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8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

"The political climate these days prevents me from saying things I believe because others might find them offensive."

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-agree	62%	64%	49%	65%	65%	60%	52%	59%	77%	42%	52%	64%	77%	77%
Net-disagree	38%	36%	51%	35%	35%	38%	48%	40%	23%	58%	48%	36%	23%	23%
Strongly agree	29%	33%	16%	25%	23%	26%	19%	28%	44%	18%	16%	28%	46%	45%
Somewhat agree	33%	30%	33%	39%	42%	34%	33%	31%	32%	24%	36%	36%	31%	32%
Somewhat disagree	18%	17%	20%	17%	27%	14%	19%	22%	13%	17%	25%	19%	13%	7%
Strongly disagree	20%	19%	31%	19%	8%	23%	28%	19%	10%	41%	23%	17%	10%	16%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-agree	62%	47%	67%	74%	63%	60%	69%	64%	62%	65%	59%
Net-disagree	38%	53%	33%	25%	37%	40%	31%	36%	38%	35%	40%
Strongly agree	29%	17%	31%	44%	27%	33%	28%	24%	26%	32%	27%
Somewhat agree	33%	30%	36%	30%	36%	27%	41%	40%	36%	33%	33%
Somewhat disagree	18%	24%	17%	12%	17%	16%	15%	22%	22%	16%	19%
Strongly disagree	20%	29%	16%	13%	20%	24%	16%	14%	16%	19%	21%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<\$20K	\$20K-\$39K	\$40K-\$59K	\$60K-\$99K	\$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-agree	62%	62%	64%	61%	58%	58%	66%	67%	61%	60%	55%	61%	61%	65%	67%	70%
Net-disagree	38%	38%	36%	39%	42%	42%	34%	33%	39%	39%	45%	39%	39%	35%	32%	30%
Strongly agree	29%	29%	29%	30%	32%	25%	30%	33%	27%	32%	22%	25%	33%	32%	37%	37%
Somewhat agree	33%	33%	35%	31%	26%	33%	37%	35%	34%	28%	33%	37%	29%	32%	29%	33%
Somewhat disagree	18%	16%	17%	20%	22%	18%	14%	12%	21%	21%	19%	21%	20%	16%	12%	13%
Strongly disagree	20%	22%	19%	19%	19%	23%	19%	20%	19%	18%	25%	18%	19%	19%	20%	17%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

[Q9-Q15 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE]

16. [ASK FORM A] Would you support or oppose firing a business executive from their job if it became known that they privately donated money to Democrat Joe Biden’s campaign for president?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-support	22%	19%	32%	25%	31%	23%	18%	24%	26%	17%	11%	24%	22%	36%
Net-oppose	78%	81%	68%	75%	69%	77%	82%	76%	74%	83%	89%	76%	78%	64%
Strongly support	9%	8%	10%	12%	20%	12%	7%	10%	14%	7%	6%	10%	8%	22%
Somewhat support	13%	11%	22%	13%	12%	12%	12%	15%	13%	9%	5%	14%	14%	14%
Somewhat oppose	27%	25%	20%	42%	38%	26%	21%	39%	28%	22%	17%	27%	31%	21%
Strongly oppose	51%	57%	49%	33%	31%	51%	61%	37%	46%	61%	72%	49%	47%	43%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-support	22%	16%	19%	27%	29%	19%	24%	27%	28%	22%	22%
Net-oppose	78%	84%	81%	73%	71%	81%	76%	73%	72%	78%	78%
Strongly support	9%	6%	7%	14%	10%	11%	8%	9%	9%	7%	11%
Somewhat support	13%	9%	12%	13%	18%	8%	16%	18%	19%	15%	10%
Somewhat oppose	27%	22%	26%	27%	37%	15%	34%	45%	41%	24%	30%
Strongly oppose	51%	63%	54%	47%	35%	66%	41%	29%	31%	53%	49%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<\$20K	\$20K-\$39K	\$40K-\$59K	\$60K-\$99K	\$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-support	22%	27%	21%	18%	14%	27%	24%	21%	17%	18%	27%	24%	17%	20%	20%	28%
Net-oppose	78%	73%	79%	82%	86%	73%	76%	79%	83%	82%	73%	76%	83%	80%	80%	72%
Strongly support	9%	12%	9%	8%	5%	13%	11%	8%	7%	9%	10%	10%	8%	12%	7%	13%
Somewhat support	13%	15%	12%	10%	10%	15%	13%	13%	10%	9%	17%	14%	9%	9%	12%	15%
Somewhat oppose	27%	33%	23%	26%	18%	32%	30%	28%	27%	19%	37%	31%	20%	22%	22%	24%
Strongly oppose	51%	40%	56%	57%	67%	41%	46%	51%	56%	63%	36%	45%	64%	58%	58%	48%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

17. [ASK FORM B] Would you support or oppose firing a business executive from their job if it became known that they privately donated money to Republican Donald Trump’s reelection campaign for president?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-support	31%	27%	35%	38%	45%	45%	42%	28%	20%	50%	43%	32%	13%	17%
Net-oppose	69%	73%	65%	62%	55%	55%	58%	72%	80%	50%	57%	68%	87%	83%
Strongly support	15%	15%	17%	16%	9%	21%	21%	15%	9%	33%	16%	15%	6%	15%
Somewhat support	16%	12%	18%	22%	36%	23%	21%	13%	11%	16%	27%	18%	7%	3%
Somewhat oppose	22%	17%	38%	28%	20%	15%	27%	24%	13%	19%	27%	29%	14%	8%
Strongly oppose	47%	56%	28%	34%	35%	41%	31%	48%	67%	31%	30%	39%	73%	75%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-support	31%	43%	32%	14%	37%	27%	36%	38%	35%	31%	31%
Net-oppose	69%	57%	68%	86%	63%	73%	64%	62%	65%	69%	69%
Strongly support	15%	22%	14%	8%	18%	16%	14%	17%	17%	16%	15%
Somewhat support	16%	22%	19%	6%	19%	11%	23%	21%	18%	15%	16%
Somewhat oppose	22%	27%	23%	13%	24%	16%	24%	29%	33%	18%	25%
Strongly oppose	47%	30%	45%	73%	39%	57%	39%	33%	32%	51%	44%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<\$20K	\$20K-\$39K	\$40K-\$59K	\$60K-\$99K	\$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-support	31%	35%	30%	27%	27%	44%	32%	32%	33%	21%	44%	38%	27%	22%	21%	40%
Net-oppose	69%	65%	70%	73%	73%	56%	68%	68%	67%	79%	56%	62%	73%	78%	79%	60%
Strongly support	15%	19%	13%	16%	9%	24%	13%	18%	18%	7%	17%	18%	17%	11%	14%	22%
Somewhat support	16%	16%	17%	12%	18%	20%	19%	15%	14%	14%	27%	20%	11%	11%	7%	18%
Somewhat oppose	22%	24%	20%	23%	16%	27%	24%	21%	21%	18%	25%	26%	17%	17%	20%	16%
Strongly oppose	47%	41%	50%	49%	58%	29%	44%	46%	47%	61%	31%	36%	55%	61%	59%	44%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

18. Are you worried about losing your job or missing out on job opportunities if your political opinions became known?

	Among Employed	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
<i>Net-yes worried</i>	32%	31%	22%	38%	43%	38%	28%	31%	38%	35%	27%	30%	41%	29%
<i>Net-not worried</i>	68%	69%	78%	62%	57%	62%	72%	69%	62%	65%	73%	70%	59%	71%
Yes, worried a lot	10%	9%	5%	18%	13%	10%	7%	10%	15%	12%	7%	9%	17%	11%
Yes, worried a little	21%	21%	17%	20%	30%	28%	20%	21%	23%	24%	20%	21%	24%	18%
No, not very worried	28%	26%	27%	32%	47%	23%	29%	31%	24%	20%	31%	34%	21%	25%
No, not at all worried	40%	43%	50%	30%	10%	39%	43%	38%	38%	44%	42%	35%	38%	46%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Among Employed	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
<i>Net-yes worried</i>	32%	23%	31%	38%	38%	33%	37%	30%	4%	35%	27%
<i>Net-not worried</i>	68%	77%	69%	62%	62%	67%	63%	70%	96%	65%	73%
Yes, worried a lot	10%	4%	8%	17%	15%	12%	11%	4%	3%	12%	9%
Yes, worried a little	21%	20%	24%	21%	23%	21%	26%	26%	1%	24%	18%
No, not very worried	28%	30%	30%	23%	28%	27%	27%	31%	35%	27%	29%
No, not at all worried	40%	47%	38%	38%	34%	40%	36%	39%	61%	38%	44%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Among Employed	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<\$20K	\$20K-\$39K	\$40K-\$59K	\$60K-\$99K	\$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
<i>Net-yes worried</i>	32%	25%	28%	34%	44%	36%	27%	34%	31%	33%	44%	29%	33%	27%	31%	48%
<i>Net-not worried</i>	68%	75%	72%	67%	56%	64%	73%	66%	69%	67%	56%	71%	67%	73%	69%	52%
Yes, worried a lot	10%	10%	9%	10%	14%	11%	8%	12%	11%	10%	18%	9%	5%	9%	19%	30%
Yes, worried a little	21%	16%	19%	24%	30%	25%	19%	22%	20%	23%	25%	20%	28%	18%	11%	19%
No, not very worried	28%	31%	23%	29%	27%	15%	31%	24%	31%	27%	21%	28%	28%	31%	30%	26%
No, not at all worried	40%	43%	48%	37%	29%	49%	41%	42%	38%	40%	35%	42%	40%	42%	39%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Survey Methodology

The Cato Institute Summer 2020 National Survey was conducted by the Cato Institute in collaboration with YouGov who fielded the survey. YouGov interviewed 2,108 American adults from July 1-6, 2020 who were then matched into a nationally representative sample of 2,000 Americans aged 18 and older. The margin of error is +/- 2.36 percentage points. This does not include other sources of non-sampling error, such as selection bias in panel participation or response to a particular survey. Questions and responses were randomized when feasible. YouGov conducted the survey online with its proprietary Web-enabled survey software. Restrictions are put in place to ensure that only the people selected and contacted by YouGov are allowed to participate.

Respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and census region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.