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NATIONAL: DEEP DIVIDE REMAINS AFTER ELECTION

Public split on whether Trump has protected or undermined US Constitution

West Long Branch, NJ – Donald Trump is ending his presidential term with his job approval rating on the high end of the narrow band it has occupied over the last four years. However, the ***Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll*** also finds that most Americans think the country has become more divided since he took office. Still, a small but significant portion of the public gives Trump credit for “draining the swamp” and more than a third believes he has actually worked to protect, rather than undermine, the U.S. Constitution. Expectations that Washington will improve under Joe Biden are tempered to say the least.

Three-fourths (76%) of Americans believe that we are greatly divided when it comes to the nation’s most important values. Just 21% feel we are generally in agreement on these values. These findings have been fairly consistent over the past four years. Similar numbers of Republicans, Democrats, and independents are in agreement that the country is fundamentally divided. They don’t quite agree, though, on how much of this is due to President Trump.

More than two-thirds of Americans feel the country has become more divided since Trump took office. This number started out at 52% in March 2017, crept up to 62% the following year and then 66% this past summer, and has hit 70% in the current poll. Partisans differ on this opinion – 90% of Democrats say the country has become more divided under Trump while 49% of Republicans agree. Only 31% of the public believes the country will grow more united over the next year, while 25% expect us to become more divided and 35% expect to see little change. About half (49%) of Democrats expect the U.S. to become more united, but a similar number (48%) of Republicans expect that the divide will widen.

“We agree on the problem – the country is deeply divided at its core. However, we don’t quite agree whether compromise or principle will get us out of this political quagmire,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

When asked what they think is causing more problems in the federal government, 51% point to elected officials who are not willing to compromise. On the other hand, 42% say Washington's problems actually stem from elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles. Looking ahead to the new administration, nearly twice as many Americans think it is more important for Congressional Republicans to find ways to work with Biden (62%) as say it is more important for them to keep the new president in check (34%). Half the country expresses confidence that Biden will be able to get Washington to be more cooperative, although only 13% are very confident about this while 38% are somewhat confident.

"If wishes were horses, as the saying goes. The public consistently expresses a preference for compromise and cooperation, but there is also a deep-seated distrust of the other side. If there's one thing political leaders have learned over the past decades, playing up that distrust is a path to short-term political gain even if it may erode public faith in the system as a whole," said Murray.

A majority of the public (56%) has a great deal of concern that the country would suffer lasting damage if people who hold core political principles different from their own were able to put their policies in place. Another 29% have some concern about this. These findings have been fairly consistent since Monmouth started asking this question four years ago. Majorities of Republicans (64%) and Democrats (55%) have a great deal of concern about the lasting damage that would be done if the other side had policymaking power.

Turning to the impact of the outgoing president on the political system, just 29% feel Trump has made progress on his promise to "drain the swamp" in Washington. Another 32% say he has actually made "the swamp" worse and 34% say nothing has really changed. These findings have been largely consistent across multiple polls since Trump took office. Just one-third (33%) feel that "the swamp" will get better under Biden, 34% say it will get worse, and 27% expect it will stay about the same.

Just under half (45%) of the American public believes Trump has done more to undermine the U.S. Constitution compared to past presidents. However, a very sizable 37% actually believes Trump has done more than his predecessors to *protect* the Constitution and another 15% believe he has been no different than other presidents when it comes to upholding the Constitution.

"This may be the most alarming finding in the poll. No one who truly appreciates our country's founding document can see the last four years as a high-water mark for upholding Constitutional norms. This speaks to the success of Trump and his allies in completely reframing the terms of political engagement, a development that started long before the current administration," said Murray.

President Trump's current job rating stands at 46% approve and 51% disapprove. The approval number matches his prior high recorded in March this year, just as the coronavirus outbreak hit the country. Two months ago, though, Trump had a 41% approve to 53% disapprove rating.

The overall job rating for Congress stands at 23% approve and 64% disapprove. Congressional approval has generally ranged between 16% and 25% since Trump took office, although it did briefly hit 32% in two Monmouth polls this past spring. Currently, 26% of Americans say the country is headed in the right direction while 68% say it is on the wrong track. The “right direction” number’s low point during Trump’s tenure was 18% this past June, while the highest reading was 40% two years earlier.

It is worth noting that the self-reported partisan mix in the current poll shows Democratic identification lagging Republicans by 4 points, which is only the second time Democrats have not outnumbered Republicans in a national Monmouth poll since Trump took office. The other instance was one year ago in November 2019 when the two partisan groups were the same size.

“Self-reported partisan identity is a moving target and it always fluctuates from poll to poll. Sometimes these movements are just blips and sometimes they represent a reevaluation by some voters about where they fit in the political world. It will be interesting to see what happens with partisan affiliation under a new administration,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from November 12 to 16, 2020 with 810 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Approve	46%	41%	41%	41%	42%	43%	44%	46%	44%	43%
Disapprove	51%	53%	53%	53%	54%	51%	49%	48%	50%	52%
(VOL) No opinion	3%	5%	7%	7%	4%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND:	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	43%	43%	41%	40%	41%	40%	40%	44%	41%	43%	43%	43%	41%	39%	42%
Disapprove	50%	51%	53%	53%	50%	52%	54%	51%	54%	49%	50%	46%	50%	54%	50%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	6%	6%	7%	9%	8%	6%	5%	5%	8%	7%	11%	9%	8%	8%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND:	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017
<i>Continued</i>						
Approve	32%	40%	41%	39%	39%	43%
Disapprove	56%	49%	49%	52%	53%	46%
(VOL) No opinion	12%	11%	10%	9%	8%	11%
(n)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%	18%
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)

TREND:	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
Continued	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND:	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Continued	2016*	2016*	2016*	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND: Continued	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND: Continued	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

[Q4-17 previously released.]

18. What causes more problems in the federal government – elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles OR elected officials who are not willing to compromise?

[CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2016*	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015
Not willing to stand up for their principles	42%	41%	36%	40%	36%
Not willing to compromise	51%	45%	55%	50%	54%
(VOL) Depends	4%	9%	8%	6%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	2%	5%	2%
(n)	(810)	(1,161)	(803)	(1,003)	(1,003)

* Registered voters

19. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values OR Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Late June 2020	Sept. 2019	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	March 2017	Aug. 2016*
Americans are united	21%	18%	27%	20%	23%	22%	27%
Americans are greatly divided	76%	78%	68%	77%	72%	75%	70%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(1,161)	(802)	(806)	(801)	(803)

* Registered voters

20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place – would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2016*	Jan. 2016
A great deal	56%	56%	50%	50%
Some	29%	28%	34%	33%
Not much	8%	7%	9%	9%
Not at all	3%	4%	4%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	4%	3%	4%
(n)	(810)	(1,161)	(803)	(1,003)

* Registered voters

21. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Trump took office?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Late June 2020	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	March 2017
More united	12%	13%	11%	9%	11%
More divided	70%	66%	62%	63%	52%
Not really changed	16%	17%	25%	26%	34%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(802)	(806)	(801)

22. Looking ahead to the next year, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Nov. 2018
More united	31%	21%
More divided	25%	34%
Not really changed	35%	40%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	5%
(n)	(810)	(802)

23. Putting aside any policy differences you may have, how confident are you that Joe Biden will be able to get Washington to be more cooperative – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

TREND:	Nov. 2020
Very confident	13%
Somewhat confident	38%
Not too confident	19%
Not at all confident	27%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(810)

24. Do you think it is more important for Republicans in Congress to find ways to work together with Biden or more important for them to keep Biden in check?

	Nov. 2020
Find ways to work together with Biden	62%
Keep Biden in check	34%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(810)

25. Compared to past presidents do you think Donald Trump has done more to protect the U.S. Constitution, done more to undermine the U.S. Constitution, or has he been no different than past presidents when it comes to upholding the U.S. Constitution?

	Nov. 2020
More to protect	37%
More to undermine	45%
No different	15%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(810)

26. Donald Trump promised to “drain the swamp” when he got to Washington. Would you say that he has made progress draining the swamp, that he has made the swamp worse, or that nothing has really changed?

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Feb. 2020	Nov. 2019	June 2019	Nov. 2018	April 2018	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017
Made progress draining the swamp	29%	33%	30%	23%	30%	25%	20%	25%	24%
Made the swamp worse	32%	34%	37%	32%	30%	31%	33%	26%	32%
Nothing has really changed	34%	28%	25%	35%	33%	37%	38%	39%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	5%	8%	9%	6%	7%	9%	10%	8%
(n)	(810)	(902)	(908)	(751)	(802)	(803)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)

27. Do you think the swamp in Washington will get better, get worse, or stay about the same with Joe Biden as president?

	Nov. 2020
Get better	33%
Get worse	34%
Stay about the same	27%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(810)

[Q28-41 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from November 12 to 16, 2020 with a national random sample of 810 adults age 18 and older. This includes 289 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 521 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trolldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Dynata (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
Self-Reported	
32% Republican	
41% Independent	
28% Democrat	
48% Male	
52% Female	
31% 18-34	
32% 35-54	
37% 55+	
63% White	
13% Black	
17% Hispanic	
8% Asian/Other	
70% No degree	
30% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		810	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	749	3.6%
	No	61	12.6%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	257	6.1%
PARTY ID	Independent	297	5.7%
	Democrat	243	6.3%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	214	6.7%
	Moderate	289	5.8%
	Conservative	285	5.8%
GENDER	Male	407	4.9%
	Female	403	4.9%
AGE	18-34	229	6.5%
	35-54	238	6.4%
	55+	337	5.3%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	186	7.2%
	No	618	4.0%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	569	4.1%
	Other	223	6.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	419	4.8%
	4 year degree	383	5.0%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	274	5.9%
	White, 4 year degree	292	5.7%
2020 VOTE	Trump	275	5.9%
	Biden	332	5.4%
	Other - NA	110	9.4%
	No Vote	93	10.2%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	46%	46%	45%	89%	38%	11%	10%	38%	76%
	Disapprove	51%	51%	49%	8%	57%	89%	86%	58%	20%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	6%	3%	5%	0%	3%	3%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	50%	42%	40%	52%	46%	54%	43%	55%	33%
	Disapprove	46%	55%	54%	47%	52%	42%	54%	43%	62%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	6%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	51%	35%	62%	39%	97%	4%	33%	47%
	Disapprove	45%	63%	36%	59%	3%	95%	59%	45%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	8%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	23%	22%	26%	32%	18%	18%	14%	28%	24%
	Disapprove	64%	66%	53%	57%	68%	70%	74%	59%	64%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	12%	21%	11%	14%	12%	12%	13%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	19%	26%	30%	21%	18%	24%	22%	24%	21%
	Disapprove	69%	60%	54%	70%	68%	65%	65%	64%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	14%	16%	9%	14%	11%	14%	12%	14%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	27%	13%	29%	12%	28%	16%	15%	29%
	Disapprove	59%	76%	58%	77%	64%	72%	71%	52%
	[VOL] Dont know	14%	11%	12%	11%	8%	13%	14%	19%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	26%	27%	21%	39%	22%	17%	22%	21%	33%
	Wrong track	68%	67%	75%	53%	71%	80%	75%	74%	59%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	2%	6%	4%	0%	2%	2%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	26%	25%	25%	24%	27%	21%	27%	30%	19%
	Wrong track	65%	71%	70%	69%	68%	68%	69%	65%	74%
	(VOL) Depends	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	6%	1%	1%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	26%	25%	30%	28%	41%	18%	21%	20%
	Wrong track	68%	70%	64%	67%	52%	80%	70%	73%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	3%	5%	3%	6%	1%	5%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
18. What causes more problems in the federal government - elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles or elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Not willing to stand up for principles	42%	42%	46%	48%	40%	39%	42%	30%	55%
	Not willing to compromise	51%	52%	47%	46%	52%	54%	51%	65%	40%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	7%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	0%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
18. What causes more problems in the federal government - elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles or elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Not willing to stand up for principles	43%	41%	41%	43%	43%	47%	41%	35%	55%
	Not willing to compromise	50%	52%	57%	51%	47%	49%	51%	57%	42%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	1%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
18. What causes more problems in the federal government - elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles or elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Not willing to stand up for principles	45%	36%	37%	32%	50%	31%	44%	47%
	Not willing to compromise	49%	58%	55%	62%	44%	61%	48%	46%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	3%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
19. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values OR Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values?	United and in agreement	21%	20%	29%	22%	23%	19%	19%	23%	21%
	Greatly divided	76%	78%	67%	75%	76%	78%	79%	74%	77%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
19. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values OR Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values?	United and in agreement	23%	20%	26%	21%	18%	26%	20%	20%	24%
	Greatly divided	76%	77%	74%	76%	80%	73%	78%	78%	74%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	0%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
19. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values OR Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values?	United and in agreement	22%	19%	18%	24%	20%	16%	27%	29%
	Greatly divided	76%	78%	80%	74%	78%	84%	70%	68%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not [VOL] Dont know	Great deal	56%	59%	40%	64%	51%	55%	60%	48%	62%
	Some	29%	28%	38%	25%	32%	27%	29%	34%	25%
	Not much	8%	8%	9%	7%	10%	7%	7%	14%	5%
	Not at all	3%	3%	7%	1%	2%	7%	1%	2%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	6%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not [VOL] Dont know	Great deal	55%	58%	40%	59%	67%	55%	57%	58%	54%
	Some	30%	28%	43%	24%	23%	28%	30%	30%	29%
	Not much	9%	8%	11%	9%	5%	9%	8%	8%	9%
	Not at all	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	6%	2%	2%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not [VOL] Dont know	Great deal	55%	59%	57%	60%	70%	61%	51%	35%
	Some	29%	29%	29%	31%	23%	27%	28%	40%
	Not much	9%	7%	9%	7%	5%	8%	13%	11%
	Not at all	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	5%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
21. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Trump took office?	More united	12%	13%	11%	25%	8%	4%	3%	8%	21%
	More divided	70%	70%	69%	49%	73%	90%	89%	78%	52%
	Not really changed	16%	15%	20%	24%	18%	5%	7%	13%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
21. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Trump took office?	More united	14%	11%	7%	16%	14%	18%	10%	12%	13%
	More divided	71%	70%	75%	65%	71%	65%	72%	70%	71%
	Not really changed	14%	18%	17%	17%	13%	16%	16%	17%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
21. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Trump took office?	More united	15%	7%	15%	8%	26%	3%	4%	12%
	More divided	67%	77%	67%	75%	44%	91%	75%	72%
	Not really changed	16%	15%	17%	16%	28%	5%	16%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	5%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
22. Looking ahead to the next year, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?	More united	31%	31%	31%	13%	32%	49%	38%	35%	22%
	More divided	25%	27%	17%	48%	18%	13%	14%	15%	41%
	Not much change	35%	33%	44%	30%	42%	32%	41%	41%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	6%	9%	9%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
22. Looking ahead to the next year, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?	More united	29%	33%	27%	35%	31%	37%	28%	25%	41%
	More divided	26%	25%	21%	28%	27%	29%	24%	31%	17%
	Not much change	38%	33%	46%	28%	32%	26%	38%	37%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	9%	6%	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
22. Looking ahead to the next year, do you think the country will grow more united, more divided, or will not much change?	More united	31%	31%	22%	31%	13%	49%	29%	29%
	More divided	26%	24%	34%	24%	52%	9%	14%	21%
	Not much change	34%	39%	35%	39%	27%	35%	42%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	6%	9%	6%	9%	7%	15%	9%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
23. Putting aside any policy differences you may have, how confident are you that Joe Biden will be able to get Washington to be more cooperative - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, not at all confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?	Very confident	13%	13%	16%	3%	14%	24%	15%	16%	9%
	Somewhat confident	38%	37%	40%	16%	41%	59%	54%	44%	23%
	Not too confident	19%	19%	22%	22%	22%	11%	23%	22%	16%
	Not at all confident	27%	29%	21%	58%	21%	4%	7%	15%	51%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
23. Putting aside any policy differences you may have, how confident are you that Joe Biden will be able to get Washington to be more cooperative - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, not at all confident?	Very confident	15%	12%	10%	15%	15%	15%	13%	10%	18%
	Somewhat confident	33%	42%	42%	35%	36%	34%	39%	34%	45%
	Not too confident	19%	20%	26%	16%	17%	18%	20%	22%	14%
	Not at all confident	31%	24%	20%	30%	30%	29%	27%	33%	20%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
23. Putting aside any policy differences you may have, how confident are you that Joe Biden will be able to get Washington to be more cooperative - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, not at all confident?	Very confident	12%	15%	10%	12%	2%	26%	7%	15%
	Somewhat confident	36%	43%	29%	43%	11%	58%	46%	40%
	Not too confident	20%	17%	25%	18%	23%	13%	25%	21%
	Not at all confident	29%	24%	36%	26%	64%	1%	20%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
24. Do you think it is more important for Republicans in Congress to find ways to work together with Biden or more important for them to keep Biden in check?	Work together with Biden	62%	61%	67%	28%	68%	92%	90%	77%	32%
	Keep Biden in check	34%	35%	27%	67%	27%	8%	9%	20%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	0%	2%	3%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
24. Do you think it is more important for Republicans in Congress to find ways to work together with Biden or more important for them to keep Biden in check?	Work together with Biden	56%	68%	70%	60%	58%	54%	65%	59%	67%
	Keep Biden in check	40%	29%	27%	35%	39%	41%	32%	38%	29%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
24. Do you think it is more important for Republicans in Congress to find ways to work together with Biden or more important for them to keep Biden in check?	Work together with Biden	61%	67%	57%	63%	22%	97%	66%	63%
	Keep Biden in check	36%	29%	40%	34%	75%	3%	28%	29%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	5%	8%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
25. Compared to past presidents do you think Donald Trump has done more to protect the U.S. Constitution, done more to undermine the U.S. Constitution, or has he been no different than past presidents when it comes to upholding the U.S. Constitution?	More to protect	37%	38%	32%	81%	27%	3%	8%	24%	68%
	More to undermine	45%	45%	41%	6%	48%	85%	80%	52%	16%
	No different	15%	15%	19%	11%	23%	8%	11%	21%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	8%	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
25. Compared to past presidents do you think Donald Trump has done more to protect the U.S. Constitution, done more to undermine the U.S. Constitution, or has he been no different than past presidents when it comes to upholding the U.S. Constitution?	More to protect	41%	33%	27%	43%	40%	49%	33%	44%	26%
	More to undermine	41%	48%	44%	45%	46%	42%	46%	39%	54%
	No different	15%	16%	28%	10%	10%	6%	19%	16%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
25. Compared to past presidents do you think Donald Trump has done more to protect the U.S. Constitution, done more to undermine the U.S. Constitution, or has he been no different than past presidents when it comes to upholding the U.S. Constitution?	More to protect	41%	28%	49%	32%	88%	1%	24%	29%
	More to undermine	39%	57%	32%	54%	1%	88%	47%	38%
	No different	17%	13%	17%	14%	11%	9%	26%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	4%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
26. Donald Trump promised to "drain the swamp" when he got to Washington. Would you say that he has made progress draining the swamp, that he has made the swamp worse, or that nothing has really changed?	Made progress draining the swamp	29%	31%	19%	63%	21%	4%	6%	18%	55%
	Made the swamp worse	32%	34%	20%	4%	30%	64%	61%	36%	9%
	Nothing has really changed	34%	30%	56%	29%	41%	27%	26%	39%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	5%	7%	7%	3%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
26. Donald Trump promised to "drain the swamp" when he got to Washington. Would you say that he has made progress draining the swamp, that he has made the swamp worse, or that nothing has really changed?	Made progress draining the swamp	32%	27%	19%	39%	29%	38%	26%	34%	22%
	Made the swamp worse	28%	35%	31%	29%	35%	23%	35%	33%	29%
	Nothing has really changed	36%	31%	40%	28%	32%	34%	33%	28%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	7%	9%	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
26. Donald Trump promised to "drain the swamp" when he got to Washington. Would you say that he has made progress draining the swamp, that he has made the swamp worse, or that nothing has really changed?	Made progress draining the swamp	32%	24%	37%	29%	70%	3%	25%	16%
	Made the swamp worse	26%	44%	27%	45%	1%	70%	27%	19%
	Nothing has really changed	36%	28%	31%	23%	27%	21%	40%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	5%	5%	3%	2%	6%	8%	9%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
27. Do you think the swamp in Washington will get better, get worse, or stay about the same with Joe Biden as president?	Get better	33%	32%	36%	5%	31%	66%	53%	39%	13%
	Get worse	34%	36%	24%	73%	25%	4%	8%	21%	62%
	Stay about the same	27%	26%	36%	18%	38%	22%	31%	33%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	7%	4%	4%	6%	8%	8%	7%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
27. Do you think the swamp in Washington will get better, get worse, or stay about the same with Joe Biden as president?	Get better	29%	37%	29%	31%	38%	31%	33%	28%	41%
	Get worse	38%	30%	23%	40%	37%	43%	31%	39%	25%
	Stay about the same	30%	25%	42%	23%	19%	22%	29%	28%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		2020 VOTE			
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	Trump	Biden	Other - NA	No vote
27. Do you think the swamp in Washington will get better, get worse, or stay about the same with Joe Biden as president?	Get better	29%	41%	23%	39%	1%	66%	20%	31%
	Get worse	36%	30%	42%	35%	80%	1%	28%	25%
	Stay about the same	29%	25%	30%	23%	17%	24%	41%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	5%	5%	3%	2%	8%	10%	6%