

Top Line Results for October 2020 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 931 likely Missouri voters from September 24 – October 7 about the 2020 Election, current political issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for each survey question. The margin of error for survey results for the **full sample** is 3.9%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below or can be requested from the SLU Poll team. Analyses are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

Funding and Support

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Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1,063 respondents with an oversample of African-American respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 931 likely voters to produce the final dataset. The full set of survey starts were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the Missouri registered voter portion of the 2018 Current Population Study voter supplement with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements.

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, and years of education. 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 two-way stratification of gender and age (4-categories) from the Missouri voter file to produce the final weight.

POLS007

How do you plan to vote or cast your ballot for the November 3rd election?

- Vote in person on Election Day: 77%
- Cast an absentee ballot by mail before Election Day: 12%
- Cast an absentee ballot in person before Election Day (e.g. at your Board of Elections Office): 8%
- Vote by sending in a mail in-in ballot: 4%

POLS001

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... Donald Trump?

- Strongly Approve: 35%
- Approve: 18%
- Disapprove: 6%
- Strongly Disapprove: 40%
- Not Sure: 1%

POLS002

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... The US Congress?

- Strongly Approve: 1%
- Approve: 15%
- Disapprove: 47%
- Strongly Disapprove: 31%
- Not Sure: 6%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.22 .

POLS003

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... The Missouri State Legislature?

- Strongly Approve: 5%
- Approve: 44%
- Disapprove: 23%
- Strongly Disapprove: 20%
- Not Sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.22 .

POLS004

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... Governor Mike Parson?

- Strongly Approve: 17%
- Approve: 32%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly Disapprove: 29%
- Not Sure: 6%

POLS005

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... Senator Roy Blunt?

- Strongly Approve: 9%
- Approve: 34%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly Disapprove: 31%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS006

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job... Senator Josh Hawley?

- Strongly Approve: 27%
- Approve: 21%
- Disapprove: 10%
- Strongly Disapprove: 31%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS008

If the election for President of the United States were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Donald Trump (Republican Candidate): 52%
- Joe Biden (Democrat Candidate): 43%
- Other: 3%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS009

If the election for Governor of Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Mike Parson (Republican Candidate): 50%
- Nicole Galloway (Democratic Candidate): 44%
- Other: 3%
- Not Sure: 4%

POLS010

If the election for Attorney General of the State of Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Eric Schmitt (Republican Candidate): 49%
- Richard Finneran (Democratic Candidate): 40.0%
- Other: 3%
- Not Sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.28 .

POLS011

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Cori Bush (Democratic Candidate):
- Anthony Rogers (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS012

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Jill Schupp (Democratic Candidate):
- Ann Wagner (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS013

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Megan Rezabek (Democratic Candidate):
- Blaine Luetkemeyer (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS014

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Lindsey Simmons (Democratic Candidate):
- Vicky Hartzler (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS015

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Emanuel Cleaver (Democratic Candidate):
- Ryan Derks (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS016

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Gena Ross (Democratic Candidate):
- Sam Graves (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS017

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Teresa Montseny (Democratic Candidate):
- Billy Long (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS018

If the election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Kathy Ellis (Democratic Candidate):
- Jason Smith (Republican Candidate):
- Other:
- Not Sure:

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POLS019

Constitutional Amendment #1 will be on Missouri's November ballot. It proposes extending the two term limit presently placed only on Missouri's Governor and State Treasurer to also apply to the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and Attorney General.

Will you vote for or against Constitutional Amendment #1?

- For: 51%
- Against: 29%
- Not Sure: 20%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS020

Constitutional Amendment #3 will be on Missouri's November ballot. It proposes:

- Banning all gifts valued at \$5.00 or more from paid lobbyists and their employees
- Reducing legislative campaign contribution limits from individuals and entities by \$100 for state senatorial candidates, leaving unchanged contributions to state representative candidates
- Changing the redistricting process voters approved in 2018 by transferring responsibility for drawing state legislative districts from the Nonpartisan State Demographer to Governor-appointed bipartisan commissions; thereby modifying and reordering the 2018 redistricting criteria.

Will you vote for or against Constitutional Amendment #3?

- For: 35%
- Against: 43%
- Not Sure: 23%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.28 . This Amendment 3 survey question mistakenly stated that lobbyist contributions would be limited to a maximum of \$5 instead of \$0. The SLU Poll team takes responsibility for and regrets this error.

POLS021

Of the issues being debated by President Trump and former Vice-President Biden, which political issue is most important to you?

- Economy: 23%
- COVID-19: 14%
- Law and Order: 16%
- Civil Rights: 8%
- Health Care: 15%
- Immigration: 5%
- Appointment of federal judges: 5%
- Candidate's character: 8%
- Other: 6%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS022

Of the issues being debated by Governor Parson and state auditor Galloway, which political issue is most important to you?

- Economy: 24%
- COVID-19: 17%
- Law and Order: 19%
- Civil Rights: 5%
- Health Care: 22%
- Immigration: 2%
- Education: 3%
- Candidate's character: 4%
- Other: 4%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.28

POLS023

Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?

- Economy: 39%
- Health care: 34%
- Education: 13%
- Infrastructure: 10%
- Other: 4%

POLS024

How would you rate the following... The Economy in the United States?

- Excellent: 5%
- Good: 29%
- Fair: 36%
- Poor: 28%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS025

How would you rate the following... The Economy in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 37%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS026

How would you rate the following... Public schools in your community?

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 29%
- Poor: 24%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS027

How would you rate the following... Public schools in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 3%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 43%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS028

How would you rate the following... Public schools in your community?

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 33%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS029

How would you rate the following... Race relations in your community?

- Excellent: 10%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 22%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS030

How would you rate the following... Your physical health in the last month?

- Excellent: 18%
- Good: 52%
- Fair: 22%
- Poor: 8%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS031

How would you rate the following... Your mental health in the last month?

- Excellent: 23%
- Good: 40%
- Fair: 25%
- Poor: 12%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS032

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 38%
- Disagree: 54%
- Not sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.22 .

POLS033

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 43%
- Disagree: 44%
- Not sure: 13%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.22 .

POLS034

Mark and Patricia McCloskey attracted national attention when they waved their guns at protesters from the front of their St. Louis home. While the St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney charged the McCloskey's with unlawful use of a weapon, others felt that the McCloskey's acted responsibly within their rights to defend their home. Do you believe the McCloskey's...

- Acted responsibly within their rights to defend their home: 54%
- Acted irresponsibly and unlawfully in waving their guns at protesters: 40%
- Not sure: 6%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.28 .

POLS035

Do you believe President Trump's response to recent violence related to Black Lives Matter protests within some American cities has helped reduce the violence or contributed to its escalation?

- Reduced the violence: 35%
- Contributed to its escalation: 46%
- Not Sure: 19%

POLS036

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... President Trump?

- Strongly approve: 25%
- Approve: 26%
- Disapprove: 7%
- Strongly disapprove: 40%
- Not sure: 2%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS037

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... Governor Mike Parson?

- Strongly approve: 17%
- Approve: 31%
- Disapprove: 18%
- Strongly disapprove: 30%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS038

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... Your local government leaders (i.e. Mayor and County Executives)?

- Strongly approve: 14%
- Approve: 42%
- Disapprove: 20%
- Strongly disapprove: 15%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS039

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... Your local school district?

- Strongly approve: 10.9%
- Approve: 44.4%
- Disapprove: 18.8%
- Strongly disapprove: 10.6%
- Not sure: 15.3%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

POLS040

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... Your fellow Missourians?

- Strongly approve: 8%
- Approve: 38%
- Disapprove: 30%
- Strongly disapprove: 15%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.76 .

EDU064

If barriers to availability (i.e. transportation, admissions requirements, location) were not a factor, would you consider enrolling any child in your household in a... Charter School?

- Yes:
- No:
- Not sure:

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EDU065

If barriers to availability (i.e. transportation, admissions requirements, location) were not a factor, would you consider enrolling any child in your household in a... Private School?

- Yes:
- No:
- Not sure:

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EDU066

If barriers to availability (i.e. transportation, admissions requirements, location) were not a factor, would you consider enrolling any child in your household in a... Private Religious School?

- Yes:
- No:
- Not sure:

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EDU067

If Missouri had a tax-funded private school scholarship program (i.e. school vouchers), would you try to use one to enroll any child in your household in a private school?

- Yes:
- No:
- Not sure:

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EDU068

Missouri should make tax-funded scholarships (i.e. school vouchers) to pay for tuition at private schools available to

- All households with school-age children, regardless of household income: 30%
- Only for households earning up to 250% of the federal poverty level (e.g. households of 4 earning up to \$65,500): 21%
- Only those students with documented learning disabilities, regardless of household income: 6%
- Missouri should not make tax-funded scholarships (i.e. school vouchers) available to pay for tuition at private schools: 42%

EDU069

Missouri should make tax-funded (i.e. school vouchers) to pay for tuition at private schools, including private religious schools, available to

- All households with school-age children, regardless of household income: 29%
- Only for households earning up to 250% of the federal poverty level (e.g. households of 4 earning up to \$65,500): 16%
- Only those students with documented learning disabilities, regardless of household income: 4%
- Missouri should not make tax-funded scholarships (i.e. school vouchers) available to pay for tuition at private schools: 51%

EDU070

If Missouri established a tax-funded private school scholarship (i.e. school vouchers) program, indicate whether you support or oppose the following regulations on participating private schools... Schools must accept any tax-funded scholarship (i.e. school vouchers) to fully cover all costs of attendance

- Strongly support: 25%
- Support: 35%
- Oppose: 9%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 22%

PH001

In the past month, how often, if ever, did you wear a mask or face covering when in stores or other businesses?

- All of the time: 73%
- Some of the time: 22%
- Never: 6%

PH002

If the following FDA approved vaccines were available today for free, would you get it... COVID-19 immunization for yourself?

- Definitely: 25%
- Probably: 26%
- Probably not: 23%
- Definitely not: 25%

PH003

If the following FDA approved vaccines were available today for free, would you get it... COVID-19 immunization for your child?

- Definitely:
- Probably:
- Probably not:
- Definitely not:

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PH004

If the following FDA approved vaccines were available today for free, would you get it... Flu vaccine for yourself?

- Definitely: 56.2%
- Probably: 12.6%
- Probably not: 11.4%
- Definitely not: 19.8%

PH005

If the following FDA approved vaccines were available today for free, would you get it... Flu vaccine for your child?

- Definitely:
- Probably:
- Probably not:
- Definitely not:

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PH006

To what extent do you trust the following institutions... Federal Drug Administration (FDA)?

- Definitely trust: 13%
- Probably trust: 59%
- Probably not trust: 17%
- Definitely not trust: 11%

PH007

To what extent do you trust the following institutions... Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)?

- Definitely trust: 20%
- Probably trust: 46%
- Probably not trust: 20%
- Definitely not trust: 14%

PH008

To what extent do you trust the following institutions... Missouri Department of Health and Human Services?

- Definitely trust: 13%
- Probably trust: 59%
- Probably not trust: 20%
- Definitely not trust: 8%

PH009

To what extent do you trust the following institutions... Your local Public Health Department?

- Definitely trust: 15%
- Probably trust: 62%
- Probably not trust: 15%
- Definitely not trust: 8%