

Sample 5900 Adults (18+)  
 Conducted November 22 – December 23, 2019  
 Margin of Error ±1.5%

**1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United States?**

Very satisfied ..... 11%  
 Fairly satisfied ..... 43%  
 Not very satisfied ..... 35%  
 Not at all satisfied ..... 12%

**2. How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically?**

Not at all important							Absolutely important		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2%	0%	1%	1%	6%	4%	6%	11%	14%	55%

**3. Here are various types of political systems. For each one, would you say it is a very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad way of governing this country?**

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad
Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with Congress and elections	8%	16%	23%	54%
Having the army rule	5%	13%	20%	63%
Having a democratic political system	55%	32%	8%	5%

**4. In some countries, military leaders have suspended elections, closed down the legislature, and temporarily taken charge of the government in order to address extreme corruption. What would be your view if the military took these steps in the United States?**

Strongly favor ..... 4%  
 Somewhat favor ..... 9%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 11%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 57%  
 Don't know ..... 18%

5. Please read the following statements and tell us which is closest to your view, even if none of them are exactly right.

- Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government. .... 77%
- In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable. 14%
- For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have. 9%

6. Please read the following statements and tell us which is closest to your view, even if none of them are exactly right.

- Since the President was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong. .... 13%
- The President must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong. .... 87%

7. Please read the following statements and tell us which is closest to your view, even if none of them are exactly right.

- The news media should scrutinize the President and other politicians to ensure they are accountable to the American people. .... 77%
- The news media should allow the President and politicians to make decisions without being constantly monitored. .... 23%

8. Please read the following statements and tell us which is closest to your view, even if none of them are exactly right.

- Members of Congress should provide oversight of the President and executive branch, even if the President is in their same party .... 77%
- Members of Congress should give the President freedom to make the decisions he feels are right for the country. .... 23%

## 9. For each statement you chose, do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

	Strongly	Not so strongly
Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.		
In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.	91%	9%
For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have. Since the president was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong. The president must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong.	42%	58%
The news media should scrutinize the President and other politicians to ensure they are accountable to the American people.	51%	49%
The news media should allow the President and politicians to make decisions without being constantly monitored. Members of Congress should provide oversight of the President and executive branch,	53%	47%
	88%	12%
	83%	17%
	66%	34%

## 10. Please read the following statements and say if you agree or disagree with each one.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
The government should never be able to censor media, even if they repeatedly publish false news.	33%	24%	17%	10%	15%
If there is another terrorist attack in the US like September 11th, the government should be able to suspend Americans' rights until the situation is under control.	6%	11%	18%	50%	16%
If the Congress cannot agree to act on important issues, the President should be able to suspend laws previously passed by Congress and enact new laws that the President believes the country needs.	7%	14%	15%	48%	17%
We should suspend Congress for a few years so a strong leader can clean up the mess made by politicians in Washington.	10%	12%	11%	52%	16%
Even when the country is at war, citizens should always be free to publicly criticize the President.	58%	19%	7%	5%	12%

11. Please read the following scenarios. How appropriate would it be for a Democratic or Republican President to take action on their own, even if the Constitution does not give them the explicit power to act without Congressional approval?

	Very appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Very inappropriate	Don't know
The country is facing an immediate military threat.	28%	27%	13%	14%	19%
A large majority of the American people believe that the President should act.	16%	26%	18%	21%	19%
The President knows it is the right thing to do for the American people.	14%	20%	20%	28%	19%
The President has sought a compromise with Congress but the other party is playing partisan games.	12%	20%	21%	25%	22%

12. Please read the following scenarios. How appropriate would it be for President Trump to take action on his own, even if the Constitution does not give him the explicit power to act without Congressional approval?

	Very appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Very inappropriate	Don't know
The country is facing an immediate military threat.	24%	23%	13%	19%	20%
A large majority of the American people believe that President Trump should act.	15%	19%	16%	31%	20%
President Trump knows it is the right thing to do for the American people.	14%	18%	13%	39%	17%
President Trump has sought a compromise with Congress but the other party is playing partisan games.	14%	18%	14%	33%	21%

13. As you may know, the House of Representatives has begun an impeachment inquiry into some of President Trump’s recent actions. Based on what you know right now, do you think the following events have happened or have not happened?

	Definitely happened	Probably happened	Probably did not happen	Definitely did not happen	Don't know
President Trump urged the President of Ukraine to investigate allegations of corruption against the Biden family	45%	22%	9%	9%	16%
President Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine to coerce the President of Ukraine to investigate allegations of corruption against the Biden family	37%	15%	11%	21%	17%
Members of the Trump administration have refused to cooperate with the Congressional committees conducting the impeachment inquiry	47%	19%	8%	9%	17%

14. How serious of a problem do you think it would be for our country if the following events definitely happened?

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
President Trump urged the President of Ukraine to investigate allegations of corruption against the Biden family	40%	13%	12%	21%	14%
President Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine to coerce the President of Ukraine to investigate allegations of corruption against the Biden family	44%	14%	12%	16%	15%
Members of the Trump administration have refused to cooperate with the Congressional committees conducting the impeachment inquiry	40%	13%	13%	19%	15%

15. As you may know, the last midterm election resulted in Democrats winning a majority of seats in the House of Representatives. If the Trump administration ignored subpoenas issued by the House - official orders to submit emails, documents, and testimony - would this be appropriate or inappropriate?

Very appropriate	17%
Somewhat appropriate	11%
Somewhat inappropriate	11%
Very inappropriate	42%
Don't know	19%



16. Please consider the following scenarios and tell us how appropriate you think the following actions would be.

	Very appropriate	Somewhat appropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	Very inappropriate	Don't know
President Trump loses the 2020 election but refuses to leave office because he claims that he has credible evidence of illegal voting.	8%	10%	13%	54%	15%
The Democratic candidate loses the 2020 election but calls for a do-over election because they claim to have credible evidence of interference by a foreign government.	18%	20%	15%	30%	18%
A candidate calls for a do-over election because they won the popular vote but lost the Electoral College.	10%	15%	14%	44%	17%

17. When, if ever, is it OK for Democrats to send threatening and intimidating messages to Republican leaders?

Never	82%
Occasionally	9%
Frequently	5%
Always	5%

18. When, if ever, is it OK for Republicans to send threatening and intimidating messages to Democratic leaders?

Never	72%
Occasionally	15%
Frequently	6%
Always	7%

19. When, if ever, is it OK for people you agree with politically to send threatening and intimidating messages to political leaders you don't agree with?

Never	87%
Occasionally	7%
Frequently	4%
Always	2%

20. When, if ever, is it OK for an ordinary Democrat in the public to harass an ordinary Republican on the Internet, in a way that makes the target feel unsafe?

Never	86%
Occasionally	7%
Frequently	3%
Always	5%

21. When, if ever, is it OK for an ordinary Republican in the public to harass an ordinary Democrat on the Internet, in a way that makes the target feel unsafe?

Never .....	76%
Occasionally .....	11%
Frequently .....	5%
Always .....	8%

22. When, if ever, is it OK for an ordinary person you agree with politically to harass an ordinary person you don't agree with politically on the Internet, in a way that makes the target feel unsafe?

Never .....	88%
Occasionally .....	6%
Frequently .....	3%
Always .....	3%

23. How much do you feel it is justified for Democrats to use violence in advancing their political goals these days?

Not at all .....	84%
A little .....	4%
A moderate amount .....	6%
A lot .....	3%
A great deal .....	3%

24. How much do you feel it is justified for Republicans to use violence in advancing their political goals these days?

Not at all .....	85%
A little .....	3%
A moderate amount .....	6%
A lot .....	3%
A great deal .....	3%

25. How much do you feel it is justified for people you agree with politically to use violence in advancing their political goals these days?

Not at all	84%
A little	7%
A moderate amount	6%
A lot	2%
A great deal	1%

26. What if the Republicans win the 2020 presidential election? How much do you feel violence would be justified then?

Not at all	78%
A little	5%
A moderate amount	8%
A lot	4%
A great deal	5%

27. What if the Democrats win the 2020 presidential election? How much do you feel violence would be justified then?

Not at all	79%
A little	4%
A moderate amount	7%
A lot	3%
A great deal	6%

28. What if a politician you don't agree with wins the 2020 presidential election? How much do you feel violence would be justified then?

Not at all	85%
A little	5%
A moderate amount	7%
A lot	2%
A great deal	2%