

## Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see our [international survey methods database](#).
- The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the United States in the survey:

| Group        | Unweighted sample size | Weighted % | Plus or minus ...     |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Total sample | 1003                   |            | 3.7 percentage points |
| Rep/Lean Rep | 426                    | 41         | 5.6 percentage points |
| Dem/Lean Dem | 492                    | 49         | 5.3 percentage points |

- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, Pew Research Center has used an automated process to generate toplines for its Global Attitudes surveys. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Fall 2020 Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

|                       |                   | <b>Q21a. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? a. Make voting mandatory for all citizens</b> |                           |                          |                             |                   |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                       |                   | <b>Very important</b>  | <b>Somewhat important</b> | <b>Not too important</b> | <b>Not at all important</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>United States</b>  | <b>Fall, 2020</b> | 31   | 20                        | 15                       | 33                          | 1                 | 100          |
| <b>France</b>         | <b>Fall, 2020</b> | 39   | 26                        | 16                       | 18                          | 1                 | 100          |
| <b>Germany</b>        | <b>Fall, 2020</b> | 43   | 23                        | 20                       | 12                          | 2                 | 100          |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> | <b>Fall, 2020</b> | 37   | 26                        | 18                       | 18                          | 1                 | 100          |