



Exit Polls

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**Region**

704 total respondents

	Upper Puget Sound 17%	King County 30%	Lower Puget Sound 17%	Olympic Peninsula/SW 15%	East Washington 21%
● Biden	60%	66%	52%	54%	45%
● Trump	33%	33%	46%	45%	47%

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Age

704 total respondents

	18-29 17%	30-44 24%	45-64 37%	65 or older 23%
● Biden	n/a	55%	53%	58%
● Trump	n/a	38%	45%	41%

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Age

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	18-24 9%	25-29 8%	30-39 17%	40-49 14%	50-64 29%	65 or older 23%
● Biden	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	52%	58%
● Trump						



Family's financial situation today:

704 total respondents

	Better than four years ago 39%	Worse than four years ago 14%	About the same 46%
● Biden	23%	n/a	77%
● Trump	71%	n/a	20%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

704 total respondents

	Excellent 5%	Good 34%	Not so good 33%	Poor 27%
● Biden	n/a	23%	71%	93%
● Trump	n/a	76%	22%	4%

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Party ID

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	Democrat 34%	Republican 25%	Independent 42%
● Biden	97%	10%	52%
● Trump	3%	86%	41%

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Ideology

704 total respondents

	Liberal 29%	Moderate 39%	Conservative 32%
● Biden	96%	60%	14%
● Trump	2%	33%	85%



Race

704 total respondents

	White 75%	Black 3%	Latino 8%	Asian 3%	Something else 10%
● Biden	61%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Trump	36%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Gender

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	Male 48%	Female 52%
● Biden	46%	66%
● Trump	48%	32%

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Area type

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	Urban 31%	Suburban 50%	Rural 19%
● Biden	70%	46%	59%
● Trump	26%	49%	37%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

704 total respondents

	Excellent/Good 39%	Not good/Poor 61%
● Biden	20%	81%
● Trump	78%	14%

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Vote for president mainly:



● Biden	44%	78%
● Trump	52%	20%

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How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

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	Very confident 52%	Somewhat confident 28%	Not very confident 15%	Not at all confident 4%
● Biden	81%	39%	n/a	n/a
● Trump	16%	57%	n/a	n/a

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How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

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	Confident 80%	Not confident 19%
● Biden	67%	n/a
● Trump	30%	n/a

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Parents

704 total respondents

	Men with children 17%	Women with children 14%	Men no children 32%	Women no children 36%
● Biden	n/a	n/a	49%	69%
● Trump	n/a	n/a	46%	30%

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Sex by race



● Biden	50%	70%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Trump	45%	28%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Age

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18-44

40%

45 or older

60%

● Biden	59%	55%
● Trump	34%	43%

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Education

704 total respondents

College graduate

37%

No college degree

63%

● Biden	73%	47%
● Trump	24%	49%

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Education by race

704 total respondents

White voters, college degree

29%

White voters, no degree

47%

Voters of color, college degree

8%

Voters of color, no degree

16%

● Biden	80%	50%	n/a	n/a
● Trump	18%	47%	n/a	n/a

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Is this the first year you voted?

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Yes

No



n/a

40%

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View of Joe Biden:

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	Favorable 55%	Unfavorable 43%
● Biden	96%	9%
● Trump	4%	82%

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Have any children under 18?

704 total respondents

	YES 31%	NO 69%
● Biden	50%	60%
● Trump	42%	38%

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Is climate change a serious problem?

704 total respondents

	YES 70%	NO 27%
● Biden	79%	3%
● Trump	16%	93%

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Race

704 total respondents

	White voters 75%	Voters of color 25%
● Biden	61%	45%
● Trump		



Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

704 total respondents

	YES 7%	NO 93%
● Biden	n/a	56%
● Trump	n/a	39%

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Decided on presidential vote:

704 total respondents

	In the last few days n/a	In the last week n/a	In October 14%	In September 6%	Before that 78%
● Biden	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	58%
● Trump	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38%

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View of Donald Trump:

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	Favorable 36%	Unfavorable 63%
● Biden	4%	89%
● Trump	94%	6%

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Decided on presidential vote:



704 total respondents

	In the last month 14%	Before that 83%
● Biden	n/a	57%
● Trump	n/a	38%



Decided on presidential vote:

704 total respondents



	In the last week n/a	Before that 98%
 Biden	n/a	56%
 Trump	n/a	40%

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Education by Gender Among White Voters

704 total respondents

	White college graduate women 16%	White women no degree 26%	White college graduate men 13%	White men no degree 20%	Voters of color 25%
 Biden	87%	59%	70%	37%	45%
 Trump	12%	38%	26%	58%	50%

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Opinion of Trump as president

704 total respondents



	Strongly approve 25%	Somewhat approve 14%	Somewhat disapprove 10%	Strongly disapprove 50%
 Biden	2%	n/a	n/a	97%
 Trump	96%	n/a	n/a	0%

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Opinion of Trump as president

704 total respondents

	Approve 39%	Disapprove 60%
 Biden	5%	93%
 Trump		



Education

704 total respondents

	Never attended college 23%	Some college 29%	Associate's degree 11%	Bachelor's degree 20%	Advanced degree 17%
● Biden	n/a	50%	n/a	70%	76%
● Trump	n/a	45%	n/a	27%	20%

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Most important issue to your vote?

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	Racial inequality 22%	Coronavirus 16%	The economy 27%	Crime and safety 11%	Health care policy 14%
● Biden	94%	94%	13%	n/a	89%
● Trump	2%	6%	76%	n/a	10%

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

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	Can unite the country 18%	Is a strong leader 17%	Cares about people like me 22%	Has good judgment 37%
● Biden	85%	27%	43%	69%
● Trump	13%	71%	51%	25%

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U.S. efforts to contain coronavirus are going:

704 total respondents

	Very well 8%	Somewhat well 27%	Somewhat badly 25%	Very badly 37%
● Biden	n/a	9%	78%	95%
● Trump				



Which is more important to do now?

704 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 62%	Rebuild the economy 33%
● Biden	85%	10%
● Trump	13%	82%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

704 total respondents

	The most important problem 10%	An important problem 67%	A minor problem 17%	Not a problem at all 6%
● Biden	n/a	70%	n/a	n/a
● Trump	n/a	23%	n/a	n/a

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Favorable opinion of:

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	Biden and Trump 3%	Only Biden 53%	Only Trump 33%	Neither of them 9%
● Biden	n/a	99%	1%	n/a
● Trump	n/a	1%	97%	n/a

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Better handle the coronavirus pandemic?

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	BIDEN 56%	TRUMP 35%
● Biden	96%	0%
● Trump		



Racism in the U.S. is:

704 total respondents

	An important problem 77%	Not an important problem 22%
● Biden	72%	12%
● Trump	22%	87%

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

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	Well 36%	Badly 61%
● Biden	10%	88%
● Trump	85%	7%

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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.
- "Flipped seat" denotes a race where the 2020 projected winner is from a different party than the previous winner or incumbent.
- Both Maine and Nebraska allow electoral votes to be split. In Maine, two of four electoral votes go to the statewide winner and one electoral vote goes to the winner in each of the two congressional districts. In Nebraska, two of five electoral votes go to the winner of the statewide vote. One electoral vote goes to the winner in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.

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