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December 2021 National Poll

Field Dates:	December 14 – December 20, 2021
Sample:	1,000 Respondents
Margin of Error:	3.1%

YouGov interviewed 1036 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1,000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Voting Reforms (N=1,000)

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following...

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
	Strongly Favor		Somewhat Favor		Somewhat Oppose		Strongly Oppose		Don't Know	
Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote.	38%	35%	16%	17%	9%	13%	28%	23%	10%	11%
Making Election Day a national holiday.	39%	39%	22%	19%	11%	13%	15%	15%	13%	14%
Making the option of voting by mail a permanent option available to all registered voters.	44%	40%	13%	14%	9%	9%	28%	28%	6%	10%
Allowing people convicted of felonies the right to vote after serving their sentences.	34%	33%	26%	27%	12%	11%	17%	16%	12%	14%
Allowing people to register to vote and cast their ballot on Election Day.	40%	38%	19%	19%	11%	11%	22%	21%	9%	10%
Requiring all voters to show government issued photo identification to vote.	49%	50%	18%	17%	12%	12%	13%	10%	8%	11%
Making it illegal to bring people waiting in line to vote food or water.	10%	12%	10%	9%	14%	15%	53%	46%	13%	18%
Allowing election officials to automatically mail absentee ballot applications to all voters.	29%	29%	15%	14%	9%	11%	35%	33%	12%	12%
Making it easier for state legislatures to change the election results if they		5%								

believe there were problems.		14%	12%	49%	20%

Perceptions of Voter Suppression (N=1,000)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Some political leaders don't want people like me to vote.	36%	21%	22%	9%	11%
Some political leaders try to make voting more difficult than it needs to be, in order to take away power from people like me and give it to other people in society.	33%	18%	23%	8%	18%
Efforts by some political leaders to make it harder to vote violate the constitutional rights of people like me.	34%	14%	26%	9%	17%

Beneficiary of High Turnout Election (N=1000)

Which party's candidates do you think are more likely to benefit from higher levels of voter turnout in elections?

The Democratic Party	44%
The Republican Party	16%
Third Party	5%
Don't know	35%

Biden Legitimately Elected (N=1,000)

Do you believe that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election was legitimate or not legitimate?

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
Definitely Legitimate	**49%**	**46%**
Probably Legitimate	10%	12%
Probably Not Legitimate	10%	11%
Definitely Not Legitimate	24%	22%
I'm Not Sure	7%	9%

Illegitimate Follow Up (N=293)

Only asked of respondents who indicated that Biden's victory was probably or definitely not legitimate.

Listed below are a number of reasons why some people believe that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election was not legitimate. From the following list, please select the reasons why <u>you</u> believe that Joe Biden's victory was not legitimate. Please select all that apply.

Ballots supporting Donald Trump were destroyed by election officials in certain states.	65%
Fraudulent ballots supporting Joe Biden were counted by election officials in certain states.	**83%**
Non-citizens and other ineligible voters were allowed to vote for Joe Biden by election officials in certain states.	76%
Voting machines were re-programmed by election officials to count extra ballots for Biden in certain states.	57%
Voting machines were re-programmed by foreign governments and changed votes for Trump to votes for Biden.	39%
Absentee ballots from deceased people for Biden were counted by election officials in certain states.	81%
Voters crossed state lines into battleground states, illegally cast votes for Biden, and these votes were counted by election officials in these states.	51%
Some states changed election rules in ways they should not have.	69%

Too Partisan (N=1,000)

Do you believe that (Insert Option) is/are

	Too Partisan	Not Partisan At All	Not Partisan Enough
The U.S. Supreme Court	48%	39%	13%
Officials Administering Elections in (Insert R's State)	37%	52%	11%
Officials Administering Elections in Your Local Community	31%	58%	11%
Your Local School Committee	35%	51%	14%

2022 Midterm Election (N=1,000)

	Democratic Party's Candidate	Republican Party's Candidate	Don't Know
Looking ahead to the 2022 midterm congressional election, if this election were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district? (N=1,000)	42%	37%	21%
Looking ahead to the 2022 midterm congressional election, if this election were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in the Senate election? (N=341)	42%	38%	21%

2022 Midterm Election (Registered Voters Only)

	Democratic Party's Candidate	Republican Party's Candidate	Don't Know
Looking ahead to the 2022 midterm congressional election, if this election were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district? (N=900)	42%	40%	17%
Looking ahead to the 2022 midterm congressional election, if this election were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in the Senate election? (N=314)	43%	40%	18%

2024 Democratic Presidential Primary (N=491)

Who would you prefer as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate in 2024?

	1st	2nd	3rd
Joe Biden	40%	8%	9%
Kamala Harris	10%	25%	16%
Bernie Sanders	18%	13%	15%
Pete Buttigieg	9%	14%	17%
Elizabeth Warren	10%	18%	19%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	7%	12%	12%
Hillary Clinton	6%	10%	13%

2024 Republican Presidential Primary (N=306)

Who would you prefer as the Republican Party's presidential candidate in 2024?

	1st	2nd	3rd
Donald Trump	55%	13%	6%
Ron DeSantis	20%	37%	12%
Nikki Haley	7%	8%	11%
Mike Pence	6%	13%	10%
Tim Scott	4%	7%	17%
Mike Pompeo	2%	8%	14%
Ted Cruz	6%	15%	31%

2024 Violence (N=1,000)

How concerned are you about the possibility of election-related violence in the 2024 presidential election?

Very Concerned	31%
Somewhat Concerned	31%
Not Too Concerned	24%
Not Concerned At All	14%