

**Third Way/Joint Center
National Survey**

November 14-19, 2019

1200* African American Respondents (Weighted to 1000)
493 Respondents in Battleground States (Weighted to 285)

**Includes 1,000 base sample and 200 battleground oversample (FL,GA,MI,NC,PA,WI)*

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	BG
Male	47	46
Female	53	54

Q.3 In what year were you born?

	Total	BG
18 - 24.....	16	16
25 - 29.....	9	9
30 - 34.....	12	12
35 - 39.....	7	9
40 - 44.....	10	9
45 - 49.....	7	6
50 - 54.....	9	10
55 - 59.....	6	9
60 - 64.....	8	6
Over 64	14	14
(No answer).....	0	1

Q.5 Are you currently registered to vote in (STATE)?

	Total	BG
Yes.....	90	91
No	9	8
Don't know	0	0

Q.6 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	BG
Black or African American	95	94
Afro Latino or Afro Caribbean	2	4
Biracial, multiracial or mixed race	3	3
White or Caucasian	-	-
Hispanic or Latino.....	-	-
Native American, American Indian, or Alaskan Native	-	-
Asian American or Pacific Islander	-	-
Arab American or Middle Eastern.....	-	-
Other race or ethnicity	-	-
(Refused)	-	-



Q.8 In November 2020, there will be an election for President, Congress and other offices. What are the chances of you voting in the November election next year - are you almost certain you will vote, will you probably vote, are the chances fifty-fifty, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	BG
Almost certain	76	75
Probably	9	8
50-50	9	11
Will not vote.....	5	5
(Don't know/refused)	1	1

Q.9 Are you more or less interested in voting in the 2020 presidential election than you were in the 2016 election, or has your interest in voting stayed the same? If you were not registered or eligible to vote in 2016, please say so.

	Total	BG
More interested	45	42
Less interested.....	5	5
Stayed the same	40	42
Not registered or eligible to vote	8	10
(Don't know/refused)	1	0
More interested - Less interested.....	40	36

Q.10 Over the last two years, would you say that economic conditions in your neighborhood have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Total	BG
Gotten better	15	14
Gotten worse.....	29	27
Stayed the same	55	58
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
Gotten better - Gotten worse	-13	-13

Q.11 Over the last two years, would you say your own personal financial situation has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Total	BG
Gotten better	22	22
Gotten worse.....	27	28
Stayed the same	50	50
(Don't know/refused)	0	0
Gotten better - Gotten worse	-4	-7

Q.12 Compared to their parents, do you think children in your neighborhood today will have more opportunity to earn a good life, less opportunity to earn a good life, or about the same amount of opportunity?

	Total	BG
More opportunity	29	34
Less opportunity	31	27
About the same amount	38	37
(Don't know/refused)	2	3
More opportunity - Less opportunity	-2	7

Here are some things people have said about race in America since Trump has become President. After each, please tell me whether you personally think that statement is mostly true, somewhat true, not too true, or not at all true. If you're not sure just say so and we'll move on. all true?

	Mostly True	Smwt True	Not Too True	Not At All True	DK/Ref	Total True	Total Not
13 Since Trump's election, more people have become aware of the racism and discrimination African Americans experience.	58	25	6	6	5	83	12
Battleground	58	27	5	6	4	85	12
14 More Americans now hold racist views than before Trump became President.	47	26	11	10	6	73	21
Battleground	44	26	11	13	6	70	25
15 Americans are no more racist than they were before, but Trump's presidency has made people with racist views more open to expressing them.....	64	16	6	9	5	80	15
Battleground	68	13	6	9	4	81	16
16 I face more racism in my daily life than I used to.....	33	22	16	22	7	55	38
Battleground	33	23	16	23	5	56	39

Q.18 Generally speaking, do you think gentrification is a good or bad thing for a neighborhood? If you are unfamiliar with the word or don't know, please say so.

	Total	BG
Very good thing	8	7
Somewhat good thing.....	17	16
(Neither a good nor bad thing).....	3	4
Somewhat bad thing.....	17	16
Very bad thing	14	15
Don't know word.....	40	41
(Refused)	1	2
Total good thing	25	23
Total bad thing.....	30	31
Good - Bad.....	-6	-8

Now I am going to read you some things people say they have experienced in their neighborhoods. After I read each one, please tell me how much it has affected you personally over the last few years.

	Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Smwt	Not Too Much	Not At All	DK/ Ref	Great/Quite	Not/Much/At All
19 The cost of living is going up faster than wages	49	20	17	6	7	1	69	13
Battleground	49	16	19	7	9	0	65	16
22 Local small businesses are closing	22	19	28	14	16	1	40	30
Battleground	20	17	27	17	19	1	37	36
23 There are not enough employers nearby.....	21	13	24	16	24	1	35	40
Battleground	20	11	26	15	27	1	31	42
24 It's getting harder to find affordable housing	39	17	16	9	19	1	56	28
Battleground	38	16	15	9	21	1	54	30
25 The neighborhood streets feel safer....	12	8	24	23	32	1	20	55
Battleground	10	8	24	23	35	1	17	58
26 Property values are increasing	28	17	23	15	16	2	45	31
Battleground	26	17	25	12	20	1	43	32
27 It's easier to find grocery stores, restaurants, and shops nearby.....	27	14	21	15	22	1	41	37
Battleground	28	14	19	14	25	0	42	39

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Now, I'm going to read you a list of different issues the federal government could work on. After I read each one, please tell me how much you would personally benefit if the federal government worked on this issue.

	Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Not Too Much	Not At All	DK/Ref	Great/Quite
28 Tackling climate change.....	53	13	18	7	8	1	66
Battleground	53	13	18	7	7	2	66
29 Eliminating barriers to voting.	47	12	20	9	11	2	59
Battleground	44	13	20	11	11	2	58
30 Making housing more affordable.	68	12	11	4	5	0	80
Battleground	64	13	12	4	6	0	78
31 Making college more affordable.	66	10	11	6	7	0	76
Battleground	68	9	11	5	6	0	77
32 Reducing the cost of health care and prescription drugs.	67	13	10	4	5	0	80
Battleground	63	13	13	5	6	0	75
33 Creating a Medicare for All health insurance system that covers every American.	62	11	14	5	7	0	73
Battleground	59	13	14	5	8	0	72
34 Reducing the impact of racism and discrimination in the daily lives of African Americans.....	67	13	12	4	4	1	79
Battleground	66	12	12	5	5	0	78
35 Creating more higher paying jobs.....	66	13	12	4	5	0	79
Battleground	68	10	13	3	5	0	78
36 Improving the safety of our water and air quality.	66	16	12	3	3	0	82
Battleground	66	15	14	3	2	-	81
37 Improving public schools.	62	12	12	6	8	0	74
Battleground	63	12	12	5	8	-	75
38 Strengthening gun laws.....	55	13	16	7	9	1	68
Battleground	52	12	18	7	9	1	64
39 Providing African Americans with more access to credit.....	55	14	17	7	6	1	69
Battleground	56	14	17	8	5	0	70

	Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Smwt Much	Not Too Much	Not At All	DK/Ref	Great/Quite
40 Reforming the criminal justice system.	57	13	16	8	6	1	70
Battleground	58	12	17	6	8	0	70
41 Closing the wealth gap between the rich and poor.	61	14	14	4	6	1	75
Battleground	59	16	13	4	7	0	75
42 Fighting income inequality.....	63	13	15	4	5	0	76
Battleground	61	13	17	3	5	1	74
43 Reducing taxes on the working and middle class.....	62	15	15	4	5	0	77
Battleground	60	16	15	4	5	-	75
44 Making it possible to make ends meet with one job.....	65	14	11	4	6	0	79
Battleground	65	13	11	4	6	0	78

Shifting gears slightly...

Q.45 Generally speaking, how well do Democrats in Congress understand the lives of you and your family- very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?

	Total	BG
Very well	20	22
Somewhat well	42	43
Not too well	20	18
Not well at all.....	17	15
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
Total Well	62	65
Total Not	37	33
Well - Not	25	32

Q.46 How well do President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress understand the lives of you and your family- very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?

	Total	BG
Very well	5	3
Somewhat well	8	8
Not too well	20	20
Not well at all.....	67	68
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
Total Well	13	11
Total Not.....	87	88
Well - Not.....	-74	-77

Q.47 When deciding for whom to vote for political office, which do you consider more important - finding a candidate who you agree with the most on issues, or finding a candidate who comes closest to representing your background and life experiences?

	Total	BG
Finding a candidate who you agree with the most on issues.....	64	63
Finding a candidate who comes closest to representing your background and life experiences.....	34	35
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
Issues - Background	30	27

Q.48 Here are some actions people sometimes take to show their support for a political candidate or cause. Which, if any, of the following are you personally likely to do between now and the November 2020 election?

	Total	BG
Discuss your support for a candidate or cause with family, co-workers, or friends.....	46	48
Post about, like or follow a candidate or cause on social media	28	31
Volunteer in person or at home	23	19
Call or write to an elected official	19	18
Attend a political march, town hall, or protest	18	19
Donate to a political campaign.....	17	16
(None of these)	22	23
(Don't know)	3	2

Q.49 I know it is a long way off but below are reasons some people say might motivate them to vote in November of 2020. Which is MOST convincing as a reason to vote November 2020?

	Total	BG
Donald Trump has been a disaster for our country, and we need to do everything we can to vote him out.....	40	35
Voting is the best way to make my voice heard in our government.	21	24
People before us fought hard for the right to vote, so we need to vote to protect that right.....	15	17
Things in Washington are out of balance, and special interests have too much influence. Only by voting can we restore the balance of power.	13	13
We've seen a lot of close elections. Every vote can make a difference.....	9	8
(Don't know/refused)	3	3

Q.50 How much will the outcome of the 2020 presidential election affect you personally? Will it affect you a great deal, some, not too much, or not at all?

	Total	BG
A great deal.....	44	43
Some.....	31	30
Not too much.....	14	17
Not at all.....	9	10
(Don't know/refused)	1	0

Q.51 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	BG
Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents	75	76
Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care	20	19
(Don't know/refused)	5	4
Strengthen - Burden.....	55	57

Q.52 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	BG
Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient	54	56
Government often does a better job than people give it credit for	42	41
(Don't know/refused)	4	3
Inefficient - Better job.....	12	15

Q.53 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	BG
Most people can get ahead if they're willing to work hard.....	56	55
Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people.....	43	45
(Don't know/refused)	1	0
Can get ahead - No guarantee	12	10

Q.54 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	BG
It IS necessary to believe in God to be moral and have good values	65	63
It IS NOT necessary to believe in God to be moral and have good values	33	35
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
Necessary to believe in God – Not necessary.....	32	29

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.55 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or something else?

	Total	BG
Strong Democrat	46	47
Weak Democrat.....	19	20
Independent-lean Democrat	14	16
Independent	15	12
Independent-lean Republican.....	2	1
Weak Republican	2	2
Strong Republican.....	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-

Q.58 Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective?

	Total	BG
Liberal	24	23
Progressive	11	10
Moderate.....	31	33
Libertarian	3	3
Conservative	17	18
Other	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	13	12

Q.59 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	BG
First through eleventh grade.....	5	5
High school graduate	34	35
Vocational or technical certificate	4	5
Some college, but no degree.....	23	21
Associate degree.....	10	10
Four-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	15	14
Graduate school or advanced degree.....	7	7
(Don't know/refused)	3	3

Q.60 In terms of your job status, are you...

	Total	BG
Employed	58	58
Unemployed, but looking for work	5	5
Student.....	5	4
Homemaker.....	3	3
Retired	14	15
Disabled	9	11
Other	1	-
(Don't know/refused)	4	4

[584 Respondents]

Q.61 (IF EMPLOYED) Are you employed at only one job or more than one job?

	Total	BG
At only one job	82	83
More than one job	18	16
(Don't know/refused)	1	1

[584 Respondents]

Q.62 (IF EMPLOYED) Which of the following best describes your primary job? Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee, or self-employed?

	Total	BG
Private company or business.....	52	49
Government	18	20
Self-employed	12	12
Non-profit organization	10	12
(Other).....	4	3
(Don't know/refused)	3	4

Q.63 Do you have any children who are eighteen years or younger living at home?

	Total	BG
Yes.....	31	33
No	65	63
(Don't know/refused)	4	4

Q.64 Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

	Total	BG
Urban or in a city	45	41
Suburban or outside a city	30	33
Small town.....	11	13
Rural area	9	9
(Don't know/refused)	5	4

Q.65 How many years have you lived in your current neighborhood?

	Total	BG
Less than 1.....	3	3
1 or 2.....	19	20
3 to 5	16	16
6 to 10	18	17
11 to 15	11	11
16 to 20	10	11
21 to 30	10	9
30 Plus	12	12
Refused.....	1	1

Q.66 Do you currently rent or own the home you live in?

	Total	BG
Rent	50	49
Own.....	44	46
(Don't know/refused)	6	6

Q.67 What is your religion, if any?

	Total	BG
Protestant.....	61	65
Catholic	7	4
Muslim.....	3	3
Jehovah's Witness.....	1	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1	1
Jewish	0	1
Mormon	0	1
Hindu.....	-	-
Other	3	2
None/Agnostic/Atheist	14	13
(Refused)	9	10

Q.68 How often do you attend religious services?

	Total	BG
Every week.....	32	30
Once or twice a month.....	17	17
Several times a year.....	13	12
Hardly ever.....	20	23
Never	12	12
(Don't know/refused)	6	5

Q.69 Were both of your parents born in the United States, was only one of your parents born in the United States, or were neither of your parents born in the United States?

	Total	BG
Yes, both.....	78	80
Yes, one.....	4	2
No, neither.....	12	12
(Don't know/refused)	6	6

[153 Respondents]

Q.70 (IF 1 OR MORE OUTSIDE US) Which country or territory does your family originally come from? If you don't know, please say so.

	Total
The Caribbean islands.....	33
West Africa.....	15
Haiti.....	14
The Horn of Africa	5
Central Africa	4
East Africa.....	2
Southern Africa	2
(Multiple countries)	3
(Other).....	8
Don't know/refused.....	17

Q.71 Last year, that is in 2018, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total	BG
Less than \$20,000.....	17	18
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14	14
\$30,000 to under \$50,000	17	17
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	8	9
\$100,000 or more	10	9
(Don't know/refused)	17	17