

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
WAVE 116 POLITICS OCTOBER 2022  
October 10-16, 2022  
N=5,098**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):**

PLAN1 Do you plan to vote in the elections this November, have you already voted, or don't you plan to vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]:**

Oct 10-16,  
2022

87	Plan to vote
4	Already voted
9	Don't plan to vote
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

VTPLAN *Do you plan to vote in the elections this November?*

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Sep 24-  
Oct 7  
2018

59	Yes, I plan to vote ON Election Day
31	Yes, I plan to vote BEFORE Election Day
3	No, I do not plan to vote
6	Not sure
*	No answer

**ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):**

PLAN1 Do you plan to vote in the elections this November, have you already voted, or don't you plan to vote?

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLAN1=1):**

HOWPLANVOTE How do you plan to cast your vote in the November elections? **[REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]**

**ASK IF HAVE ALREADY VOTED (PLAN1=2):**

HOWVOTED Did you cast your vote... **[REVERSE ORDER 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]:**

Oct 10-16,

2022

42	In person at a polling place ON Election Day
17	In person BEFORE Election Day
16	<i>Plan to vote in person at a polling place before Election Day</i>
*	<i>Already voted in person at a polling place or early voting location</i>
28	By absentee or mail
24	<i>Plan to vote by absentee or mail-in ballot</i>
4	<i>Already voted by absentee or mail in ballot</i>
5	Not sure on how they plan to vote
9	Don't plan to vote
1	No answer

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE ABSENTEE (HOWPLANVOTE=3):**

PLANABSENT Do you plan to return your ballot... **[REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE VOTED ABSENTEE (PLAN1=2 AND HOWVOTED=2,3,4) OR PLAN TO VOTE ABSENTEE (PLAN1=1 AND HOWPLANVOTE=3) [N= 1,152]**

Oct 10-16,

2022

10	In person to an election official or poll worker
32	To a designated dropbox
53	By mail
5	Not sure
*	No answer

**ASK ALL WHO HAVE VOTED OR WHO PLAN TO VOTE (PLAN1=1,2):**

FIRSTVOTE22 Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,708]:**Oct 10-16,  
2022

3	First year voting
97	Have voted before
*	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**FIRST *Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?***BASED ON VOTERS:**Nov 7-16,  
2018

3	First time voting
97	Had voted before
--	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. **[RANDOMIZE]**

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No answer	<i>Mean rating</i>
THERMTRUMP	Donald Trump							
	Oct 10-16, 2022	50	7	11	10	20	2	35
	Jul 8-18, 2021	50	7	11	10	22	*	37
	Mar 1-7, 2021	51	6	9	9	23	*	36
	Nov 12-17, 2020	50	7	9	8	26	*	38
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	51	6	7	10	25	1	37
	Apr 7-12, 2020	45	7	7	10	30	*	42
	Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8	9	9	25	1	38
	Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
	Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
THERMBIDEN	Joe Biden							
	Oct 10-16, 2022	43	10	13	16	16	2	38
	Jul 8-18, 2021	33	9	14	15	28	*	48
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	9	13	15	31	*	50
	Nov 12-17, 2020	35	9	12	14	29	1	47
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	38	10	12	15	24	1	43
	Apr 7-12, 2020	37	14	16	15	17	*	40

**[Show this before the first question: Thinking about the elections this November...]**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN\_COM AND VTADMIN\_US]**

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_COM Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be run and administered...

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5, <u>2020</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
40	Very well	36	41
45	Somewhat well	48	46
10	Not too well	11	9
4	Not at all well	4	3
1	No answer	*	1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN\_COM AND VTADMIN\_US]**

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_US Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be run and administered...

Oct 10-16, <u>2020</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5, <u>2020</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
20	Very well	12	20
49	Somewhat well	46	57
23	Not too well	30	18
7	Not at all well	12	4
1	No answer	1	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

VOTETRAITS **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS A-D; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

a.		<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	89	10	1
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	91	8	1
b.		<u>Convenient</u>	<u>Not convenient</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	73	25	2
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	73	27	*
c.		<u>Exciting</u>	<u>Boring</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	57	40	3
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	62	36	2
d.		<u>Straightforward</u>	<u>Confusing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	70	29	2
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	30	1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT\_INP AND VTCOUNT\_ABS]****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

VTCOUNT\_INP How confident are you that votes cast IN PERSON AT POLLING PLACES across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5, <u>2020</u>
34	Very confident	42
45	Somewhat confident	44
15	Not too confident	10
5	Not at all confident	4
1	No answer	1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT\_INP AND VTCOUNT\_ABS]****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

VTCOUNT\_ABS How confident are you that votes cast BY ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 30- Oct 5, <u>2020</u>
21	Very confident	17
38	Somewhat confident	38
24	Not too confident	28
16	Not at all confident	16
1	No answer	1

**ASK FORM 2 AND CITIZENS ONLY:**

VTEASY Overall, **[IF PLAN1=1,2: "do", IF PLAN1=3,99: "would"]** you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,999]:**

Oct 10-16 <u>2022</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
45	Very easy	46
37	Somewhat easy	39
14	Somewhat difficult	13
3	Very difficult	2
*	No answer	*

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

VTEASY Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be ...

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Sep 30-Oct 5 <u>2020</u>		Jul 27-Aug 2, <u>2020</u>
29	Very easy	23
36	Somewhat easy	28
29	Somewhat difficult	38
6	Very difficult	11
*	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

CONCEDECONG

Thinking about the results of the congressional elections this November, how important do you think it is for the losing candidates to publicly accept the winning candidates as the legitimate winners?

Oct 10-16,  
2022

55	Very important
31	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
4	Not at all important
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Thinking about the results of the presidential election this November, how important do you think it is for a losing candidate to publicly acknowledge the winner as the legitimate president of the country?

Apr 7-12, <u>2020</u>		Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>	Sep 27- Oct 10, <u>2016</u>
54	Very important	46	50
25	Somewhat important	27	24
14	Not too important	15	13
6	Not at all important	10	12
1	No Answer	1	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

VTPPL1 Thinking again about the elections coming up in November...

How confident are you that poll workers in your community will do a good job during the elections this November?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 10-16, 2022	37	46	11	4	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	45	44	8	2	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,554]:**

VTPPL2 Thinking again about the elections coming up in November...

How confident are you that officials who run elections in [**IF XSTATEDC=2**: "your state"; **IF XSTATEDC=1**: "the District of Columbia"] will do a good job during the elections this November?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 10-16, 2022	25	49	17	8	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	28	50	18	4	1

**ASK ALL:**

**[IF XSTATEDC=2, show before first question:** Thinking about the election rules in your state (for example, when and how elections take place and what is required to register or vote)...

**[IF XSTATEDC=1, show before first question:** Thinking about the election rules in the District of Columbia (for example, when and how elections take place and what is required to register or vote)...

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,554]:**

ELRULE\_FAIR All in all, would you say **[IF XSTATEDC=2: "your state's"; IF XSTATEDC=1: "the District of Columbia's"]** election rules are...

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
81	Fair	83
16	Not fair	15
3	No answer	2

**[Randomize order of ELRULE\_EASE and ELRULE\_PTY]****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

ELRULE\_EASE All in all, would you say **[IF XSTATEDC=2: "your state's"; IF XSTATEDC=1: "the District of Columbia's"]** election rules... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
21	Make it too easy to register and vote	19
10	Make it too hard to register and vote	10
67	Make it about right to register and vote	69
2	No answer	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,544]:**

ELRULE\_PTY All in all, would you say **[IF XSTATEDC=2: "your state's"; IF XSTATEDC=1: "the District of Columbia's"]** election rules... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
15	Unfairly favor the Republican Party over the Democratic Party	14
14	Unfairly favor the Democratic Party over the Republican Party	11
68	Do not favor one party over the other	73
3	No answer	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to... <sup>1</sup>			Something else	No answer	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	15	2	17	20
	28	28	27				

<sup>1</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.