



**Renewing Rights and Responsibilities in the U.S. - Topline**  
**Conducted by: NORC at University of Chicago**  
**AmeriSpeak® Panel**  
**Study Population: 18+ Year-Old General Population**  
**Completed Interviews: N=2,093**  
**Margin of Error: +/- 2.76 percentage points**  
**Survey Field Period: July 6-28, 2020**

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1. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes ..... 84%  
No..... 15%  
Don't know ..... <1%  
Skipped/refused ..... <1%

2. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for President in November 2020?

Definitely will be voting ..... 71%  
Probably will be voting ..... 11%  
50-50 ..... 8%  
Probably won't be voting..... 5%  
Definitely won't be voting ..... 6%  
Don't know ..... <1%  
Skipped/refused ..... <1%

3. If the election for President were held today and the candidates were Joe Biden, the Democrat and Donald Trump, the Republican, for whom would you vote? If you are unsure you can say undecided.

Joe Biden ..... 45%  
Donald Trump ..... 33%  
Undecided..... 21%  
Don't know ..... <1%  
Skipped/refused ..... 1%

Below is a list of statements about our country. Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement.

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “STRONGLY AGREE”]**

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
4.	Government has a responsibility to protect the lives, livelihoods and rights of all Americans.	66%	20%	10%	2%	1%	0%
5.	Social media companies should be regulated to protect the privacy of personal data.	61%	25%	10%	2%	1%	1%
6.	The United States will not reach its full potential until all citizens – regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation -- are treated equally and with respect.	55%	23%	16%	3%	2%	1%
7.	Without our freedoms, America is nothing.	54%	27%	14%	3%	2%	1%
8.	A woman’s ability to choose and make decisions affecting her body and personal life should be protected.	53%	19%	17%	6%	4%	1%
9.	I would rather be a citizen of the United States than any other country in the world.	52%	20%	17%	7%	3%	1%
10.	Despite our challenges, I would rather live in America than any other place.	51%	23%	15%	7%	3%	1%
11.	There are some things about America today that make me feel ashamed of our country.	44%	30%	14%	5%	7%	<1%
12.	Being patriotic sometimes means disagreeing with the U.S. government.	43%	30%	21%	4%	2%	1%

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		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
13.	Before America can truly be united, we need to give equal opportunity to the “have’s” and the “have not’s.”	37%	30%	23%	6%	4%	1%
14.	People in America have become overly sensitive.	36%	30%	18%	9%	6%	1%
15.	Black people and some other racial minorities are the targets of racism in policing.	35%	26%	21%	10%	8%	1%
16.	New, legal immigrants to this country are good for the U.S.	34%	32%	21%	7%	5%	1%
17.	The racial diversity in our country makes us stronger.	34%	24%	23%	9%	9%	1%
18.	I feel like the government doesn’t represent the America that I love.	33%	36%	21%	7%	4%	1%
19.	There is opportunity for everyone in America; you just have to work for it.	32%	33%	14%	15%	7%	<1%
20.	Americans have more in common with each other than many people think.	31%	40%	21%	5%	2%	<1%
21.	Immigrants facing persecution or violence in their home countries have a right to seek asylum in the US.	31%	27%	22%	10%	10%	1%
22.	Structural racism makes it difficult for Black and Hispanic Americans to get ahead.	31%	26%	22%	10%	11%	1%
23.	America does more good for the world than any other country.	22%	25%	28%	16%	8%	1%

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		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
24.	When times are tough, Americans can count on each other.	18%	40%	21%	14%	7%	1%
25.	A growing secular America is a threat to religious freedom and liberty.	18%	20%	38%	9%	14%	1%
26.	There are a number of other countries that offer as much opportunity as the United States.	17%	30%	23%	17%	12%	1%
27.	I have faith in the next generation to move the country forward.	16%	33%	21%	19%	9%	1%
28.	America's can-do community spirit is alive and well.	14%	34%	25%	18%	8%	1%
29.	I often feel under attack because of the color of my skin.	12%	19%	23%	14%	32%	<1%
30.	America is the world's moral leader; other nations should follow our lead.	11%	22%	29%	22%	16%	<1%

Moving on, following is a list of items that some citizens consider essential American rights. After each, please indicate how important each one is to being an American today.

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “VERY IMPORTANT”]**

		Very important	Somewhat important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
31.	Right to vote	86%	6%	6%	0%	1%	<1%
32.	Right to personal safety (n=2,013)	84%	11%	4%	0%	0%	<1%
33.	Right to clean air and water	84%	9%	5%	1%	0%	1%
34.	Right to equal protection (without regard to race, gender or other factors) of the laws (n=2,013)	84%	11%	4%	0%	0%	1%
35.	Right to free speech	84%	10%	5%	0%	0%	1%
36.	Right to equal opportunity	83%	9%	5%	1%	1%	<1%
37.	Right to privacy	82%	13%	4%	1%	1%	1%
38.	Right to racial equality	81%	11%	6%	1%	0%	1%
39.	Right to quality education	81%	11%	5%	1%	0%	1%
40.	Right to protection of personal data (n=2,013)	78%	15%	4%	1%	1%	1%
41.	Right to affordable health care	75%	14%	7%	2%	1%	1%
42.	Right to religious liberty (n=2,013)	73%	17%	7%	1%	1%	1%
43.	A woman’s right to choose (n=2,013)	67%	16%	10%	2%	4%	1%
44.	Right to a job (n=2,013)	67%	18%	9%	3%	2%	1%
45.	Right to bear arms (n=2,013)	52%	20%	14%	9%	4%	1%
46.	LGBTQ rights (n=2,013)	48%	23%	17%	5%	6%	2%

47. When it comes to protecting and enforcing the rights of citizens and other persons lawfully in the U.S., how good of a job do you believe the U.S. government is doing?

**Net: Good..... 45%**

**Net: Not Good..... 54%**

Excellent ..... 6%

Good ..... 40%

Not so good..... 41%

Poor..... 13%

Don't know ..... <1%

Skipped/refused..... <1%

48. When it comes to respecting the rights of other Americans, how good of a job are we doing?

**Net: Good..... 41%**

**Net: Not Good..... 58%**

Excellent ..... 5%

Good ..... 36%

Not so good..... 45%

Poor..... 13%

Don't know ..... <1%

Skipped/refused..... 1%

How secure do you believe each of these rights are in America today?

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “VERY SECURE”]**

		Very secure	Somewhat secure	Not very secure	Not at all secure	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
49.	Right to vote	38%	40%	16%	6%	<1%
50.	Right to religious liberty	30%	47%	17%	6%	1%
51.	Right to bear arms	29%	46%	17%	7%	1%
52.	Right to free speech	23%	46%	23%	7%	1%
53.	Right to a job	21%	46%	24%	9%	1%
54.	Right to clean air and water	19%	44%	26%	10%	<1%
55.	Right to quality education	18%	42%	27%	12%	<1%
56.	A woman’s right to choose	18%	45%	25%	11%	1%
57.	Right to equal opportunity	17%	37%	32%	14%	<1%
58.	Right to equal protection (without regard to race, gender or other factors) of the laws	16%	40%	30%	14%	<1%
59.	Right to personal safety	15%	48%	28%	8%	1%
60.	LGBTQ rights	15%	42%	29%	11%	3%
61.	Right to racial equality	14%	31%	35%	20%	1%
62.	Right to privacy	13%	37%	35%	14%	1%
63.	Right to protection of personal data	11%	37%	35%	16%	1%
64.	Right to affordable health care	10%	34%	34%	20%	<1%

Which of the following groups do you consider to be the most serious threat to this particular right?

**[BASE: CORRESPONDING RIGHT IN Q49-Q64= “NOT VERY SECURE” OR “NOT AT ALL SECURE”]**

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “GOVERNMENT”]**

65. Right to equal protection (without regard to race, gender or other factors) of the laws (n=999)

Government .....	49%
Politicians.....	21%
Other Americans .....	22%
Other countries .....	1%
Corporations .....	2%
Other – Please specify.....	3%
Don’t know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	2%

66. Right to quality education (n=971)

Government .....	46%
Politicians.....	32%
Other Americans .....	10%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	4%
Other .....	4%
Don’t know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

67. Right to bear arms (n=475)

Government .....	45%
Politicians.....	27%
Other Americans .....	17%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	3%
Other – Please specify.....	2%
Don’t know .....	1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

68. Right to affordable health care (n=1,299)

Government .....	45%
Politicians.....	29%
Other Americans .....	5%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	15%
Other .....	2%
Don’t know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%



Which of the following groups do you consider to be the most serious threat to this particular right?

69. Right to free speech - Which of the following groups do you consider to be the most serious threat to this particular right? (n=663)

Government .....	41%
Politicians.....	20%
Other Americans .....	29%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	2%
Other .....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

70. A woman's right to choose (n=858)

Government .....	39%
Politicians.....	37%
Other Americans .....	16%
Other countries .....	1%
Corporations .....	2%
Other – Please specify.....	2%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

71. Right to vote (n=531)

Government .....	39%
Politicians.....	38%
Other Americans .....	11%
Other countries .....	6%
Corporations .....	3%
Other .....	2%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

72. Right to clean air and water (n=867)

Government .....	38%
Politicians.....	18%
Other Americans .....	11%
Other countries .....	4%
Corporations .....	23%
Other .....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

Which of the following groups do you consider to be the most serious threat to this particular right?

73. Right to privacy (n=1,120)

Government .....	38%
Politicians.....	12%
Other Americans.....	10%
Other countries .....	7%
Corporations .....	27%
Other .....	3%
Don't know .....	1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

74. Right to protection of personal data (n=1,186)

Government .....	36%
Politicians.....	10%
Other Americans.....	8%
Other countries .....	7%
Corporations .....	35%
Other – Please specify.....	3%
Don't know .....	1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

75. Right to personal safety (n=804)

Government .....	35%
Politicians.....	18%
Other Americans.....	36%
Other countries .....	2%
Corporations .....	3%
Other – Please specify.....	5%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	2%

76. Right to equal opportunity (n=1,040)

Government .....	34%
Politicians.....	18%
Other Americans.....	26%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	13%
Other .....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

77. LGBTQ rights (n=884)

Government .....	32%
Politicians.....	22%
Other Americans.....	34%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	3%
Other – Please specify.....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

Which of the following groups do you consider to be the most serious threat to this particular right?

78. Right to racial equality (n=1,223)

Government .....	32%
Politicians.....	15%
Other Americans.....	44%
Other countries .....	3%
Corporations .....	2%
Other .....	2%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

79. Right to religious liberty (n=471)

Government .....	32%
Politicians.....	27%
Other Americans.....	31%
Other countries .....	2%
Corporations .....	2%
Other – Please specify.....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	1%

80. Right to a job (n=799)

Government .....	29%
Politicians.....	14%
Other Americans.....	17%
Other countries .....	4%
Corporations .....	30%
Other – Please specify.....	4%
Don't know .....	<1%
Skipped/refused.....	2%

How much, if at all, have the events in recent months impacted the way you feel about:

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “I HAVE MUCH MORE RESPECT”]**

		I have much more respect	I have more respect	I feel no different	I have less respect	I have much less respect	DK/ Skipped/ Refused
81.	Your family	30%	23%	40%	6%	<1%	1%
82.	The U.S military	20%	21%	49%	6%	3%	1%
83.	Americans in older generations	18%	21%	47%	9%	3%	1%
84.	President Trump	14%	11%	24%	12%	37%	1%
85.	Your local police department	14%	21%	46%	12%	7%	1%
86.	African Americans	14%	22%	51%	8%	4%	1%
87.	Americans of different races or ethnicities than your own	12%	21%	53%	9%	3%	1%
88.	Immigrants	11%	21%	57%	6%	3%	1%
89.	Other people who live in free, democratic societies	11%	20%	59%	5%	2%	2%
90.	Americans in your generation	10%	18%	57%	12%	2%	1%
91.	Americans who share your political opinions	10%	21%	65%	3%	1%	1%
92.	Americans who share your race or ethnicity	10%	13%	64%	10%	3%	1%
93.	Neighbors in your community	8%	21%	62%	7%	2%	1%
94.	Americans in younger generations	8%	15%	41%	26%	9%	1%
95.	Your state and local government	8%	18%	40%	22%	11%	1%
96.	Other Americans	7%	15%	35%	31%	10%	1%
97.	The U.S. government	6%	9%	31%	32%	21%	1%

Have the events in recent months made you think differently about:

**[RANDOMIZE SERIES; RANK ORDERED “YES, A LOT”]**

98. What’s really important in life

**Net: Yes..... 86%**  
**No ..... 13%**

Yes, a lot..... 53%  
 Yes, some ..... 33%  
 No..... 13%  
 Don’t know ..... <1%  
 Skipped/refused..... 1%

99. The role and responsibility of government to protect the lives, livelihood and rights of all Americans

**Net: Yes..... 85%**  
**No ..... 15%**

Yes, a lot..... 48%  
 Yes, some ..... 36%  
 No..... 15%  
 Don’t know ..... <1%  
 Skipped/refused..... <1%

100. Your health care, livelihood and economic future

**Net: Yes..... 81%**  
**No ..... 19%**

Yes, a lot..... 47%  
 Yes, some ..... 33%  
 No..... 19%  
 Don’t know ..... <1%  
 Skipped/refused..... <1%

101. The responsibility that Americans have to our fellow citizens

**Net: Yes..... 83%**  
**No ..... 16%**

Yes, a lot..... 45%  
 Yes, some ..... 39%  
 No..... 16%  
 Don’t know ..... <1%  
 Skipped/refused..... 1%

102. Which statement is closer to your own view?

I am willing to sacrifice some of my personal freedoms to benefit public health..... 53%  
 My personal freedoms are essential and should not be sacrificed to benefit public health. .... 45%  
 Don't know ..... <1%  
 Skipped/refused ..... 2%

103. Which statement is closer to your own view?

My right to privacy is essential and should not be sacrificed to benefit public health. .... 54%  
 I am willing to sacrifice some of my/your rights of privacy in order to benefit public health. .... 44%  
 Don't know ..... 1%  
 Skipped/refused ..... 2%

104. Party ID

**Net: Democrat ..... 45%**  
**Net: Republican..... 34%**  
**Independent..... 21%**

Strong Democrat..... 15%  
 Moderate Democrat ..... 16%  
 Lean Democrat ..... 14%

Strong Republican ..... 10%  
 Moderate Republican..... 14%  
 Lean Republican ..... 10%

Don't Lean/Independent/None ..... 21%

105. Ideology (n=1,993)

**Net: Liberal ..... 31%**  
**Moderate ..... 25%**  
**Net Conservative ..... 28%**

Extremely Liberal ..... 5%  
 Liberal ..... 16%  
 Slightly Liberal..... 10%  
 Moderate..... 25%  
 Slightly Conservative ..... 10%  
 Conservative ..... 13%  
 Extremely Conservative ..... 5%  
 Haven't thought much about it ..... 15%

106. Gender

Male ..... 45%  
 Female ..... 55%

107.	Age	
	18-24 .....	11%
	25-34 .....	20%
	35-44 .....	19%
	45-54 .....	16%
	55-64 .....	16%
	65-74 .....	12%
	75+ .....	7%
108.	Generation	
	Gen Z .....	11%
	Millennial .....	29%
	Gen X .....	27%
	Boomer .....	26%
	Silent .....	7%
109.	Race and ethnicity	
	White, non-Hispanic.....	59%
	Hispanic .....	17%
	Black, non-Hispanic .....	13%
	Asian, non-Hispanic.....	5%
	2+, non-Hispanic.....	4%
	Other, non-Hispanic.....	2%
110.	Education – Highest Level Completed	
	11 <sup>th</sup> grade or less .....	12%
	High school graduate - high school diploma or the equivalent (GED) .....	49%
	Some college, no degree.....	5%
	Associate degree .....	3%
	Bachelors degree.....	18%
	Masters degree .....	9%
	Professional or Doctorate degree .....	3%
111.	Marital status	
	Married.....	48%
	Widowed .....	4%
	Divorced.....	9%
	Separated .....	3%
	Never married .....	27%
	Living with partner.....	9%
112.	Employment status	
	Working - as a paid employee .....	48%
	Working - self-employed .....	7%
	Not working - on temporary layoff from a job .....	1%
	Not working - looking for work .....	8%
	Not working - retired .....	17%
	Not working - disabled .....	7%
	Not working - other .....	11%

113.	Income	
	Less than \$25,000 .....	28%
	\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	23%
	\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	18%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	13%
	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	12%
	\$150,000 or more .....	6%
114.	Region	
	Northeast .....	15%
	Midwest.....	21%
	South.....	40%
	West.....	24%
115.	Metro and non-metro	
	Non-Metro Area .....	18%
	Metro Area .....	82%
116.	Internet at home via dial-up, DSL, or cable broadband	
	Non-internet household .....	18%
	Internet Household .....	82%
117.	Home ownership	
	Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household .....	63%
	Rented for cash.....	33%
	Occupied without payment of cash rent .....	3%
118.	Residence type	
	A one-family house detached from any other house .....	64%
	A one-family house attached to one or more houses.. ..	8%
	A building with 2 or more apartments .....	23%
	A mobile home or trailer.....	5%
	Boat, RV, van, etc.....	1%
119.	Phone access	
	Landline telephone only .....	5%
	Have a landline, but mostly use cellphone .....	23%
	Have cellphone, but mostly use landline .....	10%
	Cellphone only .....	61%
	No telephone service .....	1%
120.	Language	
	English .....	97%
	Spanish.....	3%