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321 Respondents

160 Split A Respondents, 161 Split B Respondents

195 Web Respondents, 90 Wireless Respondents, 36 Landline Respondents,

Credibility interval: ± 5.5 percentage points

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Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote in the United States?

	Total
Yes	100
No (TERMINATE)	-

Q.4 Sex of respondent

	Total
Male	46
Female	54

Q.5 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	34
Somewhat approve	13
Somewhat disapprove	8
Strongly disapprove	42
(Unsure/don't know/refused)	4
Total approve	47
Total disapprove	50
Total approve - Total disapprove	-3

Q.6 And if the election for President of the United States were held today would you vote for Democrat Joe Biden, Republican Donald Trump, a different candidate, are you undecided, or would you not vote?

	Total
Joe Biden	37
Lean Joe Biden	2
Donald Trump	42
Lean Donald Trump	3
Different candidate	7
Lean Different candidate	1
Would not vote	2
Lean Would not vote	-
(Undecided)	6
Total Joe Biden	40
Total Donald Trump	44
Total Different candidate	8
Total Would not vote	2
Total Joe Biden - Total Donald Trump	-5

Q.7 (IF BIDEN OR TRUMP OR DIFFERENT CANDIDATE IN Q.6) How certain are you that you will vote for JOE BIDEN/DONALD TRUMP/A DIFFERENT CANDIDATE -- are you very certain, somewhat certain, or not certain at all?

	Total
Strong Biden	31
Weak Biden	9
Strong Trump	36
Weak Trump	8
Strong Different candidate	5
Weak Different candidate	3
Would not vote	2
(Undecided)	6

Q.9 And thinking now about the coronavirus outbreak, how worried are you that you or someone in your family will contract the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	Total
Very worried	25
Somewhat worried	44
Not too worried	18
Not worried at all	12
(Don't know/refused)	0
Very/Somewhat worried	70
Not too/Not at all worried	30

Q.10 In your opinion, how much of a public health problem is the coronavirus outbreak in your local community - an extremely large problem, a large problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Total
Extremely large problem	17
Large problem	35
Small problem	39
Not a problem at all	6
(Don't know/refused)	4
Extremely large/Large problem	52
Small/Not a problem at all	45

Q.11 And, in your opinion, how much of an economic problem is the coronavirus outbreak in your local community - an extremely large problem, a large problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Total
Extremely large problem	26
Large problem	46
Small problem	21
Not a problem at all	3
(Don't know/refused)	3
Extremely large/Large problem	73
Small/Not a problem at all	25

Q.12 When do you think the country will get back to normal activity - today or in the next few days, in another week or two, between two weeks and a month from now, between one and two months from now, between two and four months from now, between four and six months from now, or more than six months from now?

	Total
Today or in the next few days	1
In another week or two	3
Between two weeks and a month from now	1
Between one and two months from now	6
Between two and four months from now	13
Between four and six months from now	24
More than six months from now	49
(Don't know/refused)	2

Q.13 Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the response to the coronavirus outbreak.

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	(Unsure/ DK/Ref)	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Approve - Disapprove
A. President Donald Trump	29	19	11	38	3	48	49	-0
B. The United States Congress	9	34	28	24	5	43	52	-9
C. The governor of your state	24	24	20	29	3	48	49	-0
D. Your city, county, and other local officials	32	36	17	11	4	68	27	41

Q.14 In a few words or phrases, how would you describe President Trump's handling of the coronavirus outbreak?

	Total
Bad job	22
Good	22
Somewhat good	12
Disgraceful	8
Inept	8
He doesn't care about people dying/endangering the public	5
He's a liar	5
He acted too late/slow	3
OK/mediocre	3
Informative/knowledgeable	2
Unscientific/anti-science/ignores science	2
Blame media/Democrats/politics/China	1
Could be better/improve	1
Did not take it seriously /not being serious	1
He is for the people	1
He is proactive	1
He is unprepared/disorganize	1
He is very childish	1
Opening too soon	2
Business centered/focusing on economy	0
Care more about the election/re-election	0
Confusing	0
He is dangerous/scary	0
He is inconsistent	1
Professional	1
Strong leadership/great leader	1
Uninformed	0
(Other)	9
(None)	10
(Don't know/refused)	6

Q.15 Now I'd like you to imagine how some previous presidents would be doing if they were in office today.

If former President (ITEM) were the president today, do you think he would be doing a better or worse job than President Donald Trump in handling the response to the coronavirus outbreak?

	Much better	Somewhat better	(Neither better nor worse)	Somewhat worse	Much worse	(Unsure/DK/Ref)	Total better	Total worse	Total better - Total worse
A. Barack Obama	41	9	14	11	21	4	50	32	18
B. George W. Bush	20	28	27	11	8	6	48	19	28

Q.16 Which do you think is the higher priority for President Trump being re-elected to the presidency in November OR dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

	Total
Being re-elected to the Presidency	42
Dealing with the coronavirus outbreak	43
(Both/neither)	13
(Don't know/refused)	2
Being re-elected - Dealing with coronavirus	-1

Q.17 Which do you think is the higher priority for President Trump - being re-elected to the presidency in November OR getting America's economy back on track?

	Total
Being re-elected to the Presidency	37
Getting America's economy back on track	46
(Both/neither)	17
(Don't know/refused)	0
Being re-elected - Getting economy back on track	-8

Q.18 Do you believe your state is...

	Total
Acting too quickly in lifting coronavirus-related restrictions on business activity	49
Not acting quickly enough to lift coronavirus-related restrictions on business activity	9
Acting at the right pace when it comes to lifting coronavirus-related restrictions on business activity	40
(Don't know/refused)	2

Q.19 Would you say you agree or disagree with the protesters who are calling on some governors to immediately lift coronavirus-related restrictions in their states, or have you not heard enough about them to have an opinion?

	Total
Strongly agree	16
Somewhat agree	13
(Neither agree nor disagree)	8
Somewhat disagree	8
Strongly disagree	32
Not heard enough/no opinion (Refused)	22 0
Total Agree	29
Total Disagree	40
Total Agree - Total Disagree	-11

Q.20 OK, now I'm going to read you some concerns people might have due to the coronavirus outbreak. Please tell me if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all about each one.

	Very concerned	Smwt concerned	A little concerned	Not concerned	(Dk/ Ref)	Very/Smwt concerned	A little/Not at all concerned
A. You or a member of your family losing work and income due to the coronavirus outbreak.	38	25	16	21	1	62	37
B. The coronavirus outbreak preventing American citizens from registering to vote in this year's elections.	31	30	11	28	0	60	39
C. The coronavirus outbreak preventing American citizens from voting in this year's elections.	34	26	14	25	0	60	39

Q.21 Thinking now about the November 2020 elections, are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all that your community's votes will be counted as voters intend in the November elections?

	Total
Very confident	36
Somewhat confident	36
Not too confident	17
Not at all confident	10
(Don't know/refused)	2
Very/Somewhat confident	72
Not too/Not at all confident	27

Q.22 Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all that votes across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the November elections?

	Total
Very confident	25
Somewhat confident	37
Not too confident	24
Not at all confident	11
(Don't know/refused)	3
Very/Somewhat confident	62
Not too/Not at all confident	35

Q.23 And do you think the elections this November in the United States will be run and administered very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

	Total
Very well	20
Somewhat well	39
Not too well	21
Not well at all	18
(Don't know/refused)	2
Very/Somewhat well	60
Not too/Not well at all	38

Q.24 Now thinking about the elections and the coronavirus outbreak, do you think the outbreak will have a very big impact, a fairly big impact, a small impact, or no impact at all on voting turnout in the United States in 2020?

	Total
Very big impact	38
Fairly big impact	33
Small impact	25
No impact at all	4
Prefer not to answer	1
Very/Fairly big impact	70
Small/Not impact at all	29
Very/Fairly big impact - Small/No impact	41

Q.25 On a scale of one to ten, where one means it is not likely at all and ten means it is extremely likely, how likely do you think it is that the coronavirus outbreak will prevent you from voting in the 2020 elections?

	Total
1	52
2	9
3	3
4	3
5	10
6	5
7	5
8	3
9	0
10	3
(Don't know/refused)	7
Mean	2.8
1-3	64
4-7	23
8-10	6

Q.26 And how do you intend to vote in the general election for President and other offices this November?

	Total
In-person at my local polling place on Election Day	28
In-person at an early voting center before Election Day	27
By mail, using my state's vote by mail or absentee voter system	43
(I am not voting)	1
(Don't know/refused)	1

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Q.27 OK now I am going to read you a few statements about different ways people can vote in the United States in the 2020 elections. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strong agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strong disagree	(Neither)	(Dk/Ref)	Total agree	Total disagree	Agree - Disagree
A. If available to me in my state, I am likely to vote by mail in this election.	39	15	12	23	7	5	53	36	18
B. If available to me in my state, I am likely to vote before Election Day at an in-person early voting site in this election.	41	26	13	11	4	5	67	24	43
C. I have a clear understanding of how to request a mail-in-ballot so that I can vote by mail in my state.	56	25	11	4	2	2	82	15	67
D. I have a clear understanding of the in-person early voting options available to me in my state.	59	24	7	5	3	3	83	11	72
E. I don't have enough information about how to take advantage of alternatives to in-person Election Day voting.	9	16	21	43	8	4	25	63	-38
F. I am concerned that the mail system in my state cannot be relied upon to get mail-in ballots to election officials in time for them to be counted.	23	22	19	30	5	1	44	49	-5

Q.28 How worried are you about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus while voting at the place where you usually cast your ballot?

	Total
Very worried	17
Somewhat worried	33
Not too worried	27
Not worried at all	22
(Don't know/refused)	1
Very/Somewhat worried	50
Not too/Not at all worried	49

Q.29 OK, now I am going to ask you about some proposals and reforms around voting and elections that have been offered to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each proposal.

	Support strongly	Support somewhat	Oppose somewhat	Oppose strongly	(Neither/ undecided)	(Dk/ Ref)	Total support	Total oppose	Total support - Total oppose
A. Extend voter registration deadlines.	47	16	16	14	6	1	63	30	33
B. Expand access to vote-by-mail.	51	18	12	14	4	1	69	26	43
C. Expand access to early voting.	63	20	6	7	4	0	83	13	70
D. Include pre-paid postage for anyone who votes by mail.	58	15	5	13	8	1	74	18	56
E. Increase the number of in-person polling places in order to minimize lines.	54	25	8	6	6	0	79	14	65
F. Implement drive-through voting that will let voters cast their votes at precinct locations without leaving their vehicles.	49	23	9	11	6	1	72	21	51

Q.30 How important do you think it is for your state and local government to provide alternatives to in-person voting at your usual polling place for the 2020 elections - very important, somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all?

	Total
Very important	57
Somewhat important	27
Not that important	7
Not important at all	8
(Don't know/refused)	2
Very/Somewhat important	84
Not that important/not at all	14
Very/Somewhat important - Not that important/not at all	69

Q.31 And how important do you think it is for the federal government to provide additional funding to states and counties to cover the increased costs of conducting elections due to the coronavirus outbreak - very important, somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all?

	Total
Very important	46
Somewhat important	32
Not that important	13
Not important at all	7
(Don't know/refused)	3
Very/Somewhat important	78
Not that/Not at all important	19
Very/Somewhat important - Not that important/not at all	59

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Q.32 OK now I am going to read you a few statements about the coronavirus outbreak, voting, and elections in the United States in 2020. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strong agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strong disagree	(Neither)	(Dk/Ref)	Total agree	Total disagree	Agree - Disagree
A. We should not allow the coronavirus outbreak to prevent eligible citizens from voting safely in the 2020 elections.	68	20	3	3	7	-	87	5	82
B. Alternatives to in-person Election Day voting are non-partisan reforms meant to help Americans vote safely in the 2020 elections.	46	24	13	9	9	-	70	21	48
C. Expanded access to vote-by-mail would lead to higher levels of voter fraud.	30	27	13	24	6	-	57	37	20
D. Proposals to expand access to early voting and vote-by-mail are a power grab by Democrats to defeat Donald Trump.	22	24	9	35	9	-	46	45	2
E. The risk of exposure to coronavirus is a valid excuse for voting absentee rather than in-person on Election Day.	49	26	11	11	4	-	75	21	54
F. Elections officials should only count vote-by-mail ballots that are postmarked by Election Day.	47	23	12	15	3	-	70	27	43
G. Elections officials should only count vote-by-mail ballots that are received by Election Day.	36	20	18	20	6	-	56	37	19
H. It is important to give registered voters the option to vote-by-mail so that they can choose to avoid potential exposure to the coronavirus.	59	22	11	6	2	-	81	17	64

Q.33 As you may know, due to the coronavirus outbreak, Congress is considering providing states with federal funding to pay for voting reforms like expanded early voting and vote-by-mail, a proposal that is generally supported by Democrats in Congress and opposed by President Trump. I am going to read you some arguments each side has made about this proposal and for each argument, please tell me whose side you take more, Democrats in Congress or President Trump, even if neither side is exactly right.

	Dems much more	Dems smwt more	Trump smwt more	Trump much more	(Both)	(Neither)	(Dk/ Ref)	Total Dems	Total Trump	Total Dems - Total Trump
A. (TRUMP) (BOTH A/B SPLITS GET SAME MESSAGE) <i>President Trump says that expanding vote-by- mail will lead to massive amounts of voter fraud, jeopardizing the legitimacy and sanctity of our electoral process.</i>										
(DEMOCRATS) (SPLIT A) <i>Democrats in Congress say that the experience of the five states that conduct their elections entirely by mail shows that vote-by-mail can be conducted safely, securely, and without any added risk of fraud or interference.</i>										
(DEMOCRATS) (SPLIT B) <i>Democrats in Congress say that not only is there no evidence that vote-by- mail results in fraud, President Trump himself voted by mail in the Florida Republican primary election earlier this year.</i>										
Total	36	11	10	30	2	7	4	46	40	6
A	35	12	14	25	2	9	3	47	39	9
B	36	9	7	34	3	6	6	45	41	4

	Dems much more	Dems smwt more	Trump smwt more	Trump much more	(Both)	(Neither)	(Dk/ Ref)	Total Dems	Total Trump	Total Dems - Total Trump
B. (TRUMP) (BOTH A/B SPLITS GET SAME MESSAGE) <i>President Trump says expanded early voting and vote-by-mail are a power grab by Democrats to help them win elections.</i>										
(DEMOCRATS) (SPLIT A) <i>Democrats in Congress say that our democracy is strongest when the greatest number of citizens can participate and make their voices heard.</i>										
(DEMOCRATS) (SPLIT B) <i>Democrats in Congress say that vote- by-mail allows citizens to vote from the safety of their home on their own time, and without being exposed to the coronavirus.</i>										
Total	41	7	11	27	3	7	5	47	38	10
A	44	8	14	23	1	8	3	52	37	15
B	38	5	8	31	6	5	8	43	38	4

Q.34 How committed would you say the Democratic Party is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate - very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all?

	Total
Very committed	35
Somewhat committed	24
Not too committed	16
Not committed at all	24
(Don't know/refused)	1
Very/Somewhat committed	59
Not too/Not at all committed	40

Q.35 How committed would you say the Republican Party is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate - very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all?

	Total
Very committed	36
Somewhat committed	24
Not too committed	12
Not committed at all	24
(Don't know/refused)	5
Very/Somewhat committed	60
Not too/Not at all committed	36

Q.36 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes.

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	29
Weak Democrat	7
Independent-lean Democrat	7
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	8
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican	30
(Don't know/refused)	0
Democrat	36
Independent with Leaners	23
Republican	41
Democrat - Republican	-5
Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem	43
Pure Independent	7
Republican and Ind. Lean Republican	49
Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem - Republican and Ind. Lean Republican	-6

Q.39 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Total
Liberal	23
Moderate	34
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	4

Q.40 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-29	21
30-39	18
40-49	16
50-64	25
65+	20
(Don't know/refused)	2

Q.41 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	6
High school graduate	19
Non-college post H.S.	6
Some college	34
College graduate	21
Post-graduate school	14
(Don't know/refused)	0
H.S. or less	26
Post H.S.	40
College Graduate	35
Not College	65

Q.42 What is your race?

	Total
White	59
Black	32
Hispanic	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	4
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total Non-White	40

Q.43 Do you or your family rent or own the home in which you live?

	Total
Rent	25
Own	71
(Refused)	5

Q.44 What is your marital status -- are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	51
Single	32
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed	6
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total Unmarried	48

Q.45 Do you have any children under the age of 18 that live either half-time or full-time in your household?

	Total
Yes	25
No	74
(Refused)	1

Q.46 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services.

	Total
More than once a week	11
Once a week	21
Once or twice a month	12
A few times a year	13
Seldom	21
Never	17
(Don't know/refused)	4
Frequent	32
Infrequent	25
Seldom/Never	39

Q.47 And to the best of your knowledge, have you contracted the coronavirus?

	Total
Yes	3
No	97
(Don't know/refused)	0

TargetSmart Urbanicity

	Total
Rural	36
Suburban	46
Urban	18

Mode

	Total
Not Wireless	11
Web	61
Wireless	28

Survey Methodology

TargetSmart designed this multi-mode survey and administered it in partnership with industry-leading data collection vendor Dynata. One hundred twenty-eight (126 weighted) respondents were interviewed over the telephone by professional agents (71% on cell phones, 29% on landlines), and 193 (195 weighted) respondents were interviewed online, reached via the Dynata online panel. Telephone interviews were drawn from a random sample of registered voters across Georgia, sampled from the TargetSmart voter file. Online interviews from the Dynata online panel were also all matched back to the TargetSmart voter file. In total, the survey reached 321 respondents who indicated they are registered to vote in the United States. The survey was conducted from May 21-27, 2020. Quotas were designed to reflect the demographic and geographic distribution of registered voters in Georgia. The data were weighted by gender, age, race, self-reported and modeled partisanship, self-reported and modeled education, modeled vote propensity, population density (at the census bloc level), and geography to ensure an accurate reflection of the population.

The overall credibility interval for this survey, the theoretical margin of error for a blended-methodology poll that relies partially on telephone-based probability sampling, and partially on non-probability based online panel sampling, is $\pm 5.5\%$. The credibility interval for subgroups is larger and varies. Some frequencies may not add to up 100% and some differences and value combinations may appear to be off by 1-2 percentage points -- both of which are due to rounding.