2020 Colorado Political Climate (CPC) Survey

#programming instruction: if respondent checks box to participate, advance to question #2; if not, end survey.

[question #1] [single choice: consent}

Title of research study: The 2020 Colorado Political Climate Survey

IRB Protocol Number: 20-0511
Investigator: Anand Edward Sokhey
Sponsor: University of Colorado

Purpose

The purpose of the study is to understand Coloradans' views and opinions on various national and local public affairs and issues facing the state during the 2020 election cycle.

We expect that you will be in this research study for between 10 and 12 minutes. We expect about 800 people will be in this research study.

Explanation of Procedures
Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. You do not have to participate if you don't want to. You may also leave the study at any time. If you leave the study before it is finished, there will be no penalty to you, though it may affect your compensation. The researchers at the University of Colorado have contracted with YouGov to offer you the opportunity to participate in this research – YouGov and its partners are responsible for any compensation you may receive for taking this survey.

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to:

1. Answer a number of questions about yourself. The questions may be on topics such as your demographic characteristics, political beliefs, current events, political discussions, and preferences with respect to public policies.

You will be asked questions about your demographic characteristics, your political attitudes such as your party affiliation, your opinions on issues facing the state of Colorado, and your preferences with respect to a number of political election contests.

Time Commitment to Complete Research Procedures

Participating should take roughly 10-12 minutes.

<u>Research Location</u>

Participation will take place at the participant's chosen location.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal

Whether or not you take part in this research is your choice. You can leave the research at any time and it will not be held against you.

Potential Benefits

You may not receive any direct benefit from taking part in this study. However, your participation in this study may help us learn about what people think about current events, and more specifically, what Coloradans see as important issues facing the state.

Confidentiality

Information obtained about you for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Research information that identifies you may be shared with the University of Colorado Boulder Institutional Review Board (IRB) and others who are responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations related to research, including people on behalf of the Office for Human Research Protections. The information from this research may be reported to the public but only in aggregate form. published for scientific purposes. Your identity will not be given out nor will your individual survey responses.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding your participation in this research, you should ask the investigator before signing this form. If you should have questions or concerns during or after your participation, please contact A. Edward Sokhey at Anand.Sokhey@Colorado.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB. You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or irbadmin@colorado.edu if:
- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

☐ By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read about the study, or it was read to me. I know the possible risks and benefits. I know that being in this study is voluntary. I choose to be in this study. I know that I can withdraw at any time. Checking this box documents your permission to take part in this research.

Block 2: Likely Voter Qs

[question #2] {single choice: thought_nov}

#programming notes: please reverse answer options

How much thought have you given to the upcoming November elections in Colorado?
<1>a great deal
<2> a lot
<3> some
<4> only a little
<5> none at all

[question #3] {single choice: likely_vote}

#programming notes: please reverse answer options 1-5, anchor option <6>

The general election for president of the United States will be held on November 3, 2020. How likely are you to vote in the general election?
<1> highly likely
<2> likely
<3> somewhat likely
<4> not very likely
<5> not at all likely
<6> I have already voted

[question #4] {single choice: freq_vote}

#programming notes: please reverse answer options

In general, how often would you say you vote in elections?
<1> always
<2> most of the time
<3> about half of the time
<4> rarely
<5> never

Block 3: Elections

[question #5] {single choice: vote_choice}

#programming notes: please randomize options 1 and 2, but anchor "other" (3) and (4) "undecided"

If the election for president of the United States were held today, would you vote for:

<1> Donald Trump, Republican
<2> Joe Biden, Democrat
<3> Some other candidate _____(text box)
<4> Undecided

[question #6] {single choice: congress_choice}

#programming notes: please randomize options 1 and 2, but anchor "other" (3)

If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district were held today, would you vote for:

<1> the Republican candidate
<2> the Democratic candidate
<3> Some other candidate _____(text box)

[question #7] {single choice: senate_choice}

#programming notes: please randomize options 1 and 2, but anchor "other" (3) and (4) "undecided"

If the election for the U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for:

<1> John Hickenlooper, Democrat
<2> Cory Gardner, Republican
<3> Some other candidate _____ (text box)
<4> Undecided

Block 4: Leadership & Approval

#programmer: Please ask these questions as a grid. Please randomize the order of the rows. Please reverse order of response options 1-4, but anchor 5 (Not sure).

How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following is handling their job?

[q8] President Donald Trump
[q9] Governor Jared Polis
[q10] Senator Cory Gardner
[q11] Senator Michael Bennet

<1> Strongly approve
<2> Approve
<3> Disapprove
<4> Strongly disapprove
<5> Not sure

How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following is handling their job?

[q12] United States Congress
[q13] Colorado State Legislature
[q14] Your local police department
[q15] The county officials where you live

<1> Strongly approve
<2> Approve
<3> Disapprove
<4> Strongly disapprove
<5> Not sure

How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following has handled **the Covid-19 pandemic**?

[q16] President Donald Trump
[q17] Governor Jared Polis
[q18] Local officials in your community
[q19] Business owners in your community
[q20] Your neighbors

<1> Strongly approve
<2> Approve
<3> Disapprove
<4> Strongly disapprove
<5> Not sure

Block 5: Election Fairness & Legitimacy

How much do you agree with each of the following statements about the upcoming elections?

[q21] The elections will be conducted fairly and accurately
[q22] All citizens who want to vote in the election will be able to
[q23] Covid-19 will significantly disrupt voting
[q24] I have confidence in the mail voting system in Colorado

<1> Strongly agree
<2> Agree

<3> Disagree
<4> Strongly disagree
<5> Not sure

How much do you agree with each of the following statements about the upcoming **presidential election?**

[q25] The losing candidate in the presidential election should publicly acknowledge the winner as legitimate
[q26] If my preferred candidate does not win, I will view the winner as legitimate
[q27] I am confident there will be a peaceful transition/continuation of power
[q28] I am worried about violence on or after Election Day in other parts of the country
[q29] I am worried about violence on or after Election Day in Colorado
[q30] the winner of the election should be the one to nominate a replacement for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

<1> Strongly agree
<2> Agree
<3> Disagree
<4> Strongly disagree
<5> Not sure

Block 6: Partisanship & Ideology

In general, do you usually think of yourself as a…

<1>Strong Democrat
<2>Democrat
<3>Weak Democrat
<4>Independent
<5>Weak Republican
<6>Republican
<7>Strong Republican
<8> Some Other Party [Text Box]

When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as…

<1>Extremely Liberal
<2>Liberal
<3>Slightly Liberal
<4>Moderate
<5>Slightly Conservative
<6>Conservative
<7>Extremely Conservative

Block 7: Propositions & Amendments

Names

Q33: prop_113
Q34: prop_115
Q35: prop_118
Q36: amendment_b

Proposition 113 would allow Colorado to join an agreement among states – the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact – to elect the President of the United States by a national popular vote. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this proposition?

<1> favor the proposition
<2> oppose the proposition
<3> not sure

Proposition 115 would make performing a late-term abortion – when the gestational age of the fetus is at least twenty-two weeks – a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and a suspension of the medical license of those performing the abortion, except in instances where the abortion is required to save the life of the pregnant woman. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this proposition?

<1> favor the proposition
<2> oppose the proposition
<3> not sure

Q35_v1

Proposition 118 would create a paid family and medical leave program, authorizing paid family and medical leave for those with serious medical conditions, those caring for a new child or a family member with a serious medical condition, or those having a need for leave related to a family member's military deployment. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this proposition?

<1> favor the proposition
<2> oppose the proposition
<3> not sure

Q35_v2

Proposition 118 would create a paid family and medical leave program funded through a payroll tax to be paid for by employers and employees in a 50/50 split; it would authorize paid family and medical leave for those with serious medical conditions, those caring for a new child or a family member with a serious medical condition, or those having a need for leave related to a family member's military deployment. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this proposition?

>   <1> favor the proposition
>   <2> oppose the proposition
>   <3> not sure

[question #36] {single choice: amendment_b}

#programmer: please randomly assign respondents to v1 and v2 of Q36 with a .5 probability.

#programming notes: Q36_v1 and Q36_v2, please reverse answer options 1 and 2, but anchor 3 (not sure)

Q36_v1

Amendment B would amend the Colorado Constitution to repeal a requirement that the residential assessment rate be periodically changed to maintain the statewide proportion of residential property as compared to all other taxable property, and to repeal a nonresidential property tax assessment rate of twenty-nine percent. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this amendment?

>   <1> favor the amendment
>   <2> oppose the amendment
>   <3> not sure

Q36_v2

Amendment B will not raise property taxes, and will help preserve funding for police, firefighters, medical services, and education in local districts. Amendment B would amend the Colorado Constitution to repeal a requirement that the residential assessment rate be periodically changed to maintain the statewide proportion of residential property as compared to all other taxable property, and to repeal a nonresidential property tax assessment rate of twenty-nine percent.

If the election were held today, how would you vote on this amendment?

>   <1> favor the amendment
>   <2> oppose the amendment
>   <3> not sure

#programmer: Please ask these questions as a grid. Please randomize the order of the rows. Please reverse order of response options.

Names:

Q37: trust_fed
Q38: trust_colorado
Q39: trust_localgov
Q40: trust_police

How often do you trust each of the following to do what is in the public's best interest?

[q37] the Federal Government (1)
[q38] Colorado State Government (2)
[q39] Your Local Government (3)
[q40] Your Local Police Department (4)

<1> Always

<2> Most of the time

<3> About half the time

<4> Rarely

<5> Never

#programmer: Please ask these questions as a grid. Please randomize the order of the rows. Please reverse order of response options.

Names:

Q41: econ_us
Q42: econ_colorado
Q43: econ_local

How would you rate the economic conditions in each of the following as of today?

[q41] The United States
[q42] Colorado
[q43] Your local community

<1> Excellent

<2> Good

<3> Average

<4> Fair

<5> Poor

Block 9: MIP

[question #44] {textbox: problem_us}

If you had to pick, what one issue do you think is the most important problem facing the United States today? Please write out the issue in the space provided. <small text box>

[question #45] {textbox: problem_colorado}

If you had to pick, what one issue do you think is the most important problem facing Colorado today? Please write out the issue in the space provided. <small text box>

Block 10: Policies & Issues

[question #46] {static: policyintro}

 Now we would like to ask you about various policies and issues that have been in the news recently.

#programmer: please randomize order of questions 47-55

Names

Q47: marijuana
Q48: tabor
Q49: fracking
Q50: blacklivesmatter
Q51: justice
Q52: guns
Q53: climate
Q54: race
Q55: daca

The ability for individuals 21 years of age and older to buy marijuana for recreational use is currently legal under Colorado law. How much do you favor or oppose the law that made recreational marijuana legal in Colorado?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

The Colorado Tax Payer Bill of Rights (also known as TABOR) limits the annual growth in state government spending based on the amount of population growth and inflation in the state. Some advocate keeping TABOR as the law of Colorado while others advocate repealing it. How much do you favor or oppose TABOR remaining the law in Colorado?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

How much do you favor or oppose hydraulic fracturing, "fracking," as a method to produce natural gas and oil in Colorado?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

Do you favor or oppose the movement known as "Black Lives Matter"?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

How confident are you that the criminal justice system treats all people equally regardless of their background?

<1>Very Confident
<2> Confident
<3> Somewhat Confident
<4> Not Very Confident
<5> Not At All Confident

<6> not sure

How much do you favor or oppose the federal government making it more difficult for individuals to purchase a gun?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

How concerned are you personally about climate change?

<1> Very Concerned
<2> Concerned

<3> Somewhat Concerned
<4> Not Very Concerned
<5> Not at all Concerned

<6> not sure

#programming notes: please reverse order of response options, but anchor <5> ("not sure")

How would you describe the current state of race relations in the United States?

<1> Really Good
<2> Somewhat Good
<3> Somewhat Bad
<4> Really Bad

<5> not sure

#programming notes: please reverse order of response options 1-4, but anchor 5 (Not Sure)

How much do you favor or oppose allowing young immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children to remain in the country if they meet certain requirements such as getting an education, serving in the military and not having a criminal record?

<1> Strongly Favor
<2> Slightly Favor
<3> Slightly Oppose
<4> Strongly Oppose
<5> Not Sure

#programmer: please randomly assign respondents to the v1 and v2 of Q56 with a .5 probability.

#programming notes: please reverse order of response options 1-4, but anchor 5 (Not Sure)

Q56_v1

How supportive would you be of protesters holding a large rally in your community in support of Black Lives Matter?

<1> Very Supportive
<2> Supportive
<3> Unsupportive
<4> Very Unsupportive
<5> Not Sure

Q56_v2

How supportive would you be of protesters holding a large rally in your community in support of Back the Blue (i.e., the Police)?

<1> Very Supportive
<2> Supportive
<3> Unsupportive
<4> Very Unsupportive
<5> Not Sure

[question #57] {select all that apply: covid_support}

#programming notes: please randomize order of response options

Which of the following do you support regarding the COVID-19 virus? (Select all that apply)
<1> mask mandates
<2> stay-at-home orders
<3> social distancing policies (large-group gathering bans)
<4> closing businesses

<5> closing in-person education

<6> closing in-person religious worship
<7> travel restrictions
<8> the government funding vaccine development
<9> mandatory vaccination (when a vaccine is developed)
<10> None of the above

#programmer: Please ask these questions as a grid. Please randomize the order of the rows. Please reverse order of response options 1-4, but anchor 5 (Not Sure)

Names:

Q58: covid_threat
Q59: covid_concern
Q60: covid_distancing
Q61: covid_partisan
Q62: covid_mask
Q63: covid_worship

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[q58] COVID-19 poses a threat to the health and safety of me and my family
[q59] I am concerned about COVID-19

[q60] I practice social distancing and other public health recommendations
[q61] COVID-19 has become a partisan issue
[q62] being required to wear a mask is a violation of my civil liberties
[q63] limits on in-person worship activities are violations of civil liberties

<1> Strongly Agree

<2> Agree

<3> Disagree

<4> Strongly Disagree

<5> Not Sure

#programmer: Please ask these questions as a grid. Please randomize the order of the rows. Please reverse order of response options.

Names:

Q64: covid_trust_cdc
Q65: covid_trust_trump
Q66: covid_trust_taskforce
Q67: covid_trust_polis
Q68: covid_trust_friends

How often do you trust the information provided to you about COVID-19 from each of the following?

[q64] the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
[q65] President Trump
[q66] The White House Task Force
[q67] Governor Polis
[q68] friends and family

<1> Always

<2> Most of the time

<3> About half the time

<4> Rarely

<5> Never

[end of survey]