

RealClear Opinion Research

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Sample: N=1,490 U.S. Catholic Likely Voters

Interviewing Period: 05 October - 11 October 2020 (Wave 4)

Mode: Online (English & Spanish)

Credibility Interval: +/- 2.79 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Thank you for participating in this important survey about issues facing the country. It is expected that it will take no more than 10 minutes of your time to complete thoughtfully. Your responses will remain completely confidential.

1. Are you?

Male	45%
Female.....	55%

2. To make sure we have a representative sample, can you please indicate your age?

18-24	9%
25-34	19%
35-44	14%
45-54	14%
55-64	18%
65+	25%

3. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic.....	60%
Black, Non-Hispanic	3%
Hispanic.....	33%
Asian.....	1%
Two or more races, Hispanic.....	2%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic	1%
Other, Non-Hispanic	<1%

[IF AGE 18-24, ASK Q4]

4. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? (n=154)

High School	11%
Trade/Vocational School	5%
2-Year or Junior College.....	20%
4-Year College/University.....	46%
Graduate School.....	5%
Business School/Professional School	2%
Not Enrolled College/University	3%
Not Enrolled in Any.....	8%

5. What is the highest level of education you've completed?

Some high school or less	<1%
High school or equivalent	35%
Some college, but no degree.....	18%
Associate's degree/Trade school	9%
Bachelor's degree.....	25%
Graduate degree	10%
Doctorate degree.....	3%

[IF COLLEGE GRADUATE+, ASK Q6]

6. Was your undergraduate degree from a secular college or university, or did your college or university have a religious affiliation? (n=650)

Secular	59%
Religious.....	37%
Don't know.....	5%

[IF RELIGIOUS, ASK Q7]

7. Was it a Catholic institution? (n=203)

Yes	88%
No.....	12%

8. Which one of these bests describes your religious preference or spiritual outlook?

Catholic.....	100%
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9. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes	100%
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10. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for president?

Already voted early.....	16%
Definitely will be voting	77%
Probably will be voting.....	7%

11. When it comes to politics, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

Democratic Party	45%
Republican Party	36%
Independent/Unaffiliated.....	18%
None of the above	1%

12. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as:

Net: Liberal	36%
Moderate	24%
Net: Conservative	40%
Liberal.....	26%
Moderate, leaning liberal	10%
Moderate	24%
Moderate, leaning conservative.....	12%
Conservative.....	28%

[IF AGE >18 BEFORE NOVEMBER 2016, ASK Q13]

13. Did you vote in the 2016 general election for president? (n=1,384)

Yes	86%
No.....	14%
I do not remember	1%

[IF VOTED IN 2016, ASK Q14]

14. For whom did you vote? (n=1,228)

Donald Trump.....	48%
Hillary Clinton	46%
Someone else.....	5%
I do not remember	1%

15. On a scale from 0 to 100, how motivated are you to vote in the upcoming general election for President in November?

Net: 75-100	88%
Net: 0-74	12%
0-49	3%
50-74	9%
75-89	15%
90-99	25%
100.....	48%

How important are the following things to you when considering your vote for President this year?

[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “VERY IMPORTANT”]

		Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
16.	Your economic status	47%	31%	12%	11%
17.	Your political party	44%	31%	14%	10%
18.	Your community	44%	36%	11%	8%
19.	Your race and ethnicity	33%	25%	22%	21%
20.	Your Catholic faith	32%	32%	19%	16%
21.	Your family's background	32%	33%	19%	17%
22.	Your age	31%	35%	18%	17%
23.	Your gender	29%	27%	21%	23%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

24. Donald Trump as president

Net: Approve	47%
Net: Disapprove	53%
Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve.....	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove.....	41%

25. Democrats in Congress

Net: Approve 51%
Net: Disapprove 49%

Strongly approve 19%
 Somewhat approve..... 32%
 Somewhat disapprove 21%
 Strongly disapprove..... 28%

26. Republicans in Congress

Net: Approve 43%
Net: Disapprove 57%

Strongly approve 15%
 Somewhat approve..... 29%
 Somewhat disapprove 27%
 Strongly disapprove..... 30%

27. If the election for President were held today and the candidates were: [ROTATE] Joe Biden, the Democrat and Donald Trump, the Republican -- for whom would you vote?

Joe Biden..... 52%
 Donald Trump 40%
 Don't know 7%

28. Regardless of whom you will support in the election, do you tend to agree more with the policies of [ROTATE] Joe Biden or Donald Trump?

Joe Biden..... 53%
 Donald Trump 41%
 Don't know 5%

29. Regardless of whom you will support in the election, do you tend to prefer the temperament of [ROTATE] Joe Biden or Donald Trump?

Joe Biden..... 59%
 Donald Trump 33%
 Don't know 9%

Both Donald Trump (age 74) and Joe Biden (age 77) are in their 70's how likely do you think it is that:

30. If elected, Donald Trump completes a second four-year term?

Net: Likely 70%
Net: Not Likely 30%

Very likely 43%
 Somewhat likely..... 27%
 Not very likely 15%
 Not at all likely 15%

31. If elected, Joe Biden completes his four-year term?

Net: Likely **64%**
Net: Not Likely **36%**

Very likely 34%
 Somewhat likely..... 29%
 Not very likely 19%
 Not at all likely 18%

32. Which Vice Presidential candidate – Mike Pence or Kamala Harris – do you trust more with the presidency?

Mike Pence..... 40%
 Kamala Harris..... 42%
 Both equally..... 8%
 Don't know..... 10%

When you think about voting in the 2020 general election for president, please indicate how important a concern the following issues are to you.

[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “A MAJOR CONCERN”]

	A major concern	A concern, but not top of mind	It's in the back of my mind	Not a concern	Don't know
33. Economy and jobs	73%	22%	4%	1%	1%
34. Coronavirus	68%	21%	7%	4%	<1%
35. Health care	67%	24%	6%	2%	<1%
36. Civil unrest	53%	30%	11%	5%	2%
37. Supreme Court appointments	47%	34%	13%	4%	3%
38. Race relations	46%	30%	12%	11%	1%
39. Abortion	35%	31%	18%	14%	2%
40. Religious freedom	35%	31%	17%	16%	1%

41. Relative to countries in Europe, would you say that the U.S. response to Covid-19 has been:

More effective 23%
 Less effective..... 49%
 About the same 22%
 Don't know..... 6%

The next series of questions are focused on the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy caused by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

42. Based on what you know at this time, do you support or oppose the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett’s to the United States Supreme Court – or do you not have enough information at this time to form an opinion?

Net: Support..... **46%**
Net: Oppose **28%**

Strongly support 30%
 Somewhat support..... 16%
 Somewhat oppose..... 10%
 Strongly oppose..... 18%
 Don't have enough information at this time 27%

43. In general, should a nominee’s religion be considered by the U.S. Senate when confirming or rejecting a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court?

Yes 23%
 No 64%
 Don't know..... 13%

44. During Amy Coney Barrett’s first confirmation hearing to the federal bench in 2017, one U.S. Senator stated to Ms. Barrett, who is Catholic, that the dogma lives loudly in you, and that’s of concern.”

Do you find this statement and reference to Ms. Barrett’s religion to be appropriate, not appropriate, or are you not sure?

Appropriate 26%
 Not appropriate..... 51%
 Not sure 23%

45. Do you support or oppose the clause in Article VI of the U.S. Constitution which prohibits the use of religion as a consideration for someone’s suitability for public service (which includes the judiciary)?

Net: Support..... **74%**
Net: Oppose **12%**

Strongly support 47%
 Somewhat support..... 27%
 Somewhat oppose..... 9%
 Strongly oppose..... 4%
 Don't know 14%

46. With regards to a vacancy occurring on the Supreme Court in an election year, do you believe that during the four-year term to which he was elected **[ROTATE]**:

A President should nominate and fill the vacancy, whenever it occurs 48%
 A President should wait until after the election so that the winner can fill the vacancy..... 43%
 Don't know 9%

Moving on now:

47. If the U.S. Supreme Court revisits the Roe v Wade abortion decision, do you believe it should:

- Uphold the decision, keeping abortion legal..... 45%
- Reverse the decision, ruling that abortion is unconstitutional.. 25%
- Send the issue back to the states so they can make their own decisions 18%
- Don't know 13%

Are you more or less likely to support political candidates who hold the following positions:

[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED "MUCH MORE LIKELY"]

	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	Don't know
48. Supports the religious freedom rights of people of faith.	46%	32%	11%	3%	8%
49. Supports expanding immigration to the United States.	23%	23%	17%	24%	12%
50. Supports mandating that Catholic organizations provide insurance coverage for contraception and abortion-inducing drugs to their employees.	18%	20%	14%	28%	20%

	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	Don't know
51. Supports taxpayer funding of abortion in the United States.	15%	19%	14%	38%	14%
52. Supports abortion at any time during a pregnancy.	13%	15%	18%	42%	12%
53. Do you believe that practicing Catholic politicians should follow the teachings of the Catholic Church -- and oppose abortion?					
Yes, they should follow the teaching of the Church.....	43%				
No, they should not follow the teaching of the Church	29%				
Don't know	28%				
54. Which do you see as a more significant threat to our country today?					
White supremacist groups like the KKK	26%				
Left wing groups like Antifa.....	18%				
Both sides are equally a threat	45%				
Some other group or movement.....	3%				
Don't know	8%				
55. In general, do you believe that the work of the Black Lives Matter organization does more good or more harm to the country?					
More good	35%				
More harm	44%				
They make no difference	11%				
Don't know	10%				
56. Do you believe that protests that turn violent do more good or more harm to the country?					
More good	7%				
More harm	82%				
They make no difference	6%				
Don't know	5%				
57. Do you believe that non-violent protests do more good or more harm to the country?					
More good	61%				
More harm	12%				
They make no difference	22%				
Don't know	4%				

How trustworthy do you find the following sources of news?

[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED "VERY TRUSTWORTHY"]

		Very trustworthy	Somewhat trustworthy	Not very trustworthy	Not at all trustworthy	Don't know
58.	National broadcast newscasts (CBS/NBC/ABC)	23%	41%	16%	16%	4%
59.	CNN	23%	29%	14%	29%	6%
60.	My local newspaper or newscasts	20%	49%	17%	8%	6%
61.	National newspapers	18%	42%	20%	14%	7%
62.	FOX News	17%	31%	22%	25%	6%
63.	Catholic media	15%	38%	16%	10%	20%
64.	MSNBC	14%	34%	18%	22%	12%
65.	The internet	8%	29%	36%	22%	5%
66.	Facebook	7%	19%	31%	37%	6%
67.	Twitter	6%	21%	26%	34%	13%

68. Do you believe that abortion is [ROTATE]:

Morally wrong 59%
 Morally acceptable..... 41%

69. How important is religion in your own life?

Net: Important 88%
Net: Not Important 12%

Very important 50%
 Somewhat important..... 37%
 Not very important 11%
 Not at all important 2%

70. Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

- I accept all the Church's teachings and that is reflected in how I live my life. 20%
- I generally accept most of the Church's teachings and try to live my life accordingly..... 37%
- I consider myself a Catholic, but do not accept some of the key teachings of the Church. 28%
- I am a Catholic by upbringing, but it has only a minor influence on my life..... 13%
- I consider myself a former Catholic. 2%

71. Prior to the pandemic, aside from weddings and funerals, how often did you attend Mass?

- Net: Weekly Plus..... 38%**
- Net: Monthly to Yearly..... 41%**
- Net: Less than Yearly/Never 21%**
- Daily..... 1%
- More than once a week 5%
- Once a week..... 32%
- Once or twice a month..... 14%
- A few times a year 24%
- Once a year 2%
- Less than once a year 14%
- Never 7%

72. How often, if at all, do you pray?

- Net: Weekly Plus..... 80%**
- Net: Monthly to Yearly..... 16%**
- Net: Less than Yearly/Never 4%**
- Daily..... 53%
- More than once a week 20%
- Once a week..... 8%
- Once or twice a month..... 7%
- A few times a year 8%
- Once a year 1%
- Less than once a year 2%
- Never 2%

[IF PRAYER FREQUENCY IS “ONCE A WEEK’ OR MORE FREQUENT, ASK Q73]

73. Do you set aside, or make a point of scheduling time for prayer? (n=1,139)

- Yes 54%
- No 46%

74. How often, if at all, do you pray the Rosary?
- Net: Weekly Plus..... 27%**
Net: Monthly to Yearly..... 31%
Net: Less than Yearly/Never 43%
- Daily..... 11%
 More than once a week 7%
 Once a week..... 9%
 Once or twice a month..... 11%
 A few times a year 15%
 Once a year 5%
 Less than once a year 16%
 Never 27%
75. How often, if at all, do you go to confession?
- Net: Monthly to Yearly..... 40%**
Net: Less than Yearly/Never 60%
- At least once a month..... 9%
 A few times a year 21%
 Once a year 10%
 Less than once a year 24%
 Never 36%
76. Do you believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist?
- Yes, the transformed bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Christ and not symbols..... 50%
 No, the bread and wine are symbols of the Body and Blood of Christ..... 35%
 Don't know..... 14%
77. Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion?
- Abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy 15%
 Abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy 7%
 Abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy 18%
 Abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the woman..... 37%
 Abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the woman 11%
 Abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance . 11%
78. Which of the following best describes the area in which you live?
- Urban..... 32%
 Suburban 48%
 Small town 8%
 Rural 12%

79. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

Married	52%
Divorced	12%
Separated	3%
Never married	23%
Living with partner	9%

80. Do you have children under the age of 18?

Yes	29%
No	71%

81. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Student	4%
Employed full-time	39%
Employed part-time	9%
Self-employed	6%
Not employed/Homemaker	10%
Not employed	32%

[IF EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, EMPLOYED PART-TIME, OR SELF-EMPLOYED, ASK]

82. What kind of work do you do? (n=738)

Professional: Examples would be lawyer, doctor, teacher, nurse, accountant	20%
Manager, executive, or official: Examples would be store manager, business exec.....	27%
Business owner	7%
Clerical/Office/Sales: Examples would be secretary, receptionist, sales clerk	15%
Service work: Examples would be waiter/waitress, hairstylist, police or fireman, janitor, nurses' aid	10%
Skilled trades: Examples would be: electrician, plumber, carpenter	5%
Semi-skilled: Examples would be assembly line worker, truck driver, bus driver	2%
Other	13%

83. Region

Northeast	27%
South	37%
Midwest	19%
West	16%

84. Would you like to take this survey in English or Spanish?/¿Le gustaría completar esta encuesta en Inglés o en Español?

English	94%
Spanish	6%

[IF SPANISH, ASK Q85]

85. With which group do you most closely identify? (n=65)

Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano	49%
Cuban, Cuban American	10%
Puerto Rican.....	7%
Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino group.....	34%

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