



# CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

*With Nielsen Scarborough*

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## **Study of American Attitudes toward the Political and Economic System**

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### **Survey Methodology**

The survey was carried out March 12-20, 2020 online from a nationally representative sample of Nielsen Scarborough's probability-based panel, originally recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of adults provided by Survey Sampling International. The poll was conducted among a national poll of 2,395 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 2%. Overall, the sample was adjusted to reflect population estimates (Scarborough USA+/Gallup) for Americans. The survey variables balanced through weighting were: age, gender, race/ethnicity, household income, level of education, census regional division, and political party affiliation.

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Note: Percentages may not always add to one-hundred due to rounding.

## ALL RESPONDENTS

Q15A. Do you plan to vote this year in the 2020 elections?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	95%	95%	70%	93%
2. No	2	1	15	3
3. Not sure	4	4	15	5
Refused	<1	<1	0	<1

Q18. How much do you want significant change to the American political system?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very much	51%	72%	70%	63%
2. Somewhat	38	26	25	31
3. Not at all	11	1	5	6
Refused	1	<1	0	<1

Q19. How much do you want significant change to the American economic system?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very much	29%	61%	60%	47%
2. Somewhat	43	35	31	38
3. Not at all	26	3	7	13
Refused	2	2	2	2

Q20A. Which candidate is most likely to bring significant political change to the American system? [**KEEP IN SAME ORDER AT Q20**]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Donald Trump	63%	13%	34%	37%
2. Bernie Sanders	31	50	36	40
3. Joe Biden	5	36	22	21
Refused	1	1	8	2

Q21A. Which candidate is most likely to bring significant economic change to the American system? [KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS Q21]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Donald Trump	67%	11%	38%	38%
2. Bernie Sanders	29	50	33	39
3. Joe Biden	3	38	22	21
Refused	1	1	7	1

Q25. How much do you want your vote to send a message to the political establishment?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A great deal	80%	75%	59%	76%
2. Some	12	16	23	15
3. A little	3	4	6	4
4. Not at all	4	4	13	5
Refused	1	<1	0	1

Q26. Which of the following is closest to your view: [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1+3, ANCHORING 2 IN THE MIDDLE]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I am generally comfortable with our political system	22%	3%	5%	11%
2. I think our political system needs change, but it should be gradual	49	56	53	52
3. I think our political system needs revolutionary change	29	41	41	36
Refused	1	<1	2	1

Q27. How much change to the political system has occurred in the past three years?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A great deal of change	26%	38%	19%	31%
2. Some change	49	23	29	35
3. Little change	18	23	28	22
4. No change	6	15	24	12
Refused	<1	1	1	<1

[Ask Q28, if Q27 = 1, 2, or 3]

Q28. Is it your assessment that most of the change that has occurred has been:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Positive	54%	3%	18%	28%
2. Neutral	25	15	30	21
3. Negative	20	82	51	51
Refused	1	<1	1	1

Q29. How much do you agree with this statement: “Our system is rigged against people like me”?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Strongly disagree	26%	11%	12%	18%
2. Somewhat disagree	26	18	19	22
3. Somewhat agree	35	44	41	40
4. Strongly agree	12	27	28	21
Refused	<1	<1	1	<1

Q30. How motivated do you feel about voting in the upcoming presidential election?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Not at all motivated	3%	4%	23%	6%
2. Motivated a little	6	6	14	7
3. Motivated somewhat	11	12	18	12
4. Very motivated	80	78	44	76
Refused	0	<1	1	<1