WHISTLEBLOWER NEWS NETWORK

Whistleblower News Network Survey

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		National Adults	National Registered Voters	National Likely Voters
		Column %	Column %	Column %
National Adults		100%		
National Registered Voters		84%	100%	
National Likely Voters		63%	75%	100%
Party Identification	**Democrat**	31%	31%	31%
	Republican	28%	28%	29%
	Independent	40%	40%	38%
	Other	2%	2%	2%
Gender	**Men**	49%	48%	48%
	Women	51%	52%	52%
Age	**Under 45**	45%	41%	38%
	45 or older	55%	59%	62%
Age	**18 to 29**	20%	16%	14%
	30 to 44	25%	25%	24%
	45 to 59	25%	27%	28%
	60 or older	29%	32%	34%
Race/Ethnicity	**White**	61%	64%	67%
	Non-white	39%	36%	33%
Race/Ethnicity	**White**	61%	64%	67%
	Black	12%	12%	11%
	Latino	15%	13%	12%
	Other	13%	12%	11%
Region	**Northeast**	18%	18%	18%
	Midwest	21%	21%	23%
	South	38%	38%	37%
	West	23%	23%	22%
Household Income	**Less than $50,000**	42%	39%	38%
	$50,000 or more	58%	61%	62%
Education	**Not college graduate**	61%	57%	56%
	College graduate	39%	43%	44%
Area Description	**Big city**	29%	27%	26%
	Small city	18%	18%	18%
	Suburban	20%	22%	23%
	Small town	17%	17%	18%
	Rural	16%	15%	16%
Interview Type	**Landline**	41%	42%	43%
	Cell phone	59%	58%	57%

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Nature of the Sample: Whistleblower News Network Survey Commissioned by WNN

This survey of 1,152 adults was conducted September 11th through September 16th, 2020 by The Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from Dynata. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business- use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. Results are statistically significant within ±3.5 percentage points. There are 964 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±3.8 percentage points. There are 723 likely voters defined by a probability turnout model which determines the likelihood respondents will participate in the November 2020 election based upon their chance of vote, interest in the election, and past election participation. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±4.3 percentage points. Tables include results for subgroups to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross- tabulations.

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How to Read Banners

'Banners' are a simple way to display tabular data. The following provides an explanation of how to read the banners.

1. Thinking of the entire table as a grid of cells, each cell contains a number. This number gives the *percentage* of respondents in a column in each cell.

2. Columns read vertically down the page.

3. The table headings present the people, or subgroup, each column represents. They are each noted with a letter.

4. The remaining rows present the column percentages for each valid response category to a question.

5. The banners include notations for statistical significance testing between columns. Each column is labeled with letters. If a capital letter is below a percent, it notes that this percent is statistically different at the 95% confidence level from the percent of the lettered column. If a lowercase letter is below a percent, it notes this percent is statistically different at the 90% confidence level from the percent of the lettered column. For example in the table below, the 94% in column D is statistically different from the 78% in column E and the 88% in column F at a 95% confidence level. Democrats are statistically more likely to strongly agree or agree that there should be stronger legal protections from harm for whistleblowers than either Republicans or independents.

6. Please note totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Adults (A)	National Registered Voters (B)	National Likely Voters (C)	Party Identification^ Democrat (D)	Republican (E)	Independent (F)
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: There should be stronger legal protections from harm for whistleblowers who are federal employees who report fraud in government programs?	**Strongly agree/Agree**	86%	86%	86%	**94%** **EF**	**78%**	**88%** **E**
	Disagree/Strongly disagree	9%	9%	9%	**4%**	**15%** **DF**	**8%** **d**
	Unsure	5%	5%	5%	**2%**	**7%** **D**	4%

Confidence Level = 95%(Upper Case),90%(Lower Case)

		National Adults (A)	National Registered Voters (B)	National Likely Voters (C)	Party Identification^			Region				Household Income		Education		Race/Ethnicity		Race/Ethnicity			Age		Age				Gender		Area Description				
					Democrat (D)	Republican (E)	Independent (F)	Northeast (G)	Midwest (H)	South (I)	West (J)	Less than $50,000 (K)	$50,000 or more (L)	Not college graduate (M)	College graduate (N)	White (O)	Non-white (P)	White (Q)	Black (R)	Latino (S)	Under 45 (T)	45 or older (U)	18 to 29 (V)	30 to 44 (W)	45 to 59 (X)	60 or older (Y)	Men (A1)	Women (B1)	Big city (C1)	Small city (D1)	Suburban (E1)	Small town (F1)	Rural (G1)
Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: There should be stronger legal protections from harm for whistleblowers who are federal employees who report fraud in government programs?	**Strongly agree/Agree**	86%	86%	86%	**94% EF**	**78%**	**88% E**	**90% I**	86%	**84%**	87%	**84%**	**89% K**	**85%**	**89% M**	86%	88%	86%	86%	89%	**89% U**	**84%**	**91% xY**	**88% y**	**86%**	**82%**	87%	86%	**86%**	**83%**	**92% C1D1f1G1**	**87%**	**84%**
	Disagree/Strongly disagree	9%	9%	9%	**4%**	**15% DF**	**8% d**	**4%**	**11% G**	**10% G**	**8% G**	10%	8%	9%	8%	9%	9%	9%	10%	7%	**7%**	**10% T**	**6%**	8%	**11% v**	10%	**11% B1**	**7%**	9%	**11% e1F1**	**6%**	**5%**	**11% e1F1**
	Unsure	5%	5%	5%	**2%**	**7% D**	4%	7%	3%	6%	5%	**6% I**	**3%**	**6% N**	**3%**	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	**2%**	5%	**3%**	**8% VX**	**3%**	**7% A1**	**5% E1**	**6% E1**	**1%**	**8% E1**	**5% e1**
Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: There should be stronger legal protections from harm for whistleblowers who are federal employees who report fraud in government programs?	**Strongly agree**	55%	58%	58%	**73% EF**	**39%**	**61% E**	59%	53%	53%	58%	**54%**	**60% K**	**50%**	**63% M**	55%	56%	55%	62%	55%	56%	54%	55%	56%	56%	53%	56%	55%	**54%**	**62% c1F1**	**61% F1**	**47%**	55%
	Agree	31%	29%	28%	**21%**	**39% DF**	**27% d**	31%	32%	31%	29%	31%	29%	**34% N**	**26%**	32%	32%	**32% r**	**24%**	**33% r**	33%	29%	**36% y**	31%	29%	**29%**	31%	31%	**32% D1**	**21%**	**32% D1**	**40% c1D1e1G1**	**28%**
	Disagree	6%	6%	6%	**3%**	**11% DF**	**4%**	**2%**	**7% G**	**8% G**	**5% G**	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	**3%**	6%	**8% V**	6%	**8% B1**	**4%**	6%	**8% F1**	5%	**2%**	**8% F1**
	Strongly disagree	3%	3%	3%	**1%**	**4% D**	**3% d**	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	**3% s**	4%	**1%**	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
	Vol: Unsure	5%	5%	5%	**2%**	**7% D**	4%	7%	3%	6%	5%	**6% I**	**3%**	**6% N**	**3%**	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	**2%**	5%	**3%**	**8% VX**	**3%**	**7% A1**	**5% E1**	**6% E1**	**1%**	**8% E1**	**5% e1**

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