

Ripon Society National

FINAL

STUDY #16932

THE TARRANCE GROUP

N = 800 registered voters

Field Dates: November 29-December 2, 2020

Hello, I'm _____ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all.

IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK: May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-1. Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

Yes (**CONTINUE TO CP-3**)

No (**CONTINUE TO CP-2**)

IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:

CP-2. In what state do you currently reside?

(**RECORD STATE NAME**)

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-3. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (**SCHEDULE CALL BACK**)

No

A. Are you registered to vote in your state?

IF "NO," ASK: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?
(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)

Yes (**CONTINUE**)

No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

Yes (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

No (**CONTINUE**)

*=less than .5

D1-1. In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?
 (i.e. Record 48 years old as 0 4 8)
 (Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

(RECORD AGE)

IF REFUSED, PROMPT: We need at least an age range for statistical purposes only. If I read a list of age ranges, will you tell me which one you fall in? **(READ CHOICES)**

D1-2. What is your age, please? (JUST RECORD)	18-24	2%
	25-29	7%
	30-34	11%
	35-39	15%
	40-44	13%
	45-54	13%
	55-64	18%
	65-69	6%
	70-74	6%
	75-79	5%
	80-84	3%
	85-89	1%
	90 or over	1%
	HARD REFUSE	*

Now, thinking for a moment about things in this country--

1. Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?

Right direction/strongly.....	17%
Right direction/somewhat.....	11%
UNSURE (DNR)	12%
Wrong track/somewhat.....	12%
Wrong track/strongly.....	49%

(DIRECT)

Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so. Here is the first one ...

WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK: *Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable) impression or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) impression?*

(RANDOMIZE NAMES)	FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		NO	NEVER
	<u>Strng</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strng</u>	<u>OPIN.</u>	<u>HEARD</u>
2. Donald Trump (DTID)	33%	10%	5%	48%	3%	1%
3. Joe Biden (JBID)	32%	21%	9%	35%	4%	*

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, thinking again about issues facing this country...

I am going to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you have more confidence in -- **(ROTATE) • Joe Biden, OR • Republicans in Congress** – to deal with this issue. Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & ROTATE)	<u>Joe Biden</u>	<u>GOP in Congress</u>	<u>BOTH EQUAL (DNR)</u>	<u>NEITHER (DNR)</u>	<u>UNSURE (DNR)</u>
4. Economic recovery and job creation (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK COULD DO A BETTER JOB DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE) • JOE BIDEN, OR • REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS?)	47%	45%	1%	4%	4%
5. Health care crisis of COVID-19	53%	36%	1%	6%	4%
6. Race relations	52%	34%	1%	7%	5%
7. Immigration	49%	42%	1%	5%	4%
8. Health care	51%	38%	1%	6%	4%
9. Foreign policy	48%	42%	1%	5%	5%
10. Trade	45%	44%	1%	4%	6%
11. Infrastructure improvements like roads, bridges, and broadband	48%	40%	2%	5%	6%

(IHPC1-8)

Now I would like to read you a list of issues that Congress and the President could deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important for Congress and the President to deal with.

(READ AND ROTATE ISSUES)

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: *And which issue do you think is next most important for Congress and the President to reach an agreement on ?*

	<u>Q12.1 MOST IMPORTANT</u>	<u>Q12.2 NEXT MOST IMPORTANT</u>
• Balancing the federal budget and reducing the national debt	9%	9%
• Strengthening education	4%	6%
• Health care crisis of COVID-19	42%	16%
• Promoting economic growth and creating jobs	20%	24%
• Finding the causes and dealing with civil unrest	4%	7%
• Reforming law enforcement practices for greater accountability	2%	5%
• Illegal immigration	5%	10%
• Dealing with climate change	5%	9%
• Infrastructure improvements like roads, bridges, and broadband	3%	8%
• COMBINATION/EQUALLY (DNR)	4%	1%
• OTHER (DNR)	1%	3%
• NONE (DNR)	1%	1%
• UNSURE (DNR)	1%	1%

(MIII-2)

And, thinking for just a moment more about the President and Congress...

13. As you may know, it seems likely that control of the Congress will be divided in 2021 with Republicans controlling the Senate and Democrats controlling the House of Representatives and a Democrat will be President. Which of the following statements is closer to your point of view? **(ROTATE)** --

- To get more things done, I would like to see a Congress and a President of the **same** party.
- OR*
- I prefer the President and Congress to be of **different** parties, because that way they can balance each other out.

Same party	46%
Different parties	44%
NO PREFERENCE (DNR)	6%
UNSURE (DNR)	4%

(BALPWR)

And, thinking for just a moment more about the recent Presidential election...

14. Which of these statements is closest to your own view about this Presidential election.

- There might have been some minor issues, but Joe Biden is the clear winner. OR
- Joe Biden only won the election due to massive voter fraud.

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel strongly about that?

Biden clear winner/strongly	56%
Biden clear winner.....	7%
UNSURE (DNR).....	7%
Biden massive fraud	4%
Biden massive fraud/strongly.....	27%

(ELEXFRD)

Now, I would like you to think about issues that are important to you personally. I am going to read you a series of issues. For each one, please tell me if this issue is extremely, very, somewhat, or not all important to you personally. Here is the first one... (RANDOMIZE)

PROMPT: Is this issue extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all important to you personally?

**Not
DK/REF**

**Extremely
Very
Smwht
at all
(DNR)**

15. Climate change
30%
23%
26%
20%
1%

16. Promoting bipartisanship efforts by our
leaders in Washington
26%
33%
29%
8%
4%

17. Creating and protecting jobs
43%
44%
12%
1%
1%

18. Improving the economy
44%
42%
12%

- 2%
- 1%
- 19. Health care
 - 44%
 - 33%
 - 19%
 - 3%
 - 1%
- 20. Health care crisis of COVID-19
 - 49%
 - 26%
 - 18%
 - 6%
 - 1%
- 21. Illegal immigration
 - 23%
 - 29%
 - 29%
 - 17%
 - 1%
- 22. Reforming law enforcement practices for greater accountability
 - 30%
 - 30%
 - 29%
 - 10%
 - 1%
- 23. Dealing with protests and race relations
 - 28%
 - 30%
 - 29%
 - 10%
 - 3%
- 24. Infrastructure improvements like roads, bridges, and broadband
 - 21%
 - 34%
 - 40%
 - 4%
 - *
- 25. Protecting the middle class tax cuts and small business tax cuts passed in 2017
 - 36%
 - 31%
 - 21%
 - 9%
 - 3%

(ISSIMP1-9)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, thinking about issues facing our leaders in Washington in a more general way...

26. Would you like to see the President and Congress work together more closely to solve important problems facing this country?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel strongly about that?

Yes/strongly	86%
Yes.....	9%
UNSURE (DNR).....	2%
No.....	1%
No/strongly	2%

(TOGYN)

Thinking specifically about the economy...

Thinking for a moment about the national economy...

27. In your view, who or what is most responsible for the current state of the national economy? Would you say it is:

(RANDOMIZE CHOICES)

- President Trump,
- The COVID-19 crisis,
- Republicans in Congress, OR
- Democrats in Congress?

President Trump.....	25%
COVID-19 crisis.....	40%
Republicans in Congress	11%
Democrats in Congress.....	12%
ALL EQUALLY (DNR)	6%
NONE/OTHER (DNR).....	3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	3%

(NATECR)

And,

28. Have you or anyone in your immediate family been furloughed, suspended, otherwise told not to work, or lost your job since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in March?

Yes/self	14%
Yes/family member	22%
Yes/self and family member.....	9%
No.....	55%
OTHER (DNR).....	*
UNSURE/DK (DNR).....	*
REFUSED (DNR)	

(UNEMP)

As you may already know, the Congress passed and President Trump signed into law several programs to help deal with the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. One of these programs was called the Paycheck Protection Program which allowed many businesses to receive low interest loans in return for not laying off employees.

29. Were you personally or do you know someone whose job was saved by this program?

Yes/self.....	6%
Yes/know someone.....	27%
No.....	65%
OTHER (DNR).....	
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	1%

(PPPH)

Thinking now about the COVID-19 crisis...

30. Have you yourself or someone you know been diagnosed as positive for COVID-19?

Yes/self.....	4%
Yes/know someone.....	67%
No.....	28%
OTHER (DNR).....	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	*

(COVAW)

And,

It is possible that a vaccine for COVID-19 will be widely available as soon as spring 2021. If this happens, it would be the shortest amount of time ever needed to develop and distribute a vaccine.

31. If a COVID-19 vaccine is widely available in spring 2021 at little to no cost to you, do you think that you would take this vaccine?

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u>	Yes/strongly	44%
And do you feel strongly about that?	Yes.....	12%
	UNSURE (DNR).....	9%
	No.....	7%
	No/strongly	27%

(CORVAC)

Still thinking about the COVID-19 crisis...

32. Do you think the federal government is doing enough to support the economy during this pandemic?

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u>	Yes/strongly	20%
And do you feel strongly about that?	Yes.....	12%
	UNSURE (DNR).....	7%
	No.....	9%
	No/strongly	51%

(CORFED)

33. Do you favor or oppose a nationwide requirement to wear masks in all public spaces?

IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:

And do you strongly (Favor/Oppose) or somewhat (Favor/Oppose)?	Favor/strongly.....57%
	Favor/somewhat9%
	UNSURE (DNR).....2%
	Oppose/somewhat10%
	Oppose/strongly.....23%

(MASKMAN)

34. Which of these two values would you say is closer to your own personal view:
(ROTATE CHOICES)

- We are in this together. We have a responsibility to each other and to our community OR
- My personal freedoms are more important than the greater public good.

In this together	78%
Personal freedoms more important	14%
BOTH/NEITHER/OTHER (DNR)	6%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(COVSO)

35. At what level of government do you trust the most to manage efforts to control the spread of COVID-19?
Would you say it is the:
(ROTATE CHOICES)

- Federal government,
- State government, OR
- Local government?

Federal government.....	26%
State government.....	31%
Local government.....	26%
BOTH/NEITHER/OTHER (DNR)	14%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	4%

(COVGOV)

And, one last question on this issue...

36. Which of these issues is more important to you personally? Would you say it is:
(ROTATE CHOICES)

- Providing more assistance to help those hurt financially by the COVID-19 crisis, OR
- Keeping the national debt and federal budget deficit from getting even worse?

Providing assistance to those in need.....	68%
National debt/federal budget deficit.....	23%
BOTH/NEITHER/OTHER (DNR)	6%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	3%

(ASSDBT)

And, now thinking about a few final issues...

Please listen carefully as I read some proposals that Congress and the President might consider. For each one, please tell me if you favor or oppose this proposal.

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

RANDOMIZE

FAVOR

OPPOSE

strng

smwht

UNSURE (DNR)

smwht

strng

37. Having the United States rejoin the Paris Climate Accord, an international agreement that holds the U.S. accountable for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and using more renewable energy. **(PROMPT: DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?)**

45%

15%

6%

7%

28%

38. Increasing the number of Supreme Court Justices from 9 to 11.

22%

15%

11%

15%

38%

39. Creating national standards for police reform, including additional training on reducing the need for aggressive tactics.

50%

26%

2%

9%

13%

40. Passing a stimulus bill to use increased federal spending to promote economic recovery.

53%

26%

4%

8%

9%

41. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

41%

17%
3%
12%
27%

(PROPS1-3)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only --

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8).....	*
Some high school (9-11)	2%
Graduated high school (12).....	14%
Technical/vocational (12).....	3%
Some college (13-15)	26%
Graduated college (16).....	32%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	23%
Unsure/Refused.....	*

(EDUC)

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...
(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative20%
 Somewhat conservative.....27%
 MODERATE (DNR).....8%
 Somewhat liberal28%
 Very liberal.....14%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)3%

(IDEOL)

And,

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,

Republican/strong
 26%
ASK: Would you call yourself a
 Republican/not strong
 6%
 strong or a not very strong
 Lean Republican
 6%
 (Republican/Democrat)?

Independent
 18%

Lean Democrat
 8%

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING

Democrat/not strong
 7%
ELSE, ASK: Do you think
 Democrat/strong
 27%
 of yourself as closer to the
 Republican or Democratic Party?
 NO PREFERENCE (DNR)
 1%

OTHER (DNR)
 1%

UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)
 1%

(PARTYID)

And,

D5. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

**(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO
 BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

Straight Republican.....15%
 Mostly Republican20%
 A few more Republicans than Democrats.....8%
 INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR).....5%

A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	7%
Mostly Democratic	23%
Straight Democratic	19%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	3%

(PARTY)

D6. In the 2020 Presidential election, which candidate did you vote for?

Donald Trump.....	42%
Joe Biden	49%
Jo Jorgensen.....	2%
OTHER (DNR)	1%
DID NOT VOTE (DNR).....	2%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	5%

(VOTE20)

D7. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single	23%
Married	60%
Separated	2%
Divorced	8%
Widowed	7%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(MARITAL)

D8. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes.....	34%
No.....	65%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....	*

(CHILD)

D9. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White.....	78%
Black/African-American	12%
Hispanic/Latino (TO D10).....	5%
Asian/Pacific American.....	1%
Native American	1%
Other (Specify _____).....	2%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(RACE)

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT “HISPANIC/LATINO,” ASK:

D9-1. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes.....	4%
No.....	95%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(HISP)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

And, thinking about your economic class...

D10. Do you consider yourself to be:
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Low income?

Upper class	8%
Middle class	77%
Low income	13%
Working class (DNR)	1%
Unemployed (DNR)	
Refused (DNR)	2%

(ECONCLA2)

D11. Sex/Emp **(BY OBSERVATION)**

ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed	30%
Male/self-employed	6%
Male/not in labor force	1%
Male/retired	8%
Male/unemployed	4%
Female/employed	23%
Female/self-employed	7%
Female/not in labor force	2%
Female/retired	14%
Female/unemployed	6%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*

(SEXEMP)

IF EMPLOYED IN D11 (VALUES 1,2,6,7) THEN ASK:

D11-1. Which of these best describes where you work:

- Small business
- Large business
- Public service or government run organization, OR
- Something else?

Small business38%
Large business25%
Public service/government run.....27%
Something else.....9%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)1%

(BIZTYP)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

D12. In your view, do you live in a:

- Rural area or small town
- City or urban area, OR
- Suburban area?

Rural/small town39%
City/urban area27%
Suburban area34%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)1%

(REEZLOC)

RECORD ALL FROM SAMPLE