



Reimagining Rights and Responsibilities 2021

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*Interviews: 5/10-5/20/2021
2,000 adults ages 18+*

*Margin of error:
3.70 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Percentages may not always sum to 100%.*

"" indicates less than 0.5%*

"-" indicates 0%

CANDI20. Did you vote in the 2020 presidential election for Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or someone else?

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Donald Trump	37
Joe Biden	45
Someone else	3
Did not vote in this race	14
DK/SKP/REF	*

N=2,000

If “Donald Trump”, “Joe Biden”, or “Someone else” to CANDI20

HOWVOTE. How did you vote in the general election for President in November 2020?

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
In person on Election Day	36
Early in person	24
By mail	39
DK/SKP/REF	1

N=1,791

Q1. Below is a list of statements about our country. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement.

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
Americans have more in common with each other than many people think.	53	35	9	3	*
I am fed up with political polarization in our country and want our leaders to bring us together.	72	21	5	1	*
Political leaders of different parties should work together to find solutions to our country’s problems.	82	14	3	1	-
Americans have a responsibility to respect the rights of others.	79	16	3	*	*

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Some politicians are intentionally dividing our country.	72	23	3	2	1
It's the responsibility of everyone – for example, business, labor, religious, and community groups – to work together with government officials to help address our country's problems.	64	29	5	1	*
Racial diversity makes our country stronger.	48	25	11	14	1
The United States will not reach its full potential until all citizens – regardless of gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status -- are treated equally and with respect.	66	25	6	2	1
Black people and some other racial minorities are often the targets of racism in law enforcement.	45	25	18	11	*
Structural racism makes it difficult for racial minorities to get ahead.	41	29	15	14	1
Our government has the responsibility to keep people safe, whether the danger is a natural disaster in coastal communities, a pandemic, a mass shooting, or police violence in communities of color.	64	27	7	2	1
We will only solve issues of racial inequality when every American can vote.	36	26	18	18	1
Immigrant children should not be separated from their families at the border.	68	16	8	6	1
Immigration is harmful to our country and should be tightly restricted.	20	24	28	27	1
Immigrants facing persecution or violence in their home countries should be allowed to seek asylum in the US.	36	34	14	15	1
The government should provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.	36	33	14	16	1
Crimes are sometimes committed against people because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, national origin, or disability.	70	23	5	1	1
The government has a responsibility to prevent hate crimes and punish people who commit them.	67	24	6	3	1
Peoples' religious practices should be protected even if they discriminate against women and gay people.	26	28	25	20	2
Disinformation is a threat to our democracy.	66	25	5	3	1

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The right to bear arms should not prevent the government from regulating gun safety, ownership or use.	47	21	14	17	1
The government works for all of us -- if we want an effective government our leaders should represent people like us, not special interests and corporations.	73	20	5	1	*
Wealthy individuals, big corporations and political action committees have too much influence in American politics.	69	23	5	2	1
Before America can be truly united we need to give equal opportunity to the “have’s” and the “have not’s”.	51	34	10	5	1
Raising the minimum wage will help families and communities thrive.	43	27	16	13	1
America should have a guaranteed paid sick time policy.	49	27	14	9	1
America will only remain a global leader if it invests in updating our infrastructure.	49	34	13	3	1
Government has a responsibility to protect the lives, livelihoods and rights of all Americans.	71	24	3	2	*
The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the need for universal access to health care for all Americans.	55	20	10	14	*
The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the need for more government support of public education.	47	25	13	15	1
The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the need for more government support for affordable housing.	44	26	14	16	1
The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the need for more government support for fair employment.	47	24	15	14	1

N=2,000

Q2. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements: People in the United States should have a right to:

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
The basic necessities of life.	74	18	4	3	1
Freedom of speech.	83	14	2	1	*
A job.	71	17	6	4	1
Affordable housing.	66	22	7	4	*
Organize for better wages and working conditions.	67	25	4	3	1
Clean air and water.	85	10	3	1	1
Quality education.	80	15	3	2	1
Equal opportunity.	83	12	2	1	1
Racial equality.	79	14	3	3	1
Gender equality.	72	18	5	4	2
LGBTQ equality.	60	19	9	10	2
Privacy of personal data.	84	12	2	2	*
Affordable health care.	79	14	4	3	1
Fair treatment and due process of law in the criminal justice system.	86	11	2	1	*
Fair treatment and due process of law in the immigration system.	74	17	5	3	1

N=2,000

Q3. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements: Events over the past year have caused me to feel more positively toward

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
My family	64	25	5	4	1
Other Americans	24	38	25	12	1
Former President Donald Trump	26	14	10	49	1
President Joe Biden	32	23	13	32	1
The Democratic Party	25	23	20	31	1
The Republican Party	21	19	21	39	*
Americans of different races or ethnicities than me	43	33	12	10	2
White Americans	30	32	23	13	2

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Black Americans	42	29	15	12	2
Latino Americans	41	34	14	9	2
Asian Americans	43	32	14	9	2
Native Americans	46	31	13	8	2
Americans who have political opinions different from mine	24	30	26	19	1
Neighbors in my community	39	37	14	9	1
Immigrants	31	31	18	18	2

N=2,000

Q4. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about public policy issues facing our country – *Equal Access to Basic Necessities*

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
Americans should have equal access to affordable health care.	69	22	4	3	1
Americans should be guaranteed the opportunity to earn a living wage.	62	24	9	5	1
Students and their families should be provided the technical tools necessary for distance learning.	54	26	12	6	1
Raising the minimum wage will hurt businesses and cost America jobs.	31	23	21	25	1
The U.S. cannot afford to continue to pay for entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security.	12	13	20	54	1
The federal government should provide childcare support so parents don't have to quit their jobs during a pandemic.	43	27	16	13	1
The federal government should guarantee equal access for all Americans to decent housing.	53	27	11	8	1
The federal government should provide the funding necessary for safe reopening of schools, following the guidelines of public health experts.	57	28	9	6	1
Marginalized populations and communities should be protected from toxic and hazardous materials and other forms of environmental damage.	69	22	5	2	1

N=2,000

Q5. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about public policy issues facing our country – *Criminal Justice*

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
Prison sentences for drug use should be reduced or abolished.	31	26	20	22	1
Mandatory minimum sentences for drug-selling crimes should be maintained.	40	28	17	15	1
Sentencing laws should be amended to provide more alternatives to imprisonment.	40	32	15	11	1
People should not be jailed before trial unless they are found to present a real and present danger to the community.	39	28	18	15	1
Bail reform would let dangerous criminals out on the streets.	34	26	22	16	2
Police officers should be held accountable for violent or unlawful behavior.	76	19	3	1	1
Americans should have the right to sue police officers for violations of their civil rights.	54	23	12	9	1
Complaints about police misconduct should be submitted to an independent review board of law enforcement and community representatives.	64	25	7	3	1
Police departments should implement transparent guidelines overseen by the US Justice Department on when and how to use force.	56	28	9	5	1
To fight violent crime the federal government should provide military-grade weaponry to local police departments.	21	23	25	30	1
The sale or use of assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines should be banned to protect public safety.	48	19	13	18	1

N=2,000

Q6. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about public policy issues facing our country – *Civil Rights*

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
The laws against racial discrimination in housing and employment should be strengthened.	56	25	10	8	1
The laws against sexual violence and harassment should be strengthened.	64	25	7	4	1
Civil rights laws should be strengthened to protect people from discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.	53	23	13	9	2
The federal government should strengthen the protection of people with disabilities against employment and workplace discrimination.	61	27	8	3	1
The federal government should support community development investment in African American, Native American and Hispanic communities that have historically been denied economic opportunity and equality as a result of federal policy.	50	28	12	8	1

N=2,000

Q7. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about public policy issues facing our country – *Voting*

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
The U.S. should establish automatic voter registration of all Americans.	49	21	13	16	2
Every state should allow people to vote by mail.	52	15	12	20	1
Early voting opportunities should be equally available in every state.	65	19	8	7	1
The US Justice Department should review new state or local voting regulations to ensure they do not discriminate against voters based on race.	63	21	8	7	1
Voter purges to remove people from voter rolls without notice if they miss voting in a few elections should be prohibited.	47	23	14	15	2
Independent state commissions should determine the map of legislative districts to prevent partisan gerrymandering.	47	33	10	6	5
Access to voting should be improved for people with disabilities.	66	25	5	3	1
People convicted of crimes should be allowed to vote.	33	27	18	20	1
Political contributions and spending should not be regulated because they are a form of free speech.	19	20	25	34	2
America should have national standards for voting and elections.	62	25	6	5	2

N=2,000

Q8. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about public policy issues facing our country – *Social Media*

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	DK/SKP/ REF
Social media companies should be required to protect the privacy of personal information.	80	15	3	1	1
Social media companies should be required to prevent the spread of disinformation.	59	22	9	8	2
There should be a law preventing social media companies from collecting and using personal data without the explicit consent of the data subjects.	76	18	5	1	1
Regulating social media platforms will infringe on free speech rights.	27	27	24	20	2

N=2,000

PARTYID5. 5-point party identification scale

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Unknown	1
Democrat	35
Lean Democrat	10
Don't Lean/Independent/None	17
Lean Republican	11
Republican	27

N=2,000

PARTYID7. 7-point party identification scale

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Unknown	1
Strong Democrat	20
Moderate Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	10
Don't Lean/Independent/None	17
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	12
Strong Republican	15

N=2,000

SURV_LANG. Survey interview language

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
English	98
Spanish	2

N=2,000

SURV_MODE. Survey interview mode

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Online	92
Phone	8

N=2,000

DEVICE. Device

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Desktop	31
Smartphone	60
Tablet	1
Phone interview (not online)	8

N=2,000

GENDER. Gender

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Male	45
Female	55

N=2,000

AGE4. Age – 4 categories

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
18-29	17
30-44	31
45-59	24
60+	28

N=2,000

AGE7. Age – 7 categories

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
18-24	10
25-34	21
35-44	18
45-54	15
55-64	17
65-74	13
75+	7

N=2,000

RACETHNICITY. Combined race/ethnicity

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
White, non-Hispanic	59
Black, non-Hispanic	13
Other, non-Hispanic	2
Hispanic	17
2+, non-Hispanic	4
Asian, non-Hispanic	5

N=2,000

EDUC5. 5-level education

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Less than HS	12
HS graduate or equivalent	49
Vocational/tech school/some college/associates	8
Bachelor's degree	19
Post grad study/professional degree	13

N=2,000

MARITAL. Marital status

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Married	43
Widowed	4
Divorced	10
Separated	5
Never married	29
Living with partner	8

N=2,000

EMPLOY. Current employment status

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Working (NET)	57
Working – as a paid employee	49
Working – self-employed	8
Not working (NET)	43
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	2
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	17
Not working – disabled	9
Not working – other	9

N=2,000

INCOME. Household income

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Less than \$50,000 (NET)	50
Less than \$5,000	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6
\$15,000 to \$19,999	7
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6
\$30,000 to \$34,999	3
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 or more (NET)	50
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9
\$60,000 to \$74,999	11
\$75,000 to \$84,999	4
\$85,000 to \$99,999	7
\$100,000 to \$124,999	7
\$125,000 to \$149,999	4
\$150,000 to \$174,999	2
\$175,000 to \$199,999	2
\$200,000 or more	3

N=2,000

INCOME4. Household income – 4 level

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Less than \$30,000	35
\$30,000 to under \$60,000	25
\$60,000 to under \$100,000	21
\$100,000 or more	19

N=2,000

INCOME9. Household income – 9 level

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	13
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	12
\$150,000 or more	7

N=2,000

REGION4. Region – 4 level

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Northeast	15
Midwest	21
South	40
West	24

N=2,000

REGION9. Region – 9 level

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
New England	6
Mid-Atlantic	10
East North Central	16
West North Central	4
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	7
West South Central	12
Mountain	8
Pacific	16

N=2,000

STATE. State of residence

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
AK Alaska	0
AL Alabama	1
AR Arkansas	1
AZ Arizona	3
CA California	12
CO Colorado	1
CT Connecticut	2
DC District of Columbia	*
DE Delaware	1
FL Florida	8
GA Georgia	3
HI Hawaii	*
IA Iowa	1
ID Idaho	1
IL Illinois	4
IN Indiana	2
KS Kansas	*
KY Kentucky	1
LA Louisiana	1
MA Massachusetts	2
MD Maryland	1
ME Maine	*
MI Michigan	4
MN Minnesota	1
MO Missouri	2
MS Mississippi	1
MT Montana	1
NC North Carolina	3
ND North Dakota	*
NE Nebraska	1
NH New Hampshire	*
NJ New Jersey	2
NM New Mexico	1
NV Nevada	1
NY New York	4
OH Ohio	4
OK Oklahoma	2
OR Oregon	1
PA Pennsylvania	4
RI Rhode Island	1
SC South Carolina	1
SD South Dakota	*

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TN Tennessee	3
TX Texas	8
UT Utah	1
VA Virginia	3
VT Vermont	*
WA Washington	3
WI Wisconsin	3
WV West Virginia	1
WY Wyoming	*

N=2,000

METRO. Metropolitan area flag

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Non-metro area	18
Metro area	82

N=2,000

INTERNET. Household internet access

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Non-internet household	17
Internet household	83

N=2,000

HOUSING. Home ownership

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	61
Rented for cash	36
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3

N=2,000

HOME_TYPE. Type of building of panelists' residence

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021

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A one-family house detached from any other house	62
A one-family house attached to one or more houses	6
A building with 2 or more apartments	25
A mobile home or trailer	6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	1

N=2,000

PHONESERVICE. Telephone service for the household

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
Landline telephone only	5
Have a landline, but mostly use cellphone	22
Have a cellphone, but mostly use landline	11
Cellphone only	61
No telephone service	*

N=2,000

HHSIZE. Household size (including children)

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
1	19
2	34
3	15
4	14
5	9
6+	10

N=2,000

HH01. Number of HH members age 0-1

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
0	100
1	*

N=2,000

HH25. Number of HH members age 2-5

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
0	97
1	3
2	*

N=2,000

HH612. Number of HH members age 6-12

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
0	93
1	4
2	2
3	1
4	-

N=2,000

HH1317. Number of HH members age 13-17

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
0	88
1	6
2	4
3	1
4	1
5	*
6	*

N=2,000

HH18OV. Number of HH members age 18+

	NORC 5/10 - 5/20/2021
1	37
2	39
3	14
4	5
5	3
6	1
7	1
8	*
9	-

N=2,000