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Biden holds slight edge over Trump in Wisconsin

New Reuters/Ipsos poll finds voters care most about the candidate’s plan for COVID-19 recovery

Topline Findings

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These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 11-16, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this study, a total of 1,005 adults age 18+ from Wisconsin were interviewed online in English, including 609 likely voters. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for all respondents and 4.5 percentage points for likely voters.

Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address?

	Total
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	84%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	13%
Not sure	3%
Total Sample Size:	1005

2. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Wisconsin today? (Select from below or write in)

	Total
The economy and job creation	18%
Immigration	2%
Gun violence	2%
Healthcare	10%
Morality	4%
Education	3%
Racism	9%
Crime	7%
Environment	2%
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	34%
Other	5%
Don't know	5%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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3. Which of the following best describes how you will vote or have voted in this year's presidential election, to be held on November 3rd?

Plan to Vote/Voted Summary

	Total
I have not voted yet	83%
I have already voted	1%
I do not plan to vote	10%
Not sure	7%
Total Sample Size:	1005

	Total
I plan to vote at my polling station on November 3, 2020	41%
I plan to vote early at an early voting location, before November 3, 2020	9%
I plan to vote early via absentee ballot/vote by mail, before November 3, 2020	32%
I have voted at an early voting location already	0%
I have voted via absentee ballot/vote by mail already	0%
I do not plan to vote at all	10%
Not sure	7%
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4. **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** On November 3, 2020 the next presidential election will be held. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming presidential election? (Select one)

	Total
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	13%
2	1%
3	1%
4	1%
5	3%
6	2%
7	3%
8	4%
9	5%
10 – Completely certain I will vote	64%
Don't know	3%
Total Sample Size:	999

5. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** You mentioned you have already voted in the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	Likely Voter
Donald Trump	43%
Joe Biden	48%
Some other candidate	2%
I would not vote	0%
Not sure	6%
Total Sample Size:	609

6. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** In the election for U.S. Congress, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** Thinking about the elections in 2020, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	Likely Voter
Democratic candidate	47%
Republican candidate	46%
Candidate from another political party	1%
Will not vote / Not sure	0%
Prefer not to answer / Refused	6%
Total Sample Size:	609



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7. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	Total
Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	17%
Lean towards approve	1%
Lean towards disapprove	1%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	5%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

8. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** When voting in the presidential election this year, which of the following candidate traits was the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, which of the following candidate traits would be the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for?

	Total
Strong on the economy and job creation	21%
Strong on healthcare	9%
Strong on immigration	3%
Has a robust plan to help the nation recover from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	28%
Ability to restore trust in American government	18%
Strong on civil rights	6%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	11%
Strong on the environment/climate change	4%
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9. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue.

Summary

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump
The economy and job creation	36%	47%
Healthcare	44%	35%
Immigration	39%	42%
National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	42%	38%
Ability to restore trust in American government	42%	35%
Strong on civil rights	45%	34%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	32%	47%
Strong on the environment/climate change	47%	27%
Total Sample Size:	1005	1005

- a. The economy and job creation

	Total
Joe Biden	36%
Donald Trump	47%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005

- b. Healthcare

	Total
Joe Biden	44%
Donald Trump	35%
Some other candidate	6%
Not sure	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005

- c. Immigration

	Total
Joe Biden	39%
Donald Trump	42%
Some other candidate	5%
Not sure	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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d. National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19

	Total
Joe Biden	42%
Donald Trump	38%
Some other candidate	5%
Not sure	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. Ability to restore trust in American government

	Total
Joe Biden	42%
Donald Trump	35%
Some other candidate	7%
Not sure	16%
Total Sample Size:	1005

f. Strong on civil rights

	Total
Joe Biden	45%
Donald Trump	34%
Some other candidate	6%
Not sure	15%
Total Sample Size:	1005

g. Tough on crime and civil unrest

	Total
Joe Biden	32%
Donald Trump	47%
Some other candidate	5%
Not sure	16%
Total Sample Size:	1005

h. Strong on the environment/climate change

	Total
Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	27%
Some other candidate	8%
Not sure	19%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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10. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?

Total Familiar Summary

	Total
Donald Trump	92%
Joe Biden	87%
Kamala Harris	64%
Mike Pence	77%
Total Sample Size:	1005

a. Donald Trump

	Total
Very familiar	71%
Somewhat familiar	21%
Not very familiar	4%
Have heard of them, but that's it	3%
Have not heard of them	1%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	92%
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	8%
Total Sample Size:	1005

b. Joe Biden

	Total
Very familiar	53%
Somewhat familiar	34%
Not very familiar	8%
Have heard of them, but that's it	5%
Have not heard of them	1%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	87%
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005

c. Kamala Harris

	Total
Very familiar	27%
Somewhat familiar	37%
Not very familiar	21%
Have heard of them, but that's it	9%
Have not heard of them	6%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	64%
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	36%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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d. Mike Pence

	Total
Very familiar	41%
Somewhat familiar	36%
Not very familiar	13%
Have heard of them, but that's it	6%
Have not heard of them	3%
Familiar (Net)	77%
Not familiar (Net)	23%
Total Sample Size:	1005

11. **[ASKED IF AT LEAST HEARD OF PERSON]** Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?

Total Favorable Summary

	Total
Donald Trump (N=999)	47%
Joe Biden (N=996)	51%
Kamala Harris (N=952)	50%
Mike Pence (N=980)	49%

a. Donald Trump

	Total
Very favorable	26%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Lean towards favorable	7%
Lean towards unfavorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%
Very unfavorable	40%
Favorable (Net)	47%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%
Total Sample Size:	999

b. Joe Biden

	Total
Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Lean towards favorable	13%
Lean towards unfavorable	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	30%
Favorable (Net)	51%
Unfavorable (Net)	49%
Total Sample Size:	996



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c. Kamala Harris

	Total
Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Lean towards favorable	15%
Lean towards unfavorable	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	26%
<i>Favorable (Net)</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>50%</i>
Total Sample Size:	952

d. Mike Pence

	Total
Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Lean towards favorable	13%
Lean towards unfavorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	26%
<i>Favorable (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>51%</i>
Total Sample Size:	980

12. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

a. The national economy

	Total
Right direction	37%
Wrong track	50%
Don't know	12%
Total Sample Size:	1005

b. Employment and jobs

	Total
Right direction	39%
Wrong track	49%
Don't know	13%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Total Agree Summary

	Total
I am sympathetic to people who are out protesting right now	48%
President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions	32%
Joe Biden supports defunding the police	48%
Joe Biden is suffering from dementia	41%
As president, Joe Biden would be a puppet for the socialist wing of the Democratic Party	48%
President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain	56%
President Donald Trump is beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin	42%
The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	51%
Businesses and schools remain closed in the United States because of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	43%
Total Sample Size:	1005

a. I am sympathetic to people who are out protesting right now

	Total
Strongly agree	22%
Somewhat agree	26%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	28%
Not sure	9%
Agree (Net)	48%
Disagree (Net)	43%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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b. President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions

	Total
Strongly agree	12%
Somewhat agree	21%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	43%
Not sure	11%
Agree (Net)	32%
Disagree (Net)	57%
Total Sample Size:	1005

c. Joe Biden supports defunding the police

	Total
Strongly agree	27%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	18%
Agree (Net)	48%
Disagree (Net)	35%
Total Sample Size:	1005

d. Joe Biden is suffering from dementia

	Total
Strongly agree	22%
Somewhat agree	19%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	30%
Not sure	19%
Agree (Net)	41%
Disagree (Net)	40%
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. As president, Joe Biden would be a puppet for the socialist wing of the Democratic Party

	Total
Strongly agree	33%
Somewhat agree	15%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	27%
Not sure	13%
Agree (Net)	48%
Disagree (Net)	39%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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f. President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain

	Total
Strongly agree	42%
Somewhat agree	14%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	9%
Agree (Net)	56%
Disagree (Net)	35%
Total Sample Size:	1005

g. President Donald Trump is beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin

	Total
Strongly agree	25%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	24%
Not sure	21%
Agree (Net)	42%
Disagree (Net)	36%
Total Sample Size:	1005

h. The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump

	Total
Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree	12%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	29%
Not sure	7%
Agree (Net)	51%
Disagree (Net)	42%
Total Sample Size:	1005

i. Businesses and schools remain closed in the United States because of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump

	Total
Strongly agree	28%
Somewhat agree	15%
Somewhat disagree	16%
Strongly disagree	30%
Not sure	10%
Agree (Net)	43%
Disagree (Net)	47%
Total Sample Size:	1005

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14. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Total Agree Summary

	Total
President Trump has upheld his promise to build a wall along the U.S.- Mexico border	47%
President Trump has had the correct response to the coronavirus pandemic	39%
President Trump has kept his campaign promise to clean up corruption in Washington, D.C.	37%
These days I feel like a stranger in my own country	63%
It is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America	52%
Total Sample Size:	1005

a. President Trump has upheld his promise to build a wall along the U.S.- Mexico border

	Total
Strongly agree	21%
Somewhat agree	26%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	27%
Not sure	13%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	47%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	41%
Total Sample Size:	1005

b. President Trump has had the correct response to the coronavirus pandemic

	Total
Strongly agree	19%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	40%
Not sure	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	39%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	53%
Total Sample Size:	1005

c. President Trump has kept his campaign promise to clean up corruption in Washington, D.C.

	Total
Strongly agree	18%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	40%
Not sure	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	37%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	51%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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d. These days I feel like a stranger in my own country

	Total
Strongly agree	27%
Somewhat agree	35%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	13%
Not sure	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

e. It is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America

	Total
Strongly agree	23%
Somewhat agree	29%
Somewhat disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	16%
Not sure	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>38%</i>
Total Sample Size:	1005

15. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news about current events and politics? (Select one)

	Total
FOX News	21%
CNN	10%
MSNBC	5%
ABC	12%
CBS	8%
NBC	8%
Public Television	6%
Other	11%
None of the above	19%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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16. Did you happen to vote in any of these other elections? (Select all that apply)

	Total
2008 presidential election (Obama vs. McCain)	60%
2010 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	43%
2012 presidential election (Obama vs. Romney)	63%
2014 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	47%
2018 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	52%
None of these	25%
Total Sample Size:	1005

17. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	Total
Democrat	40%
Republican	43%
Independent	11%
Other / Don't know	7%
Total Sample Size:	1005



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About the Study

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The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2018 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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