your opinion, please rank these threats from the biggest threat to safe drinking water in your local community to the smallest threat, with #1 being the biggest threat and #6 being the smallest threat. - Poor enforcement of environmental and health regulations

Response	Percent	N
1	12%	226
2	16%	331
3	18%	362
4	22%	427
5	19%	381
6	13%	257

Q5... How much have you seen, read, or heard about recent changes in regulations of small streams and wetlands under the Clean Water Act?

Response	Percent	N
A lot	11%	218
Some	22%	446
Not too much	35%	703
Nothing at all	31%	617

As you may know, the Trump administration recently changed Clean Water Act regulations by removing federal limits on the amount of waste and pollution that can be released into small streams and wetlands. The move was sought by many farmers, builders, and mining companies, and opposed by many environmentalists and scientists.

Q6... Do you think this action will have a positive or negative impact on the quality of drinking water for people in your community, or will it not have an impact either way?

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	12%	227
Somewhat positive impact	17%	343
Somewhat negative impact	27%	531
Very negative impact	29%	571
No impact either way	16%	312

Q7... Do you think this action will have a positive or negative impact on economic growth in your community, or will it not have an impact either way?

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	12%	234
Somewhat positive impact	22%	445
Somewhat negative impact	25%	487
Very negative impact	18%	357
No impact either way	23%	461

Q8...Which do you think is more important?

Response	Percent	N
Economic growth, even if it leads to poorer water quality	24%	473
Protecting water quality, even if it costs jobs or economic growth	76%	1,511

Q9x1...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Providing federal assistance to families struggling to pay their water bills

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	45%	886
Somewhat support	34%	689
Somewhat oppose	10%	206
Strongly oppose	4%	73
Not sure	7%	130

Q9x2...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Extending running water and sanitation service to communities that currently lack access

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	47%	919
Somewhat support	35%	706
Somewhat oppose	8%	160
Strongly oppose	3%	69
Not sure	7%	130

Q9x3...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Providing funding for water systems that serve small towns and communities that are struggling economically

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	46%	896
Somewhat support	38%	752
Somewhat oppose	8%	162
Strongly oppose	3%	63
Not sure	6%	111

Q9x4...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Investing in programs to help communities prepare for future floods and droughts

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	39%	757
Somewhat support	38%	757
Somewhat oppose	12%	232
Strongly oppose	4%	88
Not sure	8%	150

Q9x5...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Protecting and restoring rivers, forests, wetlands, and other natural areas

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	49%	963
Somewhat support	34%	671
Somewhat oppose	8%	160
Strongly oppose	4%	81
Not sure	6%	109

Q9x6...As you may know, members of Congress are discussing future stimulus packages to support the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose each of the following policies as part of a federal stimulus package in response to the coronavirus pandemic? - Supporting farmers to reduce their water use and pollution

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	40%	782
Somewhat support	38%	761
Somewhat oppose	10%	200
Strongly oppose	4%	87
Not sure	8%	154

Q10x1...Some people say that federal investments in water infrastructure, such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, must be made in ways that achieve other needs too. How important are the following objectives in determining federal investments in water infrastructure? - Slowing climate change by saving energy or reducing fossil fuel emissions

Response	Percent	N
Very important	50%	993
Somewhat important	33%	646
Not too important	11%	225
Not at all important	6%	120

Q10x2...Some people say that federal investments in water infrastructure, such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, must be made in ways that achieve other needs too. How important are the following objectives in determining federal investments in water infrastructure? - Increasing climate resilience by reducing the risk of flooding and water shortages

Response	Percent	N
Very important	44%	857
Somewhat important	44%	883
Not too important	9%	174
Not at all important	4%	70

Q10x3...Some people say that federal investments in water infrastructure, such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, must be made in ways that achieve other needs too. How important are the following objectives in determining federal investments in water infrastructure? - Reducing urban heat and air pollution by planting trees, creating parks, and harnessing/retaining stormwater

Response	Percent	N
Very important	53%	1,054
Somewhat important	38%	751
Not too important	7%	138
Not at all important	2%	41

Q10x4...Some people say that federal investments in water infrastructure, such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, must be made in ways that achieve other needs too. How important are the following objectives in determining federal investments in water infrastructure? - Saving consumers money by stretching existing water supplies

Response	Percent	N
Very important	32%	624
Somewhat important	52%	1,031
Not too important	13%	266
Not at all important	3%	63

Q11...Do you support or oppose a nationwide pause on water shutoffs to homes and businesses that are behind on their water bill payments during the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	40%	792
Somewhat support	23%	473
Somewhat oppose	13%	262
Strongly oppose	15%	306
Not sure	8%	151

Q12...To the best of your knowledge, which communities are most likely to experience water shutoffs due to being behind on their water bill payments?

Response	Percent	N
Urban communities	36%	718
Suburban communities	12%	236
Rural communities	15%	286
These communities are equally likely to experience water shutoffs	25%	506
Not sure	12%	238

Q13...To the best of your knowledge, which communities are most likely to experience drinking water contamination?

Response	Percent	N
Urban communities	32%	649
Suburban communities	8%	163
Rural communities	21%	420
These communities are equally likely to experience drinking water contamination	27%	531
Not sure	11%	221

Q14...Do you think people of color, including Black, Hispanic, and Native Americans, are more or less likely than white people to experience water shutoffs in the United States, or do they experience water shutoffs at the same rate?

Response	Percent	N
Much more likely	27%	529
Somewhat more likely	31%	608
Somewhat less likely	7%	134
Much less likely	3%	51
Same rate	33%	662

Q15x1...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - U.S. economy

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	22%	429
Somewhat positive impact	35%	701
Somewhat negative impact	7%	148
Very negative impact	2%	50
No impact either way	23%	461
Not sure	10%	195

Q15x2...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - The U.S. unemployment rate

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	17%	324
Somewhat positive impact	29%	586
Somewhat negative impact	5%	101
Very negative impact	3%	64
No impact either way	34%	666
Not sure	12%	243

Q15x3...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Water bill costs in the U.S.

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	18%	350
Somewhat positive impact	25%	507
Somewhat negative impact	25%	500
Very negative impact	5%	103
No impact either way	17%	334
Not sure	10%	190

Q15x4...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Wages for American workers

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	17%	341
Somewhat positive impact	25%	493
Somewhat negative impact	8%	162
Very negative impact	2%	47
No impact either way	35%	696
Not sure	12%	245

Q15x5...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Urban communities

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	29%	575
Somewhat positive impact	37%	738
Somewhat negative impact	5%	102
Very negative impact	2%	39
No impact either way	18%	352
Not sure	9%	178

Q15x6...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Suburban communities

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	21%	421
Somewhat positive impact	39%	779
Somewhat negative impact	5%	99
Very negative impact	2%	35
No impact either way	23%	450
Not sure	10%	200

Q15x7...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Rural communities

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	26%	525
Somewhat positive impact	39%	772
Somewhat negative impact	7%	135
Very negative impact	3%	53
No impact either way	17%	331
Not sure	8%	168

Q15x8...Do you think updating our nation's water infrastructure would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it have no impact either way? - Communities of color (including Black, Hispanic, and Native American communities) in the U.S.

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	30%	590
Somewhat positive impact	32%	628
Somewhat negative impact	4%	89
Very negative impact	3%	65
No impact either way	21%	424
Not sure	9%	188

Q16...Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
The federal government should increase spending on water infrastructure and access now to protect Americans from damage from flooding and hurricanes while providing economic relief from the coronavirus pandemic.	65%	1,286
The federal government should not increase spending on water infrastructure and access now because it should focus its spending on providing Americans with immediate economic relief from the coronavirus pandemic.	35%	698

Q17A...Do you support or oppose the federal government providing loans to emerging renewable energy companies working on technologies to reduce pollution and lower the cost of energy for consumers? [RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	35%	344
Somewhat support	33%	332
Somewhat oppose	5%	49
Strongly oppose	3%	34
Not sure	5%	48

Q17B...Do you support or oppose the federal government providing loans to emerging renewable energy companies working on technologies to reduce pollution and lower the cost of energy for consumers, even if there's a small chance those companies go bankrupt? [RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	29%	281
Somewhat support	35%	361
Somewhat oppose	7%	69
Strongly oppose	3%	31
Not sure	6%	57

Q18...Thinking about this year's general election, do you think the federal government should...

Response	Percent	N
Hold the election as scheduled, with expanded vote-by-mail	59%	1,149
Hold the election as scheduled, without expanded vote-by-mail	28%	576
Postpone the election for a few months	5%	106
Postpone the election indefinitely	2%	34
Not sure	6%	119

Sample Statistics

Var1	Freq
Age18-34	25.1%
Age35-54	33%
Age55+	41.9%
Gender-Female	53%
Gender-Male	47%
Race-Black	13.3%
Race-Other	4.1%
Race-White	82.6%
Education-Advanced	13.4%
Education-Bachelors	23.7%
Education-LessThanBachelors	62.9%
party-ID: Democrat	37.1%
party-ID: Independent	24.7%
party-ID: Republican	34.3%
party-ID: Something else	3.9%
Hispanic-No	90.3%
Hispanic-Yes	9.7%
Region-Midwest	23%
Region-Northeast	17.8%
Region-South	37.3%
Region-West	21.9%