



## DIVISIVENESS AND COLLABORATION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE

Methodology and Final Topline

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The survey results below appear in the report titled "Divisiveness and Collaboration in American Public Life," which summarizes findings from the inaugural Public Agenda/USA Today/Ipsos Hidden Common Ground survey. The data are based on a nationally representative survey of 1,548 adult Americans 18 years and older. The survey was fielded October 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 by Ipsos using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. Respondents completed the survey in English.

### **A survey of Americans (ages 18+)**

*Interview dates: October 14 –21, 2019*

*Number of interviews: N=1,548*

*Number of interviews: those who self-identify as Republican N=466*

*Number of interviews: those who self-identify as Democrat N=533*

*Number of interviews: Independent (Independent + Another party) N=359*

*Number of interviews: Apolitical (No preference + Skipped) N=190*

*Margin of error among total: +/- 2.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*Margin of error among Republicans: +/- 4.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*Margin of error among Democrats: +/- 4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*Margin of error among Independents: +/- 5.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*Margin of error among Apolitical: +/- 7.51 percentage points at 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

*NOTE: \* = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

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### **Annotated Questionnaire:**

1. At this moment, do you think each of the following is heading in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

| Summary                | Total           |             | Republican      |             | Democrat        |             | Independent     |             | Apolitical      |             |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                        | Right direction | Wrong track | Right direction | Wrong track | Right direction | Wrong track | Right direction | Wrong track | Right direction | Wrong track |
| The country as a whole | 28              | 70          | 58              | 41          | 8               | 91          | 24              | 75          | 26              | 67          |
| Your community         | 69              | 28          | 74              | 25          | 71              | 29          | 68              | 30          | 59              | 33          |
| Your personal life     | 87              | 12          | 92              | 8           | 89              | 11          | 86              | 12          | 73              | 19          |

| The country as a whole | Total | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Apolitical |
|------------------------|-------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Right direction        | 28    | 58         | 8        | 24          | 26         |
| Wrong track            | 70    | 41         | 91       | 75          | 67         |
| Skipped                | 2     | 1          | 1        | 1           | 7          |



1. At this moment, do you think each of the following is heading in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

| <b>Your community</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Right direction       | 69           | 74                | 71              | 68                 | 59                |
| Wrong track           | 28           | 25                | 29              | 30                 | 33                |
| Skipped               | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 2                  | 8                 |

| <b>Your personal life</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Right direction           | 87           | 92                | 89              | 86                 | 73                |
| Wrong track               | 12           | 8                 | 11              | 12                 | 19                |
| Skipped                   | 2            | 1                 | *               | 2                  | 8                 |



2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| Summary  | Total       |                | Republican  |                | Democrat    |                | Independent |                | Apolitical  |                |
|--|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|  | Total Agree | Total Disagree | Total Agree | Total Disagree | Total Agree | Total Disagree | Total Agree | Total Disagree | Total Agree | Total Disagree |
| There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray                | 73          | 26             | 82          | 17             | 67          | 32             | 76          | 24             | 62          | 32             |
| The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people | 42          | 57             | 41          | 58             | 45          | 55             | 35          | 64             | 47          | 47             |
| Divisiveness and gridlock in American politics is <u>not</u> a big problem   | 15          | 83             | 16          | 83             | 12          | 87             | 14          | 86             | 26          | 68             |

| There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Strongly agree  | 22        | 32         | 15        | 25          | 14         |
| Somewhat agree  | 51        | 50         | 53        | 50          | 48         |
| Somewhat disagree   | 19        | 12         | 24        | 18          | 20         |
| Strongly disagree   | 7         | 5          | 8         | 6           | 12         |
| Skipped   | 1         | 1          | 1         | *           | 5          |
| <b>Total Agree</b>  | <b>73</b> | <b>82</b>  | <b>67</b> | <b>76</b>   | <b>62</b>  |
| <b>Total Disagree</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>32</b> | <b>24</b>   | <b>32</b>  |



2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| <b>The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly agree  | 12           | 11                | 12              | 10                 | 14                |
| Somewhat agree  | 30           | 30                | 33              | 25                 | 33                |
| Somewhat disagree   | 35           | 33                | 36              | 41                 | 28                |
| Strongly disagree   | 21           | 25                | 19              | 23                 | 19                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Agree</b>  | <b>42</b>    | <b>41</b>         | <b>45</b>       | <b>35</b>          | <b>47</b>         |
| <b>Total Disagree</b>   | <b>57</b>    | <b>58</b>         | <b>55</b>       | <b>64</b>          | <b>47</b>         |

| <b>Divisiveness and gridlock in American politics is <u>not</u> a big problem</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly agree  | 4            | 4                 | 4               | 5                  | 5                 |
| Somewhat agree  | 11           | 12                | 9               | 8                  | 21                |
| Somewhat disagree   | 27           | 29                | 25              | 26                 | 33                |
| Strongly disagree   | 56           | 54                | 62              | 60                 | 35                |
| Skipped   | 1            | 1                 | 1               | -                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Agree</b>  | <b>15</b>    | <b>16</b>         | <b>12</b>       | <b>14</b>          | <b>26</b>         |
| <b>Total Disagree</b>   | <b>83</b>    | <b>83</b>         | <b>87</b>       | <b>86</b>          | <b>68</b>         |

3. Which is a bigger problem?

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| People are afraid to speak their mind honestly and say what they really mean for fear of criticism | 21           | 27                | 14              | 22                 | 24                |
| People speak thoughtlessly without regard for harming other people                                 | 24           | 21                | 31              | 22                 | 14                |
| They are equal problems  | 46           | 45                | 47              | 51                 | 42                |
| Neither  | 8            | 7                 | 8               | 4                  | 16                |
| Skipped  | 1            | 1                 | *               | *                  | 3                 |

4. Which one do you worry about more?

|   | Total | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Americans have too many fundamental disagreements and conflicting values                      | 10    | 10         | 12       | 7           | 9          |
| Americans don't know how to talk about their disagreements and conflicts in constructive ways | 43    | 45         | 42       | 48          | 33         |
| Both equally  | 38    | 36         | 41       | 36          | 39         |
| Neither   | 8     | 8          | 5        | 9           | 15         |
| Skipped   | 1     | 1          | *        | 1           | 4          |

5. In your opinion, is the inability to constructively disagree in the United States...

|  | Total | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Apolitical |
|--|-------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Driven from the top down: that is, leaders set an example people follow                      | 76    | 71         | 83       | 77          | 64         |
| Driven from the bottom up: that is, leaders are just following behaviors people already have | 21    | 27         | 15       | 20          | 28         |
| Skipped  | 3     | 1          | 2        | 2           | 8          |

6. In general, do you think America deals with disagreements in a mostly constructive or mostly destructive way?

|                                      | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 2         | 2          | 1         | 2           | 2          |
| More constructive than destructive   | 8         | 8          | 7         | 10          | 7          |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 21        | 19         | 21        | 18          | 26         |
| More destructive than constructive   | 51        | 52         | 54        | 53          | 39         |
| Mostly destructive                   | 17        | 18         | 16        | 17          | 20         |
| Skipped                              | 1         | 1          | *         | 1           | 5          |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>10</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>69</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>71</b> | <b>70</b>   | <b>59</b>  |

7. Over the last ten years, do you think America has become more constructive or more destructive in how it deals with disagreements?

|                   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More constructive | 5            | 5                 | 5               | 5                  | 8                 |
| Stay the same     | 19           | 17                | 19              | 16                 | 28                |
| More destructive  | 74           | 77                | 76              | 78                 | 60                |
| Skipped           | 1            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 4                 |

8. In the next ten years, do you think America will become more constructive or more destructive in how it deals with disagreements?

|                   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More constructive | 22           | 21                | 26              | 20                 | 15                |
| Stay the same     | 38           | 37                | 37              | 36                 | 42                |
| More destructive  | 39           | 41                | 35              | 43                 | 39                |
| Skipped           | 2            | 1                 | 2               | 1                  | 4                 |



9. In general, do you think the following promote mostly constructive or mostly destructive public discussion and debate?

| Summary                    | Total              |                   | Republican         |                   | Democrat           |                   | Independent        |                   | Apolitical         |                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                            | Total Constructive | Total Destructive | Total Constructive | Total Destructive | Total Constructive | Total Destructive | Total Constructive | Total Destructive | Total Constructive | Total Destructive |
| Journalism and news media  | 16                 | 59                | 7                  | 84                | 28                 | 38                | 14                 | 65                | 9                  | 54                |
| Social media               | 8                  | 74                | 6                  | 83                | 11                 | 68                | 6                  | 79                | 10                 | 60                |
| National political leaders | 7                  | 78                | 7                  | 79                | 8                  | 78                | 5                  | 86                | 9                  | 63                |
| Local political leaders    | 22                 | 44                | 20                 | 47                | 26                 | 40                | 22                 | 47                | 14                 | 44                |
| Religious leaders          | 33                 | 27                | 49                 | 17                | 26                 | 33                | 30                 | 28                | 20                 | 28                |
| Ordinary people            | 34                 | 23                | 38                 | 25                | 34                 | 21                | 32                 | 23                | 30                 | 24                |
| Organized labor            | 25                 | 28                | 19                 | 41                | 34                 | 18                | 21                 | 34                | 22                 | 22                |
| Business leaders           | 23                 | 33                | 31                 | 26                | 20                 | 38                | 23                 | 33                | 18                 | 35                |



9. In general, do you think the following promote mostly constructive or mostly destructive public discussion and debate?

| <b>Journalism and news media</b>     | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 4            | 3                 | 5               | 4                  | 4                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 12           | 4                 | 23              | 11                 | 5                 |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 23           | 9                 | 33              | 21                 | 31                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 32           | 35                | 30              | 34                 | 29                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 27           | 50                | 8               | 32                 | 25                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | -                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>16</b>    | <b>7</b>          | <b>28</b>       | <b>14</b>          | <b>9</b>          |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>61</b>    | <b>85</b>         | <b>40</b>       | <b>65</b>          | <b>60</b>         |

9. In general, do you think the following promote mostly constructive or mostly destructive public discussion and debate?

| <b>Social media</b>                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 2            | 2                 | 2               | 2                  | 2                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 6            | 4                 | 9               | 4                  | 8                 |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 16           | 10                | 20              | 13                 | 24                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 41           | 42                | 42              | 46                 | 31                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 32           | 42                | 25              | 34                 | 29                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>8</b>     | <b>6</b>          | <b>11</b>       | <b>6</b>           | <b>10</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>75</b>    | <b>84</b>         | <b>69</b>       | <b>81</b>          | <b>66</b>         |

| <b>National political leaders</b>    | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 2            | 2                 | 2               | *                  | 3                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 6            | 5                 | 7               | 5                  | 6                 |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 13           | 12                | 12              | 9                  | 23                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 45           | 47                | 48              | 45                 | 35                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 33           | 32                | 31              | 41                 | 28                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 2               | *                  | 5                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>7</b>     | <b>7</b>          | <b>8</b>        | <b>5</b>           | <b>9</b>          |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>80</b>    | <b>80</b>         | <b>80</b>       | <b>86</b>          | <b>68</b>         |

| <b>Local political leaders</b>       | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 4            | 3                 | 5               | 3                  | 4                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 18           | 17                | 21              | 19                 | 11                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 33           | 32                | 33              | 31                 | 35                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 29           | 29                | 28              | 33                 | 24                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 15           | 17                | 12              | 14                 | 20                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>22</b>    | <b>20</b>         | <b>26</b>       | <b>22</b>          | <b>14</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>46</b>    | <b>48</b>         | <b>42</b>       | <b>47</b>          | <b>51</b>         |

| <b>Religious leaders</b>             | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 11           | 17                | 9               | 9                  | 7                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 22           | 32                | 17              | 21                 | 13                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 39           | 33                | 39              | 41                 | 45                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 16           | 11                | 19              | 17                 | 15                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 11           | 6                 | 14              | 11                 | 14                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | *                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>33</b>    | <b>49</b>         | <b>26</b>       | <b>30</b>          | <b>20</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>29</b>    | <b>18</b>         | <b>35</b>       | <b>29</b>          | <b>35</b>         |

9. In general, do you think the following promote mostly constructive or mostly destructive public discussion and debate?

| <b>Ordinary people</b>               | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 7            | 10                | 8               | 4                  | 5                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 27           | 28                | 26              | 28                 | 25                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 41           | 35                | 44              | 44                 | 41                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 19           | 23                | 18              | 16                 | 18                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 4            | 3                 | 4               | 7                  | 6                 |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 5                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>34</b>    | <b>38</b>         | <b>34</b>       | <b>32</b>          | <b>30</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>25</b>    | <b>27</b>         | <b>23</b>       | <b>24</b>          | <b>29</b>         |

| <b>Organized labor</b>               | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 5            | 4                 | 9               | 3                  | 4                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 20           | 15                | 25              | 18                 | 17                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 45           | 40                | 47              | 44                 | 51                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 19           | 26                | 13              | 24                 | 13                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 9            | 14                | 5               | 10                 | 9                 |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>25</b>    | <b>19</b>         | <b>34</b>       | <b>21</b>          | <b>22</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>30</b>    | <b>41</b>         | <b>20</b>       | <b>35</b>          | <b>28</b>         |

| <b>Business leaders</b>              | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 4            | 6                 | 2               | 4                  | 3                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 20           | 25                | 18              | 19                 | 15                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 42           | 43                | 40              | 43                 | 42                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 25           | 20                | 30              | 25                 | 22                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 8            | 6                 | 9               | 8                  | 13                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>23</b>    | <b>31</b>         | <b>20</b>       | <b>23</b>          | <b>18</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>35</b>    | <b>27</b>         | <b>39</b>       | <b>34</b>          | <b>40</b>         |

10. When you talk about politics or the government with family or friends, are those conversations...

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive  | 12           | 15                | 12              | 10                 | 6                 |
| More constructive than destructive                                   | 18           | 19                | 23              | 20                 | 4                 |
| Neither constructive nor destructive                                 | 27           | 25                | 27              | 29                 | 27                |
| More destructive than constructive                                   | 10           | 8                 | 10              | 10                 | 10                |
| Mostly destructive   | 2            | 2                 | 3               | 1                  | 2                 |
| I don't talk about politics or the government with family or friends | 30           | 31                | 25              | 29                 | 47                |
| Skipped  | 1            | 1                 | *               | 1                  | 4                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>  | <b>30</b>    | <b>33</b>         | <b>35</b>       | <b>30</b>          | <b>10</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>   | <b>12</b>    | <b>10</b>         | <b>13</b>       | <b>11</b>          | <b>12</b>         |

11. Have destructive partisan disagreements and divisiveness directly affected your life?

|            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Yes        | 29           | 26                | 37              | 29                 | 10                |
| No         | 45           | 52                | 38              | 48                 | 43                |
| Don't know | 26           | 21                | 24              | 22                 | 44                |
| Skipped    | 1            | 1                 | *               | 1                  | 3                 |

12. How have destructive partisan disagreements and divisiveness affected your life? (Select all the apply)

| <i>Base: Partisan disagreements/divisiveness has directed affected life</i> | <b>Total<br/>(N=479)</b> | <b>Republican<br/>(N=128)</b> | <b>Democrat<br/>(N=214)</b> | <b>Independent<br/>(N=115)</b> | <b>Apolitical<br/>(N=22)</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lost or had serious fight with friends or family                            | 35                       | 34                            | 39                          | 34                             | 19                           |
| Had problems at work  | 8                        | 10                            | 7                           | 7                              | 12                           |
| Experienced depression, anxiety or sadness                                  | 40                       | 30                            | 48                          | 34                             | 42                           |
| Prompted you to get more involved in civic and political life               | 16                       | 13                            | 21                          | 11                             | 11                           |
| Prompted you to avoid getting involved in civic and political life          | 31                       | 38                            | 23                          | 41                             | 31                           |
| Caused you to pay more attention to political news and commentary           | 48                       | 45                            | 57                          | 38                             | 31                           |
| Caused you to avoid political news and commentary                           | 42                       | 46                            | 36                          | 52                             | 44                           |
| Other   | 7                        | 9                             | 3                           | 11                             | 8                            |
| Skipped   | 1                        | 2                             | -                           | -                              | 12                           |



13. Do you think each of the following has more to gain or more to lose from partisan disagreements and divisiveness in America?

| Summary                    | Total        |              | Republican   |              | Democrat     |              | Independent  |              | Apolitical   |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | More to gain | More to lose | More to gain | More to lose | More to gain | More to lose | More to gain | More to lose | More to gain | More to lose |
| Journalism and news media  | 44           | 27           | 50           | 33           | 41           | 24           | 49           | 28           | 35           | 17           |
| Social media               | 38           | 29           | 38           | 33           | 39           | 28           | 43           | 29           | 30           | 21           |
| National political leaders | 39           | 40           | 36           | 46           | 43           | 39           | 39           | 42           | 33           | 29           |
| Local political leaders    | 30           | 41           | 28           | 46           | 31           | 42           | 31           | 41           | 28           | 28           |
| Religious leaders          | 22           | 35           | 15           | 45           | 28           | 30           | 23           | 39           | 20           | 21           |
| Ordinary people            | 10           | 63           | 8            | 66           | 13           | 66           | 6            | 69           | 13           | 41           |
| Organized labor            | 22           | 43           | 25           | 42           | 22           | 46           | 22           | 46           | 17           | 32           |
| Business leaders           | 28           | 41           | 24           | 50           | 35           | 37           | 24           | 43           | 25           | 27           |

| Journalism and news media | Total | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Apolitical |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| More to gain              | 44    | 50         | 41       | 49          | 35         |
| More to lose              | 27    | 33         | 24       | 28          | 17         |
| Makes no difference       | 27    | 15         | 33       | 22          | 42         |
| Skipped                   | 2     | 2          | 1        | 1           | 7          |

| <b>Social media</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain        | 38           | 38                | 39              | 43                 | 30                |
| More to lose        | 29           | 33                | 28              | 29                 | 21                |
| Makes no difference | 31           | 27                | 31              | 26                 | 42                |
| Skipped             | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 2                  | 7                 |

13. Do you think each of the following has more to gain or more to lose from partisan disagreements and divisiveness in America?

| <b>National political leaders</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain                      | 39           | 36                | 43              | 39                 | 33                |
| More to lose                      | 40           | 46                | 39              | 42                 | 29                |
| Makes no difference               | 19           | 16                | 16              | 18                 | 31                |
| Skipped                           | 2            | 2                 | 2               | 1                  | 7                 |

| <b>Local political leaders</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain                   | 30           | 28                | 31              | 31                 | 28                |
| More to lose                   | 41           | 46                | 42              | 41                 | 28                |
| Makes no difference            | 27           | 23                | 26              | 27                 | 39                |
| Skipped                        | 2            | 3                 | 1               | 1                  | 5                 |

| <b>Religious leaders</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain             | 22           | 15                | 28              | 23                 | 20                |
| More to lose             | 35           | 45                | 30              | 39                 | 21                |
| Makes no difference      | 40           | 38                | 41              | 37                 | 50                |
| Skipped                  | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 8                 |

| <b>Ordinary people</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain           | 10           | 8                 | 13              | 6                  | 12                |
| More to lose           | 63           | 66                | 66              | 69                 | 41                |
| Makes no difference    | 25           | 24                | 20              | 24                 | 39                |
| Skipped                | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |

| <b>Organized labor</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain           | 22           | 25                | 22              | 22                 | 17                |
| More to lose           | 43           | 42                | 46              | 46                 | 32                |
| Makes no difference    | 33           | 30                | 31              | 31                 | 44                |
| Skipped                | 3            | 3                 | 1               | 2                  | 8                 |

| <b>Business leaders</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| More to gain            | 28           | 24                | 35              | 24                 | 25                |
| More to lose            | 41           | 50                | 37              | 43                 | 27                |
| Makes no difference     | 29           | 24                | 26              | 32                 | 41                |
| Skipped                 | 3            | 3                 | 2               | 1                  | 8                 |

14. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Democrats, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>Approachable</b><br><i>Base: Sample A</i> | <b>Total</b><br><b>(N=780)</b> | <b>Republican</b><br><b>(N=232)</b> | <b>Democrat</b><br><b>(N=257)</b> | <b>Independent</b><br><b>(N=187)</b> | <b>Apolitical</b><br><b>(N=104)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None 0%                                      | 3                              | 6                                   | -                                 | 2                                    | 5                                   |
| 10%  | 5                              | 9                                   | 1                                 | 4                                    | 7                                   |
| 20%  | 6                              | 13                                  | 1                                 | 4                                    | 4                                   |
| 30%  | 7                              | 12                                  | 5                                 | 4                                    | 4                                   |
| 40%  | 10                             | 13                                  | 7                                 | 10                                   | 9                                   |
| 50%  | 19                             | 14                                  | 17                                | 19                                   | 31                                  |
| 60%  | 10                             | 6                                   | 14                                | 9                                    | 9                                   |
| 70%  | 11                             | 4                                   | 18                                | 13                                   | 4                                   |
| 80%  | 13                             | 6                                   | 20                                | 16                                   | 4                                   |
| 90%  | 6                              | 5                                   | 8                                 | 6                                    | 3                                   |
| All 100%                                     | 3                              | 1                                   | 5                                 | 1                                    | 4                                   |
| Skipped                                      | 9                              | 11                                  | 3                                 | 12                                   | 17                                  |
| <b>Mean</b>                                  | <b>53.84</b>                   | <b>40.74</b>                        | <b>64.87</b>                      | <b>55.92</b>                         | <b>47.52</b>                        |

| <b>Unapproachable</b><br><i>Base: Sample B</i> | <b>Total</b><br><b>(N=768)</b> | <b>Republican</b><br><b>(N=234)</b> | <b>Democrat</b><br><b>(N=276)</b> | <b>Independent</b><br><b>(N=172)</b> | <b>Apolitical</b><br><b>(N=86)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| None 0%  | 4                              | 4                                   | 3                                 | 2                                    | 7                                  |
| 10%  | 10                             | 5                                   | 15                                | 9                                    | 4                                  |
| 20%  | 11                             | 7                                   | 14                                | 15                                   | 6                                  |
| 30%  | 11                             | 12                                  | 12                                | 8                                    | 11                                 |
| 40%  | 10                             | 9                                   | 9                                 | 10                                   | 16                                 |
| 50%  | 14                             | 12                                  | 11                                | 19                                   | 22                                 |
| 60%  | 8                              | 8                                   | 6                                 | 11                                   | 9                                  |
| 70%  | 8                              | 10                                  | 6                                 | 7                                    | 8                                  |
| 80%  | 6                              | 9                                   | 5                                 | 5                                    | 2                                  |
| 90%  | 5                              | 9                                   | 4                                 | 5                                    | 2                                  |
| All 100%                                       | 3                              | 4                                   | 4                                 | 1                                    | 1                                  |
| Skipped  | 11                             | 11                                  | 11                                | 8                                    | 13                                 |
| <b>Mean</b>                                    | <b>44.7</b>                    | <b>52</b>                           | <b>40.41</b>                      | <b>44.08</b>                         | <b>42.53</b>                       |

15. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Republicans, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>Approachable</b><br><i>Base: Sample A</i> | <b>Total</b><br><b>(N=780)</b> | <b>Republican</b><br><b>(N=232)</b> | <b>Democrat</b><br><b>(N=257)</b> | <b>Independent</b><br><b>(N=187)</b> | <b>Apolitical</b><br><b>(N=104)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None 0%                                      | 3                              | 1                                   | 6                                 | 1                                    | 5                                   |
| 10%  | 5                              | 1                                   | 7                                 | 6                                    | 7                                   |
| 20%  | 6                              | 1                                   | 11                                | 7                                    | 1                                   |
| 30%  | 9                              | 2                                   | 15                                | 12                                   | 5                                   |
| 40%  | 8                              | 4                                   | 12                                | 8                                    | 10                                  |
| 50%  | 10                             | 6                                   | 16                                | 9                                    | 10                                  |
| 60%  | 8                              | 9                                   | 6                                 | 11                                   | 8                                   |
| 70%  | 12                             | 21                                  | 6                                 | 10                                   | 11                                  |
| 80%  | 9                              | 19                                  | 3                                 | 9                                    | 3                                   |
| 90%  | 7                              | 15                                  | 2                                 | 10                                   | 4                                   |
| All 100%                                     | 3                              | 6                                   | -                                 | 3                                    | 4                                   |
| Skipped                                      | 19                             | 17                                  | 17                                | 17                                   | 32                                  |
| <b>Mean</b>                                  | <b>52.94</b>                   | <b>71.56</b>                        | <b>37.86</b>                      | <b>53.71</b>                         | <b>50.00</b>                        |



| <b>Unapproachable</b><br><i>Base: Sample B</i> | <b>Total</b><br><b>(N=768)</b> | <b>Republican</b><br><b>(N=234)</b> | <b>Democrat</b><br><b>(N=276)</b> | <b>Independent</b><br><b>(N=172)</b> | <b>Apolitical</b><br><b>(N=86)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| None 0%  | 5                              | 7                                   | 4                                 | 2                                    | 7                                  |
| 10%  | 12                             | 16                                  | 9                                 | 14                                   | 7                                  |
| 20%  | 11                             | 15                                  | 9                                 | 12                                   | 8                                  |
| 30%  | 10                             | 14                                  | 9                                 | 12                                   | 2                                  |
| 40%  | 8                              | 7                                   | 8                                 | 7                                    | 10                                 |
| 50%  | 7                              | 6                                   | 7                                 | 9                                    | 7                                  |
| 60%  | 7                              | 5                                   | 7                                 | 11                                   | 5                                  |
| 70%  | 10                             | 6                                   | 13                                | 9                                    | 9                                  |
| 80%  | 8                              | 6                                   | 10                                | 5                                    | 8                                  |
| 90%  | 5                              | 2                                   | 7                                 | 4                                    | 3                                  |
| All 100%                                       | 2                              | 2                                   | 2                                 | 1                                    | 3                                  |
| Skipped  | 17                             | 14                                  | 15                                | 15                                   | 31                                 |
| <b>Mean</b>                                    | <b>43.56</b>                   | <b>35.92</b>                        | <b>49.15</b>                      | <b>42.33</b>                         | <b>46.15</b>                       |

16. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Democrats, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>Misguided but worth trying to find common ground with</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| None 0%  | 4            | 5                 | 4               | 3                  | 7                 |
| 10%  | 8            | 7                 | 11              | 8                  | 3                 |
| 20%  | 9            | 8                 | 10              | 11                 | 6                 |
| 30%  | 8            | 8                 | 10              | 7                  | 6                 |
| 40%  | 4            | 3                 | 6               | 4                  | 4                 |
| 50%  | 17           | 14                | 16              | 19                 | 19                |
| 60%  | 9            | 11                | 8               | 9                  | 11                |
| 70%  | 8            | 9                 | 7               | 8                  | 5                 |
| 80%  | 5            | 6                 | 7               | 3                  | 3                 |
| 90%  | 4            | 7                 | 3               | 5                  | 2                 |
| All 100%   | 3            | 4                 | 3               | 3                  | 3                 |
| Skipped  | 19           | 17                | 16              | 18                 | 32                |
| <b>Mean</b>  | <b>46.45</b> | <b>49.93</b>      | <b>44.3</b>     | <b>45.98</b>       | <b>45.51</b>      |

17. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Republicans, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>Misguided but worth trying to find common ground with</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| None 0%  | 5            | 6                 | 4               | 4                  | 7                 |
| 10%  | 8            | 14                | 6               | 7                  | 4                 |
| 20%  | 8            | 11                | 8               | 6                  | 6                 |
| 30%  | 11           | 11                | 12              | 8                  | 11                |
| 40%  | 8            | 5                 | 9               | 10                 | 8                 |
| 50%  | 9            | 8                 | 10              | 10                 | 10                |
| 60%  | 8            | 8                 | 8               | 8                  | 8                 |
| 70%  | 7            | 7                 | 8               | 9                  | 2                 |
| 80%  | 4            | 4                 | 5               | 4                  | 3                 |
| 90%  | 5            | 4                 | 7               | 3                  | 2                 |
| All 100%   | 3            | 3                 | 3               | 2                  | 4                 |
| Skipped  | 24           | 18                | 20              | 28                 | 36                |
| <b>Mean</b>  | <b>44.22</b> | <b>40.07</b>      | <b>47.8</b>     | <b>45.04</b>       | <b>41.97</b>      |

18. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Democrats, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>So extreme you can't imagine finding common ground with them</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| None 0%   | 6            | 4                 | 7               | 5                  | 7                 |
| 10%   | 17           | 9                 | 27              | 15                 | 10                |
| 20%   | 13           | 10                | 16              | 15                 | 9                 |
| 30%   | 9            | 8                 | 9               | 13                 | 7                 |
| 40%   | 5            | 5                 | 5               | 5                  | 7                 |
| 50%   | 6            | 4                 | 5               | 9                  | 10                |
| 60%   | 5            | 5                 | 5               | 5                  | 5                 |
| 70%   | 6            | 11                | 3               | 6                  | 4                 |
| 80%   | 5            | 10                | 2               | 5                  | 2                 |
| 90%   | 5            | 12                | 2               | 5                  | 2                 |
| All 100%  | 3            | 7                 | 1               | 1                  | 3                 |
| Skipped   | 19           | 16                | 18              | 15                 | 33                |
| <b>Mean</b>   | <b>38.83</b> | <b>54.08</b>      | <b>27.49</b>    | <b>37.94</b>       | <b>37.54</b>      |

19. Regarding ordinary people who identify as Republicans, what percent do you think are...?

| <b>So extreme you can't imagine finding common ground with them</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| None 0%   | 6            | 10                | 3               | 4                  | 7                 |
| 10%   | 16           | 27                | 7               | 19                 | 10                |
| 20%   | 13           | 17                | 10              | 14                 | 10                |
| 30%   | 5            | 4                 | 7               | 6                  | 4                 |
| 40%   | 6            | 4                 | 8               | 6                  | 8                 |
| 50%   | 10           | 9                 | 10              | 11                 | 12                |
| 60%   | 6            | 3                 | 8               | 6                  | 7                 |
| 70%   | 5            | 3                 | 8               | 6                  | 2                 |
| 80%   | 6            | 4                 | 11              | 4                  | 3                 |
| 90%   | 5            | 1                 | 8               | 5                  | 3                 |
| All 100%  | 4            | 1                 | 5               | 4                  | 4                 |
| Skipped   | 17           | 16                | 13              | 15                 | 30                |
| <b>Mean</b>   | <b>40.8</b>  | <b>27.03</b>      | <b>51.87</b>    | <b>39.99</b>       | <b>40.41</b>      |

20. Which of the following do you rely on most to understand the views of ordinary people who identify as Democrats?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| News media  | 18           | 15                | 24              | 19                 | 9                 |
| Social media  | 5            | 4                 | 7               | 4                  | 7                 |
| Knowing people who are Democrats                                  | 28           | 27                | 32              | 32                 | 11                |
| The views of family/friend/coworkers                              | 12           | 12                | 12              | 12                 | 9                 |
| National political leaders  | 6            | 7                 | 7               | 6                  | 2                 |
| Don't really have a good way to understand the views of Democrats | 24           | 31                | 11              | 23                 | 43                |
| Other   | 5            | 3                 | 6               | 3                  | 14                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |

21. Which of the following do you rely on most to understand the views of ordinary people who identify as Republicans?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| News media  | 17           | 12                | 25              | 17                 | 9                 |
| Social media  | 5            | 3                 | 6               | 4                  | 8                 |
| Knowing people who are Republicans                                  | 29           | 47                | 21              | 33                 | 10                |
| The views of family/friend/coworkers                                | 12           | 18                | 8               | 14                 | 9                 |
| National political leaders  | 9            | 8                 | 13              | 6                  | 5                 |
| Don't really have a good way to understand the views of Republicans | 21           | 8                 | 23              | 24                 | 39                |
| Other   | 5            | 3                 | 4               | 3                  | 14                |
| Skipped   | 1            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 5                 |

22. How important is it for the United States to try to reduce divisiveness?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Very important             | 65           | 62                | 70              | 73                 | 43                |
| Somewhat important         | 27           | 31                | 24              | 22                 | 35                |
| Not too important          | 5            | 4                 | 4               | 4                  | 13                |
| Not at all important       | 2            | 2                 | 2               | *                  | 3                 |
| Skipped                    | 2            | 2                 | *               | *                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Important</b>     | <b>92</b>    | <b>93</b>         | <b>94</b>       | <b>95</b>          | <b>78</b>         |
| <b>Total Not Important</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>6</b>          | <b>6</b>        | <b>4</b>           | <b>16</b>         |

23. Do you support or oppose the following ideas or policies as ways to reduce divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

| Summary   | Total         |              | Republican    |              | Democrat      |              | Independent   |              | Apolitical    |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | Total Support | Total Oppose | Total Support | Total Oppose | Total Support | Total Oppose | Total Support | Total Oppose | Total Support | Total Oppose |
| Stronger government regulation of social media to make it less negative   | 38            | 31           | 42            | 35           | 41            | 27           | 35            | 37           | 30            | 24           |
| Stronger government regulation of news organization to stop misinformation  | 50            | 25           | 59            | 23           | 47            | 28           | 49            | 30           | 42            | 12           |
| Shifting more decisions from the federal to the local level where politics are less partisan                            | 55            | 11           | 63            | 8            | 53            | 15           | 61            | 10           | 37            | 9            |
| Teaching children to resolve their conflicts more constructively  | 85            | 3            | 88            | 3            | 89            | 2            | 86            | 3            | 68            | 4            |
| Teaching adults how to talk about issues more constructively  | 77            | 5            | 78            | 3            | 82            | 5            | 80            | 3            | 57            | 9            |
| Diminishing economic inequality   | 55            | 17           | 33            | 30           | 76            | 7            | 55            | 19           | 44            | 13           |
| Making religion a bigger factor in American life  | 36            | 30           | 60            | 11           | 25            | 43           | 31            | 33           | 24            | 28           |
| Making it easier for third-party and independent candidates to run for office so voters have more than just two choices | 65            | 8            | 60            | 11           | 67            | 8            | 78            | 5            | 52            | 7            |
| Requiring young people to do a year of national service working together with Americans from different backgrounds      | 46            | 21           | 43            | 25           | 51            | 18           | 47            | 20           | 37            | 18           |

23. Do you support or oppose the following ideas or policies as ways to reduce divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

| <b>Stronger government regulation of social media to make it less negative</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support   | 17           | 19                | 18              | 16                 | 14                |
| Somewhat support   | 21           | 22                | 23              | 19                 | 16                |
| Neither support nor oppose   | 29           | 22                | 31              | 27                 | 39                |
| Somewhat oppose  | 13           | 14                | 13              | 14                 | 10                |
| Strongly oppose  | 18           | 21                | 14              | 23                 | 14                |
| Skipped  | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>   | <b>38</b>    | <b>42</b>         | <b>41</b>       | <b>35</b>          | <b>30</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>  | <b>31</b>    | <b>35</b>         | <b>27</b>       | <b>37</b>          | <b>24</b>         |

| <b>Stronger government regulation of news organization to stop misinformation</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 26           | 34                | 22              | 25                 | 20                |
| Somewhat support  | 25           | 25                | 25              | 24                 | 22                |
| Neither support nor oppose  | 23           | 17                | 24              | 20                 | 38                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 10           | 9                 | 11              | 11                 | 5                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 15           | 14                | 17              | 19                 | 7                 |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>59</b>         | <b>47</b>       | <b>49</b>          | <b>42</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>   | <b>25</b>    | <b>23</b>         | <b>28</b>       | <b>30</b>          | <b>12</b>         |

| <b>Shifting more decisions from the federal to the local level where politics are less partisan</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 19           | 25                | 15              | 23                 | 10                |
| Somewhat support  | 36           | 38                | 38              | 38                 | 27                |
| Neither support nor oppose  | 32           | 28                | 31              | 28                 | 48                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 8            | 6                 | 11              | 7                  | 4                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 4            | 2                 | 4               | 4                  | 6                 |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>  | <b>55</b>    | <b>63</b>         | <b>53</b>       | <b>61</b>          | <b>37</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>   | <b>11</b>    | <b>8</b>          | <b>15</b>       | <b>10</b>          | <b>9</b>          |

23. Do you support or oppose the following ideas or policies as ways to reduce divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

| <b>Teaching children to resolve their conflicts more constructively</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 64           | 62                | 70              | 68                 | 48                |
| Somewhat support  | 21           | 26                | 19              | 19                 | 20                |
| Neither support nor oppose  | 11           | 8                 | 8               | 10                 | 22                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 1                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 1            | *                 | 1               | 2                  | 3                 |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>  | <b>85</b>    | <b>88</b>         | <b>89</b>       | <b>86</b>          | <b>68</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>   | <b>3</b>     | <b>3</b>          | <b>2</b>        | <b>3</b>           | <b>4</b>          |

| <b>Teaching adults how to talk about issues more constructively</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 47           | 46                | 51              | 50                 | 34                |
| Somewhat support  | 30           | 33                | 31              | 30                 | 23                |
| Neither support nor oppose  | 17           | 17                | 12              | 16                 | 27                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 3            | 2                 | 3               | 2                  | 4                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 5                 |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>  | <b>77</b>    | <b>78</b>         | <b>82</b>       | <b>80</b>          | <b>57</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>   | <b>5</b>     | <b>3</b>          | <b>5</b>        | <b>3</b>           | <b>9</b>          |

| <b>Diminishing economic inequality</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support                       | 33           | 14                | 52              | 31                 | 24                |
| Somewhat support                       | 22           | 20                | 24              | 24                 | 19                |
| Neither support nor oppose             | 26           | 35                | 16              | 25                 | 37                |
| Somewhat oppose                        | 10           | 16                | 5               | 12                 | 7                 |
| Strongly oppose                        | 7            | 14                | 2               | 7                  | 6                 |
| Skipped                                | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>                   | <b>55</b>    | <b>33</b>         | <b>76</b>       | <b>55</b>          | <b>44</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>                    | <b>17</b>    | <b>30</b>         | <b>7</b>        | <b>19</b>          | <b>13</b>         |

23. Do you support or oppose the following ideas or policies as ways to reduce divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

| <b>Making religion a bigger factor in American life</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 19           | 34                | 14              | 14                 | 12                |
| Somewhat support  | 16           | 26                | 11              | 16                 | 12                |
| Neither support nor oppose                              | 32           | 27                | 31              | 36                 | 40                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 9            | 5                 | 13              | 7                  | 9                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 21           | 6                 | 30              | 26                 | 19                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>                                    | <b>36</b>    | <b>60</b>         | <b>25</b>       | <b>31</b>          | <b>24</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>                                     | <b>30</b>    | <b>11</b>         | <b>43</b>       | <b>33</b>          | <b>28</b>         |

| <b>Making it easier for third-party and independent candidates to run for office so voters have more than just two choices</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support   | 35           | 25                | 33              | 55                 | 26                |
| Somewhat support   | 31           | 35                | 34              | 23                 | 26                |
| Neither support nor oppose   | 25           | 28                | 23              | 16                 | 35                |
| Somewhat oppose  | 5            | 7                 | 6               | 3                  | 4                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 3            | 4                 | 3               | 1                  | 3                 |
| Skipped  | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>   | <b>65</b>    | <b>60</b>         | <b>67</b>       | <b>78</b>          | <b>52</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>  | <b>8</b>     | <b>11</b>         | <b>8</b>        | <b>5</b>           | <b>7</b>          |

| <b>Requiring young people to do a year of national service working together with Americans from different backgrounds</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support  | 19           | 17                | 22              | 22                 | 13                |
| Somewhat support  | 26           | 26                | 28              | 25                 | 24                |
| Neither support nor oppose  | 32           | 31                | 30              | 32                 | 38                |
| Somewhat oppose   | 10           | 13                | 10              | 7                  | 8                 |
| Strongly oppose   | 11           | 13                | 8               | 13                 | 10                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Support</b>  | <b>46</b>    | <b>43</b>         | <b>51</b>       | <b>47</b>          | <b>37</b>         |
| <b>Total Oppose</b>   | <b>21</b>    | <b>25</b>         | <b>18</b>       | <b>20</b>          | <b>18</b>         |



24. Have you ever done each of the following?

| Summary   | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
|   | Total Yes | Total Yes  | Total Yes | Total Yes   | Total Yes  |
| Call people out when they are rude, disrespectful, or destructive   | 76        | 78         | 78        | 79          | 64         |
| Consider changing the way you use or behave on social media   | 45        | 40         | 51        | 45          | 40         |
| Post your opinions about politics on social media   | 35        | 34         | 40        | 31          | 28         |
| Share stories on social media that make you angry   | 39        | 38         | 41        | 38          | 36         |
| Watch the news from an outlet with different political views than yours   | 74        | 75         | 78        | 80          | 53         |
| Talk in-person about politics or government with friends and/or family  | 79        | 83         | 82        | 83          | 57         |
| Argue with people who have different political views than you   | 59        | 59         | 64        | 63          | 39         |
| Have a constructive conversation with someone who has different political views than you                          | 79        | 80         | 83        | 85          | 59         |
| Work together to try to solve a problem in your community with someone who has different political views than you | 55        | 53         | 57        | 59          | 48         |

| Call people out when they are rude, disrespectful, or destructive | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yes, often  | 13        | 12         | 14        | 13          | 11         |
| Yes, sometimes  | 34        | 31         | 38        | 37          | 27         |
| Yes, but hardly ever  | 29        | 35         | 27        | 29          | 26         |
| No, never   | 22        | 22         | 21        | 20          | 29         |
| Skipped   | 2         | 1          | 1         | 1           | 6          |
| <b>Total Yes</b>  | <b>76</b> | <b>78</b>  | <b>78</b> | <b>79</b>   | <b>64</b>  |

24. Have you ever done each of the following?

| Consider changing the way you use or behave on social media | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yes, often  | 10        | 7          | 13        | 12          | 8          |
| Yes, sometimes  | 20        | 18         | 23        | 19          | 18         |
| Yes, but hardly ever  | 15        | 15         | 15        | 14          | 14         |
| No, never   | 53        | 58         | 48        | 54          | 53         |
| Skipped   | 2         | 1          | 1         | 1           | 7          |
| <b>Total Yes</b>  | <b>45</b> | <b>40</b>  | <b>51</b> | <b>45</b>   | <b>40</b>  |

| Post your opinions about politics on social media | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yes, often  | 6         | 5          | 8         | 6           | 4          |
| Yes, sometimes                                    | 12        | 11         | 15        | 9           | 8          |
| Yes, but hardly ever                              | 17        | 18         | 17        | 16          | 17         |
| No, never   | 63        | 64         | 59        | 68          | 64         |
| Skipped   | 2         | 1          | 1         | 1           | 8          |
| <b>Total Yes</b>                                  | <b>35</b> | <b>34</b>  | <b>40</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>28</b>  |

| Share stories on social media that make you angry | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yes, often  | 4         | 3          | 7         | 3           | 3          |
| Yes, sometimes                                    | 16        | 16         | 18        | 13          | 14         |
| Yes, but hardly ever                              | 19        | 20         | 16        | 22          | 19         |
| No, never   | 59        | 60         | 57        | 61          | 58         |
| Skipped   | 2         | 1          | 2         | 1           | 6          |
| <b>Total Yes</b>                                  | <b>39</b> | <b>38</b>  | <b>41</b> | <b>38</b>   | <b>36</b>  |

| Watch the news from an outlet with different political views than yours | Total     | Republican | Democrat  | Independent | Apolitical |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yes, often  | 11        | 11         | 8         | 17          | 10         |
| Yes, sometimes  | 33        | 35         | 34        | 38          | 22         |
| Yes, but hardly ever  | 30        | 29         | 35        | 26          | 22         |
| No, never   | 24        | 23         | 21        | 19          | 40         |
| Skipped   | 2         | 1          | 1         | 1           | 7          |
| <b>Total Yes</b>  | <b>74</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>78</b> | <b>80</b>   | <b>53</b>  |

| <b>Talk in-person about politics or government with friends and/or family</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Yes, often  | 17           | 17                | 22              | 16                 | 8                 |
| Yes, sometimes  | 33           | 35                | 36              | 36                 | 15                |
| Yes, but hardly ever  | 29           | 31                | 24              | 31                 | 35                |
| No, never   | 19           | 16                | 17              | 17                 | 36                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Yes</b>  | <b>79</b>    | <b>83</b>         | <b>82</b>       | <b>83</b>          | <b>57</b>         |

24. Have you ever done each of the following?

| <b>Argue with people who have different political views than you</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Yes, often   | 4            | 4                 | 5               | 4                  | 2                 |
| Yes, sometimes   | 20           | 18                | 24              | 21                 | 12                |
| Yes, but hardly ever   | 35           | 37                | 35              | 38                 | 24                |
| No, never  | 39           | 40                | 35              | 36                 | 54                |
| Skipped  | 2            | 1                 | 1               | *                  | 6                 |
| <b>Total Yes</b>   | <b>59</b>    | <b>59</b>         | <b>64</b>       | <b>63</b>          | <b>39</b>         |

| <b>Have a constructive conversation with someone who has different political views than you</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Yes, often  | 10           | 10                | 10              | 12                 | 6                 |
| Yes, sometimes  | 36           | 34                | 39              | 42                 | 22                |
| Yes, but hardly ever  | 34           | 36                | 34              | 31                 | 31                |
| No, never   | 19           | 19                | 16              | 14                 | 33                |
| Skipped   | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Yes</b>  | <b>79</b>    | <b>80</b>         | <b>83</b>       | <b>85</b>          | <b>59</b>         |

| <b>Work together to try to solve a problem in your community with someone who has different political views than you</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Yes, often   | 7            | 5                 | 8               | 8                  | 6                 |
| Yes, sometimes   | 25           | 23                | 26              | 27                 | 22                |
| Yes, but hardly ever   | 24           | 25                | 24              | 25                 | 20                |
| No, never  | 43           | 46                | 41              | 40                 | 45                |
| Skipped  | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Yes</b>   | <b>55</b>    | <b>53</b>         | <b>57</b>       | <b>59</b>          | <b>48</b>         |

25. How much attention, if at all, are you paying to the presidential campaigns and upcoming election?

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| A great deal                                       | 31           | 36                | 37              | 31                 | 7                 |
| Some   | 30           | 29                | 33              | 34                 | 21                |
| A little   | 23           | 22                | 22              | 22                 | 27                |
| None at all  | 15           | 13                | 8               | 12                 | 39                |
| Skipped  | 1            | 1                 | *               | 1                  | 5                 |
| <b>Total Attention (a great deal + some)</b>       | <b>61</b>    | <b>64</b>         | <b>69</b>       | <b>65</b>          | <b>29</b>         |
| <b>Total No Attention (a little + none at all)</b> | <b>37</b>    | <b>35</b>         | <b>30</b>       | <b>34</b>          | <b>66</b>         |

26. How important is it to you that the candidate you vote for actively works toward unifying the country and making it less divisive?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Very important             | 56           | 47                | 69              | 58                 | 41                |
| Somewhat important         | 33           | 41                | 25              | 33                 | 35                |
| Not too important          | 7            | 8                 | 4               | 7                  | 10                |
| Not at all important       | 2            | 3                 | 1               | 1                  | 6                 |
| Skipped                    | 2            | 1                 | *               | 2                  | 8                 |
| <b>Total Important</b>     | <b>89</b>    | <b>88</b>         | <b>94</b>       | <b>91</b>          | <b>76</b>         |
| <b>Total Not Important</b> | <b>9</b>     | <b>11</b>         | <b>6</b>        | <b>8</b>           | <b>16</b>         |

27. Which, if any, of the current Democratic and Republican candidates for president do you think is most likely to unify the country and make it less divisive?

Joe Biden  
 Cory Booker  
 Pete Buttigieg  
 Julian Castro  
 Kamala Harris  
 Amy Klobuchar  
 Beto O'Rourke  
 Bernie Sanders  
 Mark Sanford  
 Donald Trump  
 Andrew Yang  
 Elizabeth Warren  
 Other  
 None of the candidates  
 Skipped

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28. So far, would you say the current presidential campaign process is...

|                                     | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bringing out the best in Americans  | 6            | 8                 | 5               | 4                  | 5                 |
| Bringing out the worst in Americans | 43           | 44                | 40              | 51                 | 34                |
| Both of these                       | 49           | 46                | 54              | 44                 | 54                |
| Skipped                             | 2            | 1                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |

29. Regarding the current presidential campaigns, do you think the candidates overall are campaigning in a more destructive or constructive fashion?

|                                      | <b>Total</b> | <b>Republican</b> | <b>Democrat</b> | <b>Independent</b> | <b>Apolitical</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mostly constructive                  | 3            | 2                 | 5               | 2                  | 3                 |
| More constructive than destructive   | 16           | 4                 | 28              | 14                 | 10                |
| Neither constructive nor destructive | 28           | 17                | 36              | 24                 | 39                |
| More destructive than constructive   | 37           | 53                | 24              | 42                 | 27                |
| Mostly destructive                   | 14           | 21                | 6               | 18                 | 14                |
| Skipped                              | 2            | 2                 | 1               | 1                  | 7                 |
| <b>Total Constructive</b>            | <b>19</b>    | <b>6</b>          | <b>33</b>       | <b>16</b>          | <b>13</b>         |
| <b>Total Destructive</b>             | <b>50</b>    | <b>74</b>         | <b>29</b>       | <b>60</b>          | <b>41</b>         |

30. If you thought the opposing party's presidential candidate had the best shot at unifying the country, how tempted would you be to vote for him or her?

| <i>Base: Self-identifying Republican or Democrat</i> | <b>Total<br/>(N=999)</b> | <b>Republican<br/>(N=466)</b> | <b>Democrat<br/>(N=533)</b> | <b>Independent<br/>(N=0)</b> | <b>Apolitical<br/>(N=0)</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Very tempted   | 17                       | 17                            | 17                          | -                            | -                           |
| Somewhat tempted                                     | 26                       | 21                            | 30                          | -                            | -                           |
| A little tempted                                     | 24                       | 25                            | 24                          | -                            | -                           |
| Not at all tempted                                   | 32                       | 36                            | 28                          | -                            | -                           |
| Skipped  | 1                        | 1                             | 1                           | -                            | -                           |
| <b>Total Tempted (very + somewhat)</b>               | <b>43</b>                | <b>38</b>                     | <b>47</b>                   | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                    |
| <b>Total Not Tempted (a little + not at all)</b>     | <b>56</b>                | <b>61</b>                     | <b>52</b>                   | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                    |

31. Would you vote for a Republican candidate even if they were running a divisive campaign?

| <i>Base: Self-identifying Republicans</i> | <b>Total<br/>(N=466)</b> | <b>Republican<br/>(N=466)</b> | <b>Democrat<br/>(N=0)</b> | <b>Independent<br/>(N=0)</b> | <b>Apolitical<br/>(N=0)</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Yes                                       | 24                       | 24                            | -                         | -                            | -                           |
| No  | 19                       | 19                            | -                         | -                            | -                           |
| Don't know                                | 55                       | 55                            | -                         | -                            | -                           |
| Skipped                                   | 1                        | 1                             | -                         | -                            | -                           |

32. Would you vote for a Democrat candidate even if they were running a divisive campaign?

| <i>Base: Self-identifying Democrats</i> | <b>Total<br/>(N=533)</b> | <b>Republican<br/>(N=0)</b> | <b>Democrat<br/>(N=533)</b> | <b>Independent<br/>(N=0)</b> | <b>Apolitical<br/>(N=0)</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Yes                                     | 19                       | -                           | 19                          | -                            | -                           |
| No                                      | 28                       | -                           | 28                          | -                            | -                           |
| Don't know                              | 51                       | -                           | 51                          | -                            | -                           |
| Skipped                                 | 1                        | -                           | 1                           | -                            | -                           |



## Methodology

This Public Agenda/USA Today/Ipsos survey was conducted October 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 by Ipsos Public Affairs KnowledgePanel® – a division of Ipsos. This poll was based on a nationally-representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,548)

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, which is the largest and most well-established online panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in these households are invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those potential panel members who do not already have internet access, Ipsos provides a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methods, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and provide fully representative online samples to the research community.

The survey was weighted to adjust for gender by age, race, education, Census region by metropolitan status, household income and language proficiency. The above weights for KnowledgePanel respondents were then raked to the geodemographic distributions of the 18 and over adult population. The needed benchmarks were obtained from the 2018 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Moreover, we used the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) to obtain language proficiency benchmarks to adjust weights for Hispanic respondents.

- Gender (Male and Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race-Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West) by Metropolitan Status (Metro and Non-Metro)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or Higher)
- Household Income (Under \$25K, \$25K-\$49,999, \$50K-\$74,999, \$75K-\$99,999, \$100K-\$149,999, \$150K and Over)
- Language Proficiency (Non-Hispanic, English Proficient Hispanic, Bilingual Hispanic, Spanish Proficient Hispanic)

The margin of sampling error among the total sample of adults age 18 or older is plus or minus 2.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, the Republican sample is plus or minus 4.7 percentage points, the Democrat sample is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points, the Independent sample is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points, and the Apolitical sample is plus or minus 7.5 percentage points. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was plus or minus 2.63 percentage points. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.