

Biden and Trump remain locked in a dead heat in Arizona

A New Reuters/Ipsos poll shows Arizonians prioritize a plan to recover from COVID-19 over other issues

Topline Findings

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These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 29 – October 7, 2020, on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this study, a total of 1,099 adults age 18+ from Arizona were interviewed online in English and Spanish, including 663 likely voters. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points for all respondents and 4.3 percentage points for likely voters.

Full Annotated Questionnaire

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

All Respondents			
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	85%	82%	
No, not registered to vote at my current address	13%	15%	
Not sure	2%	3%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005	

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
The economy and job creation	19%	17%
Immigration	10%	10%
Gun violence	2%	2%
Healthcare	9%	10%
Morality	3%	3%
Education	6%	5%
Racism	5%	6%
Crime	3%	2%
Environment	4%	4%
Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak	33%	34%
Other	4%	3%
Don't know	3%	4%
Total Sample Size:	1099	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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
I have not voted yet	82%	79%
I have already voted	3%	2%
I do not plan to vote	9%	10%
Not sure	6%	9%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

All Respondents			
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	
I plan to vote at my polling station on November 3, 2020	29%	27%	
I plan to vote early at an early voting location, before November 3, 2020	10%	8%	
I plan to vote early via absentee ballot/vote by mail, before November 3, 2020	43%	44%	
I have voted at an early voting location already	1%	1%	
I have voted via absentee ballot/vote by mail already	2%	1%	
I do not plan to vote at all	9%	10%	
Not sure	6%	9%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005	





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)

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
1 – Completely certain I will not vote	10%	12%
2	1%	1%
3	1%	1%
4	1%	1%
5	3%	3%
6	2%	3%
7	4%	2%
8	4%	5%
9	6%	4%
10 - Completely certain I will vote	64%	63%
Don't know	3%	5%
Total Sample Size:	1074	985

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 Voters			
-	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	
Donald Trump	46%	46%	
Joe Biden	48%	47%	
Some other candidate	2%	2%	
I would not vote	0%	0%	
Not sure	4%	5%	
Total Sample Size:	663	565	

6. **[ASKED IF VOTED]** In the election for U.S. Senate representing Arizona, did you vote for Martha McSally or Mark Kelly? **[ASKED IF NOT VOTED]** Thinking about the elections in 2020, if the election for U.S. Senate representing Arizona were held today, would you vote for Martha McSally or Mark Kelly?

Likely Voters		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Mark Kelly (Democrat)	51%	50%
Martha McSally (Republican)	41%	41%
Some other candidate	4%	3%
I would not vote	0%	1%
Not sure / Prefer not to answer	4%	4%
Total Sample Size:	663	565





7. [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 Voters			
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	
Democratic candidate	46%	44%	
Republican candidate	45%	45%	
Candidate from another political party	3%	3%	
Will not vote / Not sure	0%	0%	
Prefer not to answer / Refused	7%	7%	
Total Sample Size:	663	565	

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly approve	26%	25%
Somewhat approve	16%	16%
Lean towards approve	1%	2%
Lean towards disapprove	1%	1%
Somewhat disapprove	9%	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%	40%
Not sure	3%	5%
Approve (Net)	44%	43%
Disapprove (Net)	54%	52%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





9. [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?

All Respondents			
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	
Strong on the economy and job creation	21%	20%	
Strong on healthcare	10%	10%	
Strong on immigration	6%	5%	
Has a robust plan to help the nation recover from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	28%	27%	
Ability to restore trust in American government	16%	17%	
Strong on civil rights	6%	5%	
Tough on crime and civil unrest	9%	9%	
Strong on the environment/climate change	5%	7%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005	





10. For each of the following, please select the candidate you think is the best on that particular issue.

Summary

All Respondents				
	Joe Biden		Donal	d Trump
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
The economy and job creation	40%	38%	47%	45%
Healthcare	48%	45%	35%	32%
Immigration	41%	37%	44%	44%
National recovery from the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19	46%	43%	38%	38%
Ability to restore trust in American government	44%	43%	35%	34%
Strong on civil rights	47%	45%	34%	32%
Tough on crime and civil unrest	36%	36%	46%	43%
Strong on the environment/climate change	50%	47%	27%	25%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005	1099	1005

The economy and job creation

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	40%	38%
Donald Trump	47%	45%
Some other candidate	4%	6%
Not sure	9%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

b. Healthcare

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	48%	45%
Donald Trump	35%	32%
Some other candidate	6%	8%
Not sure	11%	15%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





c. Immigration

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	41%	37%
Donald Trump	44%	44%
Some other candidate	4%	6%
Not sure	11%	13%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	46%	43%
Donald Trump	38%	38%
Some other candidate	5%	5%
Not sure	11%	13%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

e. Ability to restore trust in American government

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	44%	43%
Donald Trump	35%	34%
Some other candidate	8%	8%
Not sure	13%	16%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

f. Strong on civil rights

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	47%	45%
Donald Trump	34%	32%
Some other candidate	6%	7%
Not sure	13%	15%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

g. Tough on crime and civil unrest

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	36%	36%
Donald Trump	46%	43%
Some other candidate	5%	6%
Not sure	12%	15%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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h. Strong on the environment/climate change

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Joe Biden	50%	47%
Donald Trump	27%	25%
Some other candidate	9%	10%
Not sure	15%	18%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

Total Familiar Summary

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Donald Trump	93%	91%
Joe Biden	88%	84%
Kamala Harris	62%	63%
Mike Pence	74%	72%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

a. Donald Trump

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very familiar	73%	70%
Somewhat familiar	20%	21%
Not very familiar	3%	4%
Have heard of them, but that's it	2%	3%
Have not heard of them	1%	2%
Familiar (Net)	93%	91%
Not familiar (Net)	7%	9%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

b. Joe Biden

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very familiar	56%	54%
Somewhat familiar	32%	30%
Not very familiar	6%	8%
Have heard of them, but that's it	4%	5%
Have not heard of them	2%	2%
Familiar (Net)	88%	84%
Not familiar (Net)	12%	16%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





c. Kamala Harris

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very familiar	31%	30%
Somewhat familiar	31%	33%
Not very familiar	21%	18%
Have heard of them, but that's it	10%	10%
Have not heard of them	7%	8%
Familiar (Net)	62%	63%
Not familiar (Net)	38%	37%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

d.Mike Pence

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very familiar	41%	40%
Somewhat familiar	33%	32%
Not very familiar	15%	15%
Have heard of them, but that's it	8%	9%
Have not heard of them	3%	5%
Familiar (Net)	74%	72%
Not familiar (Net)	26%	28%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

Total Favorable Summary

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Danald Trump	(N=1084)	(N=986)
Donald Trump	45%	47%
In a Distant	(N=1082)	(N=981)
Joe Biden	56%	54%
Kamala Harris	(N=1018)	(N=922)
	55%	54%
Miles Dance	(N=1064)	(N=959)
Mike Pence	52%	48%





a. Donald Trump

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very favorable	26%	26%
Somewhat favorable	13%	13%
Lean towards favorable	6%	8%
Lean towards unfavorable	7%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	7%
Very unfavorable	41%	40%
Favorable (Net)	45%	47%
Unfavorable (Net)	55%	53%
Total Sample Size:	1084	986

b. Joe Biden

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very favorable	26%	25%
Somewhat favorable	18%	18%
Lean towards favorable	12%	10%
Lean towards unfavorable	11%	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	8%
Very unfavorable	26%	29%
Favorable (Net)	56%	54%
Unfavorable (Net)	44%	46%
Total Sample Size:	1082	981

c. Kamala Harris

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very favorable	20%	22%
Somewhat favorable	17%	15%
Lean towards favorable	18%	16%
Lean towards unfavorable	11%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	9%
Very unfavorable	25%	25%
Favorable (Net)	55%	54%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	46%
Total Sample Size:	1018	922





d. Mike Pence

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Very favorable	23%	20%
Somewhat favorable	15%	14%
Lean towards favorable	14%	14%
Lean towards unfavorable	12%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	10%
Very unfavorable	24%	27%
Favorable (Net)	52%	48%
Unfavorable (Net)	48%	52%
Total Sample Size:	1064	959

13. 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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Right direction	38%	37%
Wrong track	50%	51%
Don't know	12%	12%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

b. Employment and jobs

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Right direction	40%	39%
Wrong track	49%	50%
Don't know	10%	11%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





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

Total Agree Summary

All Respondents		
7 iii Roopendonio	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
I am sympathetic to people who are out protesting right now	49%	47%
President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions	34%	34%
Joe Biden supports defunding the police	48%	47%
Joe Biden is suffering from dementia	40%	41%
As president, Joe Biden would be a puppet for the socialist wing of the Democratic Party	48%	46%
President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain	60%	57%
President Donald Trump is beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin	47%	42%
The high number of coronavirus cases in the United States is a result of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	55%	54%
Businesses and schools remain closed in the United States because of poor leadership and policy decisions from President Trump	46%	47%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	25%	24%
Somewhat agree	24%	24%
Somewhat disagree	16%	14%
Strongly disagree	27%	28%
Not sure	8%	10%
Agree (Net)	49%	47%
Disagree (Net)	43%	42%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





b. President Donald Trump is helping to ease racial tensions

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	17%	17%
Somewhat agree	17%	17%
Somewhat disagree	12%	13%
Strongly disagree	43%	43%
Not sure	11%	11%
Agree (Net)	34%	34%
Disagree (Net)	55%	56%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

c. Joe Biden supports defunding the police

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	28%	29%
Somewhat agree	20%	19%
Somewhat disagree	13%	11%
Strongly disagree	23%	22%
Not sure	16%	19%
Agree (Net)	48%	47%
Disagree (Net)	36%	34%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

d. Joe Biden is suffering from dementia

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	23%	24%
Somewhat agree	17%	17%
Somewhat disagree	10%	11%
Strongly disagree	32%	28%
Not sure	18%	21%
Agree (Net)	40%	41%
Disagree (Net)	42%	38%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	32%	33%
Somewhat agree	16%	14%
Somewhat disagree	11%	11%
Strongly disagree	30%	28%
Not sure	11%	15%
Agree (Net)	48%	46%
Disagree (Net)	41%	39%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

f. President Donald Trump lies regularly for personal political gain

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	46%	42%
Somewhat agree	14%	15%
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%
Strongly disagree	21%	24%
Not sure	9%	10%
Agree (Net)	60%	57%
Disagree (Net)	31%	33%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

All Respondents		
•	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	30%	29%
Somewhat agree	17%	14%
Somewhat disagree	10%	11%
Strongly disagree	26%	25%
Not sure	17%	22%
Agree (Net)	47%	42%
Disagree (Net)	36%	36%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	43%	41%
Somewhat agree	12%	12%
Somewhat disagree	11%	11%
Strongly disagree	28%	28%
Not sure	6%	7%
Agree (Net)	55%	54%
Disagree (Net)	39%	40%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Strongly agree	32%	33%
Somewhat agree	14%	14%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%
Strongly disagree	32%	31%
Not sure	8%	9%
Agree (Net)	46%	47%
Disagree (Net)	45%	44%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

Total Agree Summary

All Respondents	
	Sept 29 – Oct 7
Abortion should be legal in most cases	60%
Young people who were brought into the country as children should be allowed to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits	71%
The Affordable Care Act (ACA, or sometimes called Obamacare) should be repealed completely	39%
The winner of the election should be able to appoint Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement on the Supreme Court	54%
Total Sample Size:	1099





a. Abortion should be legal in most cases

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	
Strongly agree	36%	
Somewhat agree	24%	
Somewhat disagree	11%	
Strongly disagree	20%	
Not sure	9%	
Agree (Net)	60%	
Disagree (Net)	31%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	

b. Young people who were brought into the country as children should be allowed to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 -	
	Oct 7	
Strongly agree	40%	
Somewhat agree	31%	
Somewhat disagree	10%	
Strongly disagree	8%	
Not sure	11%	
Agree (Net)	71%	
Disagree (Net)	18%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	

c. The Affordable Care Act (ACA, or sometimes called Obamacare) should be repealed completely

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 -	
	Oct 7	
Strongly agree	23%	
Somewhat agree	16%	
Somewhat disagree	14%	
Strongly disagree	32%	
Not sure	15%	
Agree (Net)	39%	
Disagree (Net)	46%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	





d. The winner of the election should be able to appoint Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement on the Supreme Court

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 -	
	Oct 7	
Strongly agree	41%	
Somewhat agree	13%	
Somewhat disagree	11%	
Strongly disagree	16%	
Not sure	19%	
Agree (Net)	54%	
Disagree (Net)	27%	
Total Sample Size:	1099	

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
FOX News	23%	24%
CNN	17%	13%
MSNBC	6%	5%
ABC	9%	9%
CBS	8%	7%
NBC	7%	7%
Public Television	7%	7%
Other	9%	10%
None of the above	15%	18%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005





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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
2008 presidential election (Obama vs. McCain)	58%	55%
2010 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	42%	40%
2012 presidential election (Obama vs. Romney)	59%	57%
2014 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	45%	42%
2018 midterm congressional election (local Congressperson)	52%	47%
None of these	25%	30%
Total Sample Size:	1099	1005

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

All Respondents		
	Sept 29 – Oct 7	Sept 11-17
Democrat	42%	42%
Republican	41%	41%
Independent	12%	12%
Other / Don't know	5%	6%
Total Sample Size:	1099	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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