

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 77 OCTOBER 2020  
FINAL TOPLINE  
OCTOBER 13-19, 2020  
TOTAL N=10,332**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	10,332	+/- 1.6 percentage points

**ASK ALL:**

HIGHED Now, thinking about the higher education system, that is colleges and universities, in the United States today...

Do you think the higher education system in the U.S. is generally going in the...

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 13-19, 2020	41	56	3
June 19-July 2, 2018	38	61	2

**ASK ALL:**

HIGHED2 Thinking about colleges and universities that are currently providing in-person instruction, do you think those schools made the right decision in bringing students back to campus this fall?

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50	Yes, made the right decision	
48	No, did not make the right decision	
2	No answer	

**ASK ALL:**

HIGHED3 In general, do you think a course taken only online provides an equal educational value compared with a course taken in person in a classroom, or not?

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30	Yes	
68	No	
2	No answer	

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...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
	27	29	28	14	1	18	21