

• LIVE Exit Polls

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Region

2,545 total respondents

	Eastern Cities 27%	East Central 18%	Des Moines Area 24%	Central 16%	West 15%
● Greenfield	59%	46%	57%	41%	31%
● Ernst	40%	53%	42%	58%	68%

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Age

2,545 total respondents

	18-29 16%	30-44 22%	45-64 35%	65 or older 27%
● Greenfield	57%	56%	43%	47%
● Ernst	41%	41%	57%	52%

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Age

2,545 total respondents

	18-24 11%	25-29 6%	30-39 14%	40-49 15%	50-64 28%	65 or older 27%
● Greenfield	61%	50%	52%	55%	42%	47%
● Ernst	37%	49%	44%	45%	58%	52%



situation today:

2,545 total respondents

	Better than four years ago 45%	Worse than four years ago 14%	About the same 40%
● Greenfield	19%	91%	65%
● Ernst	80%	8%	34%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

2,545 total respondents

	Excellent 11%	Good 40%	Not so good 32%	Poor 17%
● Greenfield	3%	19%	74%	96%
● Ernst	97%	79%	25%	4%

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Party ID

2,545 total respondents

	Democrat 27%	Republican 34%	Independent 38%
● Greenfield	95%	7%	55%
● Ernst	5%	92%	43%

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Ideology

2,545 total respondents

	Liberal 21%	Moderate 43%	Conservative 37%
● Greenfield	94%	62%	9%
● Ernst	5%	36%	90%

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Race

2,545 total respondents



 Ernst
51%

23%

28%

n/a

n/a

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Gender

2,545 total respondents

Male

48%

Female

52%

 Greenfield

43%

54%
 Ernst
55%

44%

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Area type

2,545 total respondents

Urban

32%

Suburban

29%

Rural

39%

 Greenfield
60%**51%**

38%

 Ernst

38%

48%

60%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

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Excellent/Good

50%

Not good/Poor

48%

 Greenfield

16%

81%
 Ernst
83%

17%

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Abortion should be:

2,545 total respondents

Legal in all cases

22%

Legal in most cases

29%

Illegal in most cases

29%

Illegal in all cases

15%

 Greenfield
82%**67%**

22%

12%

 Ernst

15%

32%

78%**88%**

Income

2,545 total respondents

	Less than \$50,000 38%	\$50,000 or more 62%
● Greenfield	57%	46%
● Ernst	42%	53%

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Income

2,545 total respondents

	Less than \$100,000 73%	\$100,000 or more 27%
● Greenfield	51%	49%
● Ernst	48%	49%

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White born-again or evangelical Christian?

2,545 total respondents

	Yes 33%	No 67%
● Greenfield	27%	59%
● Ernst	73%	39%

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How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

2,545 total respondents

	Very confident 53%	Somewhat confident 38%	Not very confident 6%	Not at all confident 1%
● Greenfield	54%	47%	n/a	n/a
● Ernst	45%	52%	n/a	n/a

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	Confident 91%	Not confident 8%
● Greenfield	51%	n/a
● Ernst	48%	n/a

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Abortion should be:

2,545 total respondents

	LEGAL 50%	ILLEGAL 44%
● Greenfield	73%	18%
● Ernst	24%	81%

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Parents

2,545 total respondents

	Men with children 11%	Women with children 14%	Men no children 38%	Women no children 37%
● Greenfield	32%	50%	44%	57%
● Ernst	66%	49%	55%	42%

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Sex by race

2,545 total respondents

	White men 44%	White women 48%	Black men 1%	Black women 1%	Latino men 2%	Latino women 2%	All other races 3%
● Greenfield	41%	52%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Ernst	57%	46%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Income

2,545 total respondents

Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 or more
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42%

55%

49%

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Age

2,545 total respondents

18-44

38%

45 or older

62%

● Greenfield

57%

44%

● Ernst

41%

55%

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Education

2,545 total respondents

College graduate

39%

No college degree

61%

● Greenfield

55%

46%

● Ernst

43%

53%

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Education by race

2,545 total respondents

White voters, college degree

37%

White voters, no degree

55%

Voters of color, college degree

2%

Voters of color, no degree

6%

● Greenfield

54%

43%

n/a

68%

● Ernst

44%

56%

n/a

31%

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Is this the first year you voted?

2,545 total respondents

Yes

10%

No

90%

● Greenfield

57%

47%

● Ernst



View of Joe Biden:

2,545 total respondents

	Favorable 49%	Unfavorable 49%
● Greenfield	92%	10%
● Ernst	8%	88%

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Prefer U.S. Senate controlled by:

2,545 total respondents

	Democrats 44%	Republicans 51%
● Greenfield	96%	6%
● Ernst	4%	92%

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Have any children under 18?

2,545 total respondents

	YES 24%	NO 76%
● Greenfield	42%	50%
● Ernst	56%	49%

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Race

2,545 total respondents

	White voters 91%	Voters of color 9%
● Greenfield	47%	69%
● Ernst	51%	31%

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Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?



● Greenfield	n/a	47%
● Ernst	n/a	52%

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View of Donald Trump:

2,545 total respondents

	Favorable 45%	Unfavorable 53%
● Greenfield	6%	90%
● Ernst	93%	9%

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Education by Gender Among White Voters

2,545 total respondents

	White college graduate women 18%	White women no degree 30%	White college graduate men 19%	White men no degree 25%	Voters of color 9%
● Greenfield	56%	50%	51%	34%	69%
● Ernst	42%	49%	46%	65%	30%

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Opinion of Trump as president

2,545 total respondents

	Strongly approve 35%	Somewhat approve 15%	Somewhat disapprove 7%	Strongly disapprove 43%
● Greenfield	2%	21%	n/a	97%
● Ernst	98%	75%	n/a	3%

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Opinion of Trump as president



● Greenfield	8%	91%
● Ernst	91%	8%

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Education

2,545 total respondents

	Never attended college 18%	Some college 25%	Associate's degree 18%	Bachelor's degree 26%	Advanced degree 13%
● Greenfield	40%	51%	44%	54%	57%
● Ernst	59%	48%	55%	45%	40%

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Income

2,545 total respondents

	Less than \$30,000 15%	\$30,000-\$49,999 23%	\$50,000-\$99,999 35%	\$100,000-\$199,999 22%	\$200,000 or more 5%
● Greenfield	62%	53%	44%	47%	n/a
● Ernst	37%	45%	55%	51%	n/a

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Most important issue to your vote?

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	Racial inequality 12%	Coronavirus 20%	The economy 34%	Crime and safety 11%	Health care policy 13%
● Greenfield	93%	90%	13%	17%	83%
● Ernst	7%	9%	85%	83%	16%

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

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	Can unite the country 20%	Is a strong leader 33%	Cares about people like me 17%	Has good judgment 23%
● Greenfield				
● Ernst				



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 26% **76%** 36% 34%

U.S. efforts to contain coronavirus are going:

2,545 total respondents

	Very well 12%	Somewhat well 33%	Somewhat badly 19%	Very badly 34%
● Greenfield	13%	9%	65%	94%
● Ernst	87%	91%	31%	5%

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Which is more important to do now?

2,545 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 50%	Rebuild the economy 45%
● Greenfield	83%	12%
● Ernst	16%	87%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

2,545 total respondents

	The most important problem 9%	An important problem 64%	A minor problem 20%	Not a problem at all 5%
● Greenfield	n/a	58%	18%	n/a
● Ernst	n/a	41%	80%	n/a

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Favorable opinion of:

2,545 total respondents

	Biden and Trump 3%	Only Biden 46%	Only Trump 42%	Neither of them 7%
● Greenfield	n/a	95%	4%	n/a
● Ernst				



View of Joni Ernst:

2,545 total respondents

	Favorable 49%	Unfavorable 47%
● Greenfield	7%	93%
● Ernst	93%	5%

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View of Theresa Greenfield:

2,545 total respondents

	Favorable 48%	Unfavorable 46%
● Greenfield	94%	4%
● Ernst	6%	94%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

2,545 total respondents

	An important problem 73%	Not an important problem 25%
● Greenfield	61%	17%
● Ernst	38%	82%

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U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus are going:

2,545 total respondents

	Well 45%	Badly 53%
● Greenfield	10%	84%
● Ernst	89%	14%

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 Greenfield	n/a	99%	1%	n/a
 Ernst	n/a	1%	99%	n/a

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Notes

- All times ET.
- Not all candidates are listed.
- CNN will broadcast a projected winner only after an extensive review of data from a number of sources.
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