

## Hampton University/AP-NORC Poll October 2020

Conducted by Hampton University and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs  
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Interviews: 10/6-12/2020  
887 Virginia registered voters

Margin of error: +/- 4.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

**CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in each of the following are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?**

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Your community	66	31	*	2
Virginia	56	42	-	2
The country	28	70	1	1
<i>N</i> = 887				

**FAVORABLE. For each of the following, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too.**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Bot NET	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/REF
Donald Trump	39	26	13	60	4	55	1	*
Mike Pence	39	29	10	55	9	46	5	*
Joe Biden	52	29	23	46	11	35	2	*
Kamala Harris	50	29	21	41	7	34	9	*
Ralph Northam	49	24	25	43	10	33	8	*
Mark Warner	50	26	24	35	12	22	15	*
Daniel Gade	30	19	11	20	8	12	49	1
<i>N</i> = 887								

**[ORDER ROTATED SO HALF OF RESPONDENTS SEE DT2 THEN JB2, OTHER HALF SEE JB2 THEN DT2]**

**DT2. If Donald Trump and Mike Pence win the election this November, how well do you think their administration would handle each of the following issues?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Bot NET	Not very well	Not well at all	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
The coronavirus outbreak	27	12	15	13	59	10	49	-	*
The economy	38	26	13	17	44	19	25	-	1
Supreme Court nominations	36	22	15	9	53	10	44	-	1
Race relations	24	12	12	14	61	9	52	-	1
<i>N</i> = 887									

**JB2. If Joe Biden and Kamala Harris win the election this November, how well do you think their administration would handle each of the following issues?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Bot NET	Not very well	Not well at all	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
The coronavirus outbreak	42	16	26	24	34	16	17	-	*
The economy	32	12	20	25	43	16	27	-	*
Supreme Court nominations	39	19	20	19	41	13	28	*	*
Race relations	43	20	24	18	39	17	22	-	*
<i>N</i> = 887									

**COURT1. As you may know, President Trump has nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion on what the U.S. Senate should do now that President Trump has made a nomination for the Supreme Court vacancy?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Hold hearings and vote on Amy Coney Barrett's nomination	44
Wait until next year for the next president to make the nomination	55
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
<i>N</i> = 887	

**COURT2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court Justice?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Top NET	35
Strongly favor	29
Somewhat favor	6
Neither favor nor oppose	22
Bot NET	42
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2
<i>N</i> = 887	

**B1A. How would you describe the economy these days in each of the following?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor poor	Bot NET	Somewhat poor	Very poor	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Your community	48	11	37	29	23	17	6	-	1
Virginia	45	7	38	30	24	19	5	-	1
The United States	33	7	27	17	48	28	20	-	1
<i>N</i> = 887									

**B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Top NET	62
Very good	23
Somewhat good	39
Neither good nor poor	22
Bot NET	16
Somewhat poor	11
Very poor	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
<i>N</i> = 887	

**BB2. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Bot NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
The economy in your community	39	9	30	45	14	12	2	*	3
The economy in Virginia	39	9	30	39	19	17	3	-	3
The national economy	47	14	33	25	25	16	8	-	3
Your own personal finances	35	11	24	52	10	7	3	-	3
<i>N</i> = 887									

**VOTE1. Before this year, which best describes how you have typically voted in elections?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
In person on Election Day	79
In person before Election Day	8
By mail	6
I haven't voted before	8
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
<i>N</i> = 887	

**VOTE2. If you do vote this November, which best describes how you will vote?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
In person on Election Day	39
In person before Election Day	31
By mail	28
I won't vote	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
<i>N</i> = 887	

Show if voting in person on Election Day

**VOTE3. Is each of the following a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason that you are voting in person on Election Day?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason at all	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
I don't trust my ballot to be delivered by mail	64	14	21	-	2	
I am concerned my mail ballot wouldn't be counted accurately	69	15	16	-	1	
I have always voted in person on Election Day	67	15	16	-	2	
I enjoy voting in person on Election Day	58	19	20	-	3	
I am not concerned about the coronavirus outbreak	20	31	47	-	1	
<i>N</i> = 292						

Show if voting in person before Election Day

**VOTE4. Is each of the following a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason that you are voting in person before Election Day?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason at all	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
I don't trust my ballot to be delivered by mail	57	20	23	-	-	
I am concerned my mail ballot wouldn't be counted accurately	55	17	28	-	-	
I have always voted in person before Election Day	13	13	73	-	1	
I am concerned about long lines on Election Day	45	33	22	-	-	
I am concerned about the coronavirus outbreak	49	32	20	-	*	
<i>N</i> = 297						

Show if voting by mail

**VOTE5. Is each of the following a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason that you are voting by mail?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason at all	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
I am concerned about the coronavirus outbreak	84	11	5	-	*	
I am concerned my in-person ballot wouldn't be counted accurately	3	11	83	-	3	
I have always voted by mail	5	8	85	-	2	
I am concerned about long lines on Election Day	33	31	34	-	2	
I enjoy voting by mail	15	18	64	-	3	
<i>N</i> = 285						

**VOTE6. How confident are you that the results of the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately in...**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Bot NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Your county	57	24	33	30	12	8	4	-	*
Virginia	46	20	26	32	21	14	7	-	*
The United States	29	10	18	31	40	26	13	-	*
<i>N</i> = 887									

**RACE2. How serious a problem do you think racism is in in each of the following?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Not at all serious	Not too serious	Moderately serious	Bot NET	Very serious	Extremely serious	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Your community	47	15	32	29	23	14	9	-	1
Virginia	28	5	23	38	32	21	11	-	1
The United States	18	3	15	20	61	24	37	-	1
<i>N</i> = 887									

**RACE3. Do you think race relations in the United States are better, worse, or about the same as they were...**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Top NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Bot NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
A year ago	9	3	6	29	60	26	34	-	2
Five years ago	21	7	14	22	55	28	28	-	2
Twenty years ago	33	17	16	20	44	19	25	1	2
<i>N</i> = 887									

**PRO2. In general, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the recent protests in response to police violence against Black Americans?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Top NET	47
Strongly approve	27
Somewhat approve	19
Neither approve nor disapprove	12
Bot NET	41
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	26
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
<i>N</i> = 887	

**VIRUS1. Which do you think is the bigger priority for your community?**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

Using restrictions to prevent the coronavirus from spreading, even if it hurts the economy	62
Removing restrictions in order to help the economy, even if more people get the coronavirus	35
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3
N = 887	

**VIRUS8. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, do you think the government is doing too much, not enough, or about the right amount to help the financial situation of each of the following?**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC					
10/6-12/2020	Too much	Not enough	About the right amount	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF

**VIRUS8. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, do you think the government is doing too much, not enough, or about the right amount to help the financial situation of each of the following?**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020				
	Too much	Not enough	About the right amount	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Small businesses	2	74	22	*	2
Large corporations	55	11	32	-	3
Individual Americans	4	70	24	*	2
N = 887					

**VIRUS2. Because of the coronavirus outbreak, have you been doing each of the following, or not?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020			
	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Spending less than usual	66	33	-	1
Paying down debt faster than usual	30	67	*	3
Saving more money than usual	43	55	-	2
N = 887				

**VAX2. If a vaccine against the coronavirus becomes available, do you plan to get vaccinated, or not?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Yes, I will get a coronavirus vaccine	42
No, I will not get a coronavirus vaccine	19
Not sure	38
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 887	

*Show if will get a coronavirus vaccine*

**VAX3. Which of the following are reasons you would get a coronavirus vaccine?**

**[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Yes
I want to protect my family		89
I want to protect my community		83
I want to protect myself		88
I have a chronic health condition, such as asthma or diabetes, so it is important that I receive a coronavirus vaccine		21
My doctor recommends vaccines		42
It would be the best way to avoid getting seriously ill from the coronavirus		83
It would allow me to feel safe around other people		77
Life won't go back to normal until most people are vaccinated		82
Other - please specify		9
DON'T KNOW		-
SKIPPED ON WEB		*
REFUSED		-
N = 467		

*Show if will not get a coronavirus vaccine*

**VAX4. Which of the following are reasons you would not get a coronavirus vaccine?**

**[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020	Yes
I am allergic to vaccines		*
I don't like needles		10
I'm not concerned about getting seriously ill from the coronavirus		40
I won't have time to get vaccinated		4
I would be concerned about getting infected with the coronavirus from the vaccine		45
I would be concerned about side effects from the vaccine		69
I don't think vaccines work very well		19
The coronavirus outbreak is not as serious as some people say it is		28
I am concerned about the development and approval of a vaccine		66
DON'T KNOW		-
SKIPPED ON WEB		1
REFUSED		-
N = 131		

**VOTE20161. In the 2016 Presidential election, did you...?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Not vote	20
Vote for Donald Trump	31
Vote for Hillary Clinton	35
Vote for someone else	12
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 887	

**PARTYID7. PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?**

*If Democrat:*

**PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?**

*If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

**PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

**Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
<b>Top NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Strong Democrat	17
Moderate Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	17
Independent	11
<b>Bot NET</b>	<b>41</b>
Lean Republican	17
Moderate Republican	12
Strong Republican	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 886	

**IDEO. D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?**

*If liberal:*

**D4. Do you consider yourself:**

*If conservative:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself:**

**Combines D3, D4, and D5.**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
<b>Top NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	49
<b>Bot NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat conservative	15
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2
N = 887	

**AGE7. Respondent age**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
18 to 24	12
25 to 34	14
35 to 44	16
45 to 54	17
55 to 64	18
65 to 74	16
75+	7
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 887	

**GENDER. Are you male or female?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Male	46
Female	53
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 887	

**RACETH. Race/Ethnicity**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
White	69
Black or African American	19
Hispanic	5
Other	7
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 887	

**HHINCOME. Was your total HOUSEHOLD income in 2019...**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	7
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	17
\$150,000 or more	18
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3
N = 887	

**EDUC4. Which best describes your level of education?**

	AP-NORC 10/6-12/2020
Less than a high school diploma	2
High school diploma or GED	26
Some college	30
Bachelor's degree or greater	42
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 887	

**Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by Hampton University and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from Hampton University. Staff from Hampton and The AP-NORC Center collaborated on all aspects of the study.

The survey is designed to provide estimates of the Virginia registered voters. Interviews were conducted October 6-12, 2020, with 887 Virginia registered voters.

NORC obtained a sample of registered voters from Catalyst LLC's registered voter database. This database includes demographic information, as well as addresses for registered voters, allowing potential respondents to be contacted via mail. All sample records are mailed a postcard inviting them to complete the survey either online using a unique PIN or via telephone by calling a toll-free number. Postcards are addressed by name to the sampled registered voter if that individual is under age 35; postcards are addressed to "Virginia registered voter" in all other cases.

Interviews were conducted online and over the phone, with 865 completing via the web and 22 completing via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English and respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The screener completion rate is 2.6% and the final stage completion rate is 96.1% for a cumulative response rate of 2.5%.

**Sample Performance Summary**

Sampled/ Invited Panelists	No. Screening Interviews Completed	Screener Completion Rate	No. Panelists Eligible for Interview	Incidence/ Eligibility Rate	No. Survey Interviews Completed	Interview Completion Rate	Response Rate
41,979	933	2.6%	923	98.9%	887	96.1%	2.5%

Once the samples have been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, an iterative raking process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Raking variables include age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. Demographic weighting variables were derived from a combination of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's November 2018 Current Population Survey (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps.html>) Voting and Registration Supplement, Catalyst's voter file and the Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>). Data about the 2016 elections was obtained from The Associated Press. The weighted data reflect Virginia registered voters.

The overall margin of error for the combined sample is +/- 4.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

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