Battleground 68

FINAL

STUDY #16985
THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS
N = 1,000 Registered voters
Margin of error + 3.1%
Field Dates: June 5-10, 2021

Hello, I'm _____ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all**.**

> **IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK:** May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

> **IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-1.   Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

> Yes **(CONTINUE TO CP-3)**
> No **(CONTINUE TO CP-2)**

> **IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK**:

CP-2.   In what state do you currently reside?

> _____
> **(RECORD STATE NAME)**

> **IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-3.   For your safety, are you driving right now?

> Yes **(SCHEDULE CALL BACK)**
> No

A.   Are you registered to vote in your state?

> **IF "NO," ASK:** Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?
> **(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)**

> Yes **(CONTINUE)**
> No **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**

B.   Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

                                                    Yes **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
                                                    No   **(CONTINUE)**

C1-1.   In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?
        (i.e. Record 48 years old as <u>0</u> <u>4</u> <u>8</u>)
        (Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS <u>9</u> <u>9</u> <u>9</u>)

                                        ____ ____ ____
                                        (RECORD AGE)

IF REFUSED, PROMPT: We need at least an age range for statistical purposes only. If I read a list of age ranges, will you tell me which one you fall in? **(READ CHOICES)**

C1-2.   What is your age, please? (**JUST RECORD**)

18-24	3%
25-29	5%
30-34	9%
35-39	8%
40-44	15%
45-54	13%
55-64	25%
65-69	6%
70-74	6%
75-79	4%
80-84	4%
85-89	1%
90 or over	1%
HARD REFUSE	*

Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

1.   Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

_____	Right direction/strongly	20%
IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And	Right direction/somewhat	20%
do you feel strongly or	UNSURE **(DNR)**	4%
somewhat about that?	Wrong track/somewhat	8%
	Wrong track/strongly	49%

Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which <u>one</u> issue you think is <u>most</u> important to you personally.
(READ AND ROTATE ISSUES)
<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK</u>: *And which issue do you think is <u>next</u> most important?*

		Q2 MOST <u>IMPORTANT</u>	Q3 NEXT MOST <u>IMPORTANT</u>
•	Taxes	4%	8%
•	Jobs	4%	5%
•	National defense and terrorism	3%	10%
•	COVID-19	6%	6%
•	Health care	9%	10%
•	Crime and drugs	5%	8%
•	Government spending	14%	11%
•	Climate change	7%	9%
•	Voting rights	16%	8%
•	Division in the country	18%	14%
•	Rising cost of living	10%	9%
•	COMBINATION/EQUALLY **(DNR)**	3%	1%
•	OTHER **(DNR)**	1%	2%
•	NONE **(DNR)**	*	*
•	UNSURE **(DNR)**	*	*

Now, thinking about President Joe Biden…

4.   How would you rate the job Joe Biden has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:	
And do you feel *strongly*	Approve/strongly 39%
about that?	Approve 13%
	UNSURE **(DNR)**..3%
	Disapprove...4%
	Disapprove/strongly 41%

ROTATE Q5 and Q6

And,

5. How would you rate the job the Democrats in Congress have been doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?
    _____

    IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Approve/strongly...21%
    And do you feel *strongly*   Approve 24%
    about that?   UNSURE **(DNR)**.. 4%
                                          Disapprove.. 7%
                                          Disapprove/strongly 45%

And,

6. How would you rate the job the Republicans in Congress have been doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?
    _____

    IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Approve/strongly...12%
    And do you feel *strongly*   Approve 17%
    about that?   UNSURE **(DNR)**.. 4%
                                          Disapprove...14%
                                          Disapprove/strongly 53%

(END ROTATION)

Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals or organizations. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them. If you do not recognize the name, just say so. Here is the first one …

WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK: *Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable) impression or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) impression?*

(ROTATE NAMES)	FAVORABLE Strng	Smwht	UNFAVORABLE Smwht	Strng	NO OPIN.	NEVER HEARD
7. Black Lives Matter, also called BLM	29%	19%	8%	38%	4%	1%
8. Q-Anon	1%	3%	5%	45%	12%	34%
9. Dr. Anthony Fauci **("FOW-CHEE")**	40%	12%	7%	32%	3%	6%

(END ROTATION)

Now, thinking again about issues facing this country…

I am going to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you have more confidence in -- **(ROTATE)** ● **the Democrats in Congress, OR** ● **the Republicans in Congress –** to deal with this issue. Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & ROTATE)	DEM in Congress	GOP in Congress	BOTH EQUAL (DNR)	NEITHER (DNR)	UNSURE (DNR)
10. Bringing the country together **(PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK COULD DO A BETTER JOB DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE)** ● **the Democrats in Congress, OR** ● **the Republicans in Congress?)**	45%	32%	4%	17%	3%
11. Taxes	41%	47%	2%	7%	3%
12. Jobs	43%	46%	4%	5%	2%
13. Immigration	45%	44%	3%	8%	1%
14. Health care	54%	33%	3%	8%	3%
15. Dealing with the COVID-19 crisis	52%	34%	4%	9%	1%
16. Economic recovery	42%	46%	4%	6%	3%
17. Race relations	53%	30%	3%	12%	3%
18. Education	47%	37%	4%	9%	4%

Thinking now about COVID-19…

I am going to read you a list of people. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you think they did an excellent, good, fair, or poor job dealing with the COVID-19 heath crisis. Here is the first one: **(READ LIST & ROTATE)**

PROMPT: DO YOU THINK THEY DID AN EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, OR POOR JOB AT DEALING WITH THE COVID-19 CRISIS?

		Excellent	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**	**UNSURE/ REF (DNR)**
19.	Former President Donald Trump	18%	19%	13%	50%	*
20.	President Joe Biden	24%	29%	17%	29%	1%
21.	Your state governor	23%	27%	18%	31%	1%
22.	Your local leaders	18%	36%	25%	16%	6%

And, thinking for a moment about the economic impact of COVID-19…

23. Did you or your immediate family suffer an economic problem during COVID-19 like losing a job or having your pay reduced, or your hours cut?

Yes 40%
No.. 60%
UNSURE **(DNR)**... *

As you may already know, the federal government gave states extra money to increase payments to people who are unemployed. Here are two statements on this policy. Please tell me which statement comes closest to your own views.

24. Some people say/
    <u>Other people say</u>   that   with so many schools closed and so many childcare options closed or on reduced schedules, many workers are unable to return to work.
    Other people say/
    <u>Some people say</u>   that   these extra payments provide too many workers with an incentive to remain unemployed since they can make enough to survive without working.

    "Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?"

Unable to return... 38%
Incentive to remain unemployed............................. 50%
BOTH EQUALLY **(DNR)** 6%
NEITHER **(DNR)** 4%
UNSURE **(DNR)**... 3%

And, thinking about the issue of political civility for a moment

As you may already know, during his campaign for President, Joe Biden often talked about restoring unity and civility to our national politics.

50.   How hard do you think Joe Biden has worked at this effort to restore unity and civility to our national politics? Do you think he has worked extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all hard?

Extremely hard 16%
Very hard 22%
Somewhat hard 22%
Not at all hard 39%
COMBINATION/OTHER **(DNR)** .... *
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

Here are some problems related to civility and politics. Please listen carefully as I read each proposal and tell me if you think it is an extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all important problem to you personally. Here is the first one…
(RANDOMIZE)

	Extremely	Very	Smwht	Not at all	DK/ REF
51. Republicans and Democrats disagreeing	33%	22%	28%	16%	1%
52. Republicans disagreeing with each other	17%	17%	33%	32%	1%
53. Democrats disagreeing with each other	15%	17%	34%	32%	2%
54. Dealing with people you disagree with politically at work or socially	10%	12%	31%	46%	2%
55. Dealing with friends and family who you disagree with politically	11%	12%	32%	43%	2%
56. Cancel culture or the feeling that you might lose your job or social status due to your political views	23%	16%	17%	42%	2%
57. Political correctness or the feeling that other people can now tell you what words are required to use	30%	19%	20%	29%	2%
58. Lack of respect for political opponents	28%	24%	27%	19%	1%
59. Refusing to accept election results	42%	22%	16%	18%	2%
60. Elected officials refusing to work together to get things done	53%	30%	13%	4%	1%
61. Hate crimes and being treated unfairly because of your appearance	44%	24%	15%	16%	1%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

And, still thinking about these issues…

62.   No matter what you think about political civility, which of these would you prefer:

- A politician who consistently fights for my values, even if this means not finding a solution very often, OR
- A politician who is willing to work together to get things done, even if it means compromising on my values sometimes?

Politician consistent/few solutions...........................27%
Politician work together/compromising..................69%
COMBINATION/BOTH/OTHER (DNR)...............2%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

And, thinking about the issue of political divisions as a whole…

63.   On a scale of 0 to 100, where "0" is there is no political division in the country and where "100" is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would you rank the level of political division in the country?

Mean Score=73.97

Now, please think ahead to one year from now…

64.   On a scale of 0 to 100, where "0" is there is no political division in the country and where "100" is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would did you think the level of political division will be one year from now?

Mean Score=69.18

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only…

D2.   What is the highest level of education you have completed?
        (DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8) 1%
Some high school (9-11) 2%
Graduated high school (12) 15%
Technical/vocational (12) 4%
Some college (13-15) 30%
Graduated college (16) 28%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more) 20%
Unsure/Refused 1%

D3.   When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...
        (READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative 22%
Somewhat conservative 31%
MODERATE **(DNR)** 4%
Somewhat liberal 28%
Very liberal 12%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 4%

And,

D4.   Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,   Republican/strong 20%
ASK: Would you call yourself a   Republican/not strong 8%
strong or a not very strong   Lean Republican 16%
(Republican/Democrat)?
                                             Independent 4%

                                             Lean Democrat 15%
IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING   Democrat/not strong 7%
ELSE, ASK: Do you think   Democrat/strong 25%
of yourself as closer to the
Republican or Democratic Party?   NO PREFERENCE **(DNR)** 4%
                                             OTHER **(DNR)** .... *
                                             UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

D5.   Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO   Straight Republican 14%
BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)   Mostly Republican 21%
                                             A few more Republicans than Democrats 10%
                                             INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON **(DNR)** 3%
                                             A few more Democrats than Republicans 8%
                                             Mostly Democratic 24%
                                             Straight Democratic 18%
                                             UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 3%

Still thinking about your viewing habits, specifically as they pertain to "Fox News" –

D6.   How often would you say that you watch the Fox News Channel? Would you say that you watch
       the Fox News Channel – **(ROTATE, FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT) --** • daily, • a few times a
       week, • every so often, or • not at all?

       Daily 14%
       Few times a week 11%
       Every so often..22%
       Not at all 52%
       UNSURE/DK **(DNR)** 1%

D7.   Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee
       unions, and teachers unions?

       IF NO, THEN ASK: Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions?

       Labor Union Member..14%
       Labor Union Household.. 6%
       Non-Union Household 78%
       UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

D8.   What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, •   separated, •
       divorced, or •widowed?

       Single 21%
       Married 59%
       Separated 2%
       Divorced 10%
       Widowed 9%
       UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

D9.   Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

       Yes 30%
       No...70%
       UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** .... *

D10.   How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services?

       More than once a week 10%
       Once a week 24%
       Several times a month...9%
       Once a month..5%
       Several times a year..12%
       Only on holidays..14%
       NEVER/DON'T ATTEND 26%
       UNSURE/REFUSED 2%

D11.   Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical 36%
Not born-again..58%
REFUSED **(DNR)** 6%

D12.   What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White.. 73%
Black/African-American 12%
Hispanic/Latino **(TO D13)**.. 8%
Asian/Pacific American... *
Native American.. 1%
Other 5%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT "HISPANIC/LATINO," ASK:

D12-1.   And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes 6%
No.. 93%
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** 1%

ASK OF EVERYONE

And, thinking about your economic class…

D13.   Do you consider yourself to be:
        (ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Working class, or
- Low income?

Upper class 7%
Middle class 55%
Working class...24%
Low income...12%
Unemployed **(DNR)**...................................*
Refused **(DNR)** 2%

D14.   Sex/Emp **(BY OBSERVATION)**

ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed 25%
Male/self-employed 7%
Male/not in labor force 1%
Male/retired 12%
Male/unemployed 3%

Female/employed 25%
Female/self-employed 6%
Female/not in labor force 3%
Female/retired 14%
Female/unemployed 5%

MALE/REFUSED **(DNR)** .... *
FEMALE/REFUSED **(DNR)** .... *

D15.   How would you describe the community in which you live? Is it rural or small town, urban, large urban or a suburb?

Rural/small town 45%
Urban 13%
Large Urban 8%
Suburb 32%
UNSURE **(DNR)** 3%
REFUSED **(DNR)** .... *