Center for American Progress
National Online Poverty Survey

February 2-7, 2021
2000 Registered Voters
740 Self-identified Democrats
580 Self-identified Independents
680 Self-identified Republicans

Q.2 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in another way?

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Q.9 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

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**Right direction - Wrong track** ................. -17  

Q.10 Do you think your family’s income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

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**Going up faster - Falling behind** ........... -24  

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Next, you will see some pairs of statements. After reading both statements, please indicate which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

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11 Statement A: The government should help ensure that all families have access to basic living standards like health care, nutrition, and housing if their wages are too low or they can’t make ends meet.
OR
Statement B: Welfare programs trap people in poverty by leaving them dependent on the government and penalizing work.

Democrat ......................................................... 41 18 14 22 5 58 36 22
Independent ....................................................... 59 20 9 8 4 78 17 61
Republican ......................................................... 37 20 15 21 7 57 36 21

12 Statement A: It is more important to me that the government help provide basic living standards like housing, nutrition, and health care for those struggling to make ends meet.
OR
Statement B: It is more important to me that the government address large budget deficits by reducing overall spending on government assistance programs for low-income people.

Democrat ......................................................... 63 20 8 7 3 83 14 68
Independent ....................................................... 42 21 13 16 9 63 29 34
Republican ......................................................... 27 21 17 27 7 48 45 3
13 Statement A: I don't envision ever being in a position where I would need or want to use the health care, nutrition, housing, or income support provided by the government.
Or
Statement B: Whether I need them now or not, I'm glad our society provides government services to ensure basic living standards for when times get tough.

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| Republican     | 25| 13| 24| 32| 6  | 38   | 56   |

14 Statement A: Most people who live in poverty are poor because their jobs don't pay enough, they lack good health care and education, and things cost too much for them to save and move ahead.
Or
Statement B: Most people who live in poverty are poor because they make bad decisions or act irresponsibly in their own lives.

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15 Statement A: Access to basic living standards like health care, nutrition, and housing is a fundamental human right, and government should help ensure that all families have access to these basic living standards if their wages are too low or they can’t make ends meet.

OR

Statement B: Government assistance programs suffer from widespread abuse and fraud. Instead of guaranteeing benefits for those who are looking to avoid work, we need to promote self-sufficiency by tightening eligibility requirements for these programs.

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16 Statement A: With state budgets crushed by the pandemic, the federal government should step in and directly provide aid to help struggling families keep their homes, put food on the table, and otherwise make ends meet.

OR

Statement B: State governments must tighten their spending in the face of this pandemic, even if it temporarily reduces benefits for the unemployed and those who rely on government programs. The federal government should not bail states out during this pandemic.

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Q.17 Thinking back to one year ago, how would you rate your current personal economic situation compared to before the coronavirus pandemic?

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Q.18 Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year? Falling behind on rent or mortgage payments

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Q.19 Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year? Falling behind on gas, electric, or phone bills

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Q.20 Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year? Being unable to get medical care because of the cost

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Q.21 Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year? Having too little money to buy enough food

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<td>No, neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has faced this issue</td>
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Q.22 Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year? Finding or keeping a decent job with good wages

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Q.23 (IF SELF IN ANY OF Q18-22) Did you face these economic pressures before the COVID pandemic, or do you feel the COVID pandemic was the primary cause of the economic pressures you faced?

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<td>Pandemic was the primary cause of economic pressures</td>
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Q.24 (IF FAMILY IN ANY OF Q18-22) Did your family member(s) face these economic pressures before the COVID pandemic, or do you feel the COVID pandemic was the primary cause of the economic pressures they faced?

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<td>Pandemic was the primary cause of economic pressures</td>
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Q.25 Thinking about your own family - both your immediate family living with you, as well as other close relatives like aunts, uncles, cousins, and so on - as far as you know, is anyone in your family currently receiving government assistance for housing, health care, food, disability, or unemployment?

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<td>Yes, immediate family</td>
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<td>Yes, close relatives</td>
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<td>No, neither I nor anyone in my family is receiving assistance</td>
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Q.26 (SPLIT A)² Which of the following comes closest to your own view about those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic?

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<td>Those living in poverty in this country have been more impacted by the coronavirus pandemic than others</td>
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<td>54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Those living in poverty in this country have been less impacted by the coronavirus pandemic than others</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been the same across communities</td>
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² Half of all respondents answered questions marked as SPLIT A while the other half answered questions marked as SPLIT B.
Q.27 (SPLIT A) Official data from the Centers for Disease Control shows that Americans living in poverty are contracting the coronavirus and dying from it at significantly higher rates than the rest of the U.S. population. Below is a list of factors that may affect those living in poverty and could explain why they are more impacted by coronavirus than others. Which TWO of these factors do you think best explain why Americans living in poverty are more impacted by coronavirus than others?

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<td>They often work in frontline jobs and jobs without work-from-home options, increasing risk of exposure to the virus</td>
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<td>They have less access to quality health care</td>
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<td>They often struggle to make ends meet, and the loss of income has a bigger impact than on those who do not have savings</td>
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<td>They lack the financial resources to get the needed treatment</td>
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<td>They are overrepresented in the prison population, where the outbreak is very high</td>
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Q.28 (SPLIT A) Thinking about how the United States recovers after the pandemic passes, which comes closest to your own view?

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<td>We should simply take steps to restore our health care, education, and economic systems to the way they were before the pandemic as quickly as possible</td>
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Q.29 (SPLIT B) Which of the following comes closest to your own view about those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic?

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<td>Racial and ethnic minorities in this country, especially Black Americans and Hispanics, have been less impacted by the coronavirus pandemic than White Americans</td>
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Q.30 (SPLIT B) Official data from the Centers for Disease Control shows that Black Americans and Hispanics are contracting the coronavirus and dying from it at significantly higher rates than the rest of the U.S. population. Below is a list of factors that may affect people of color and could explain why they are more impacted by coronavirus than others. Which TWO of these factors do you think best explain why Black Americans and Hispanics are more impacted by coronavirus than others?

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Q.31 (SPLIT B) Thinking about how the United States recovers after the pandemic passes, which comes closest to your own view?

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Next, you will see some reforms that have been proposed to strengthen our economy. For each one, please indicate whether you would support or oppose this particular policy idea.

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<td>Create good jobs and make American businesses more competitive by investing $1 trillion in our nation's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, railroads, broadband, and expanded production of clean energy.</td>
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35 (SPLIT C)³ Provide direct monthly payments to middle-class families up to $3,000 per year for single people earning $50,000 per year or less, and up to $6,000 annually for married people earning $100,000 per year or less.

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36 (SPLIT D) Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the governmental income support program for working people, to include up to $1,500 per year for low-income single people without children.

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37 Increase the level of food assistance provided via the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps) to ensure that those who need help keeping food on the table don't run out of benefits and adequate food before the month is over.

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³ Half of all respondents answered questions marked as SPLIT C while the other half answered questions marked as SPLIT D.
38 Create a national paid family and medical leave plan that would provide workers part of their wages when they need time off for the birth of a child or to care for a sick or elderly family member. 

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39 Require all employers to provide workers with guaranteed paid time off if they are sick. 

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40 (SPLIT C) Increase the total amount of housing assistance offered to low-income families and include all families facing unaffordable housing costs. 

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41 (SPLIT D) During crises such as the current coronavirus pandemic, provide direct housing payments to landlords or banks to prevent evictions or penalties on low-income families. 

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44 (SPLIT D) Put a moratorium on all housing evictions for the duration of crises such as the current coronavirus pandemic.

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Now, you will see a series of issues facing every community across America to some extent. Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 what role you think government should play in meeting the need on each of these issues, where 10 means it is a basic human right that should be guaranteed to everyone in the U.S. and 0 means it is an issue that government should not be involved in at all and should be left completely to the free market. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

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Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.51 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...

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Q.54 Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective?

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Q.55 Last year, that is in 2020, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? This is only for research purposes and your personal information will not be shared with anyone else.

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Q.56 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump?

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Q.57 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump?

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