PULSE OF THE VOTERS 2020 POLL

CNHI newspapers in 22 Midwest, Southwest, Southeast and Northeast states asked voters a series of online questions about political issues and candidate preferences relevant to the Nov. 3 presidential election. The unscientific digital survey was conducted from Sept. 28 to Oct. 12. Here are the results:

**What one issue will mainly determine your vote for president?**
- Coronavirus pandemic (20.5%)
- Economic recovery (33.2%)
- Racial equality (5.72%)
- Health care (10.53%)
- Immigration reform (2.33%)
- Climate change (5.21%)
- Public safety (8.64%)
- Other (13.85%)

**How do you describe the country’s direction since the 2016 election?**
- Headed in the right direction (42%)
- Off on the wrong track (53.65%)
- Not sure (3.55%)

**Has violence marring recent racial justice protests changed your vote?**
- Yes, it greatly concerns me (41.24%)
- No, vast majority of protesters are peaceful (50.29%)
- Not sure (8.47%)

**Will a cut in the payroll tax endanger Social Security?**
- Yes, revenue from the tax finances SS (44.69%)
- Maybe, if the revenue is not replaced (37.87%)
- No, SS has sufficient reserves (17.44%)

**Who will you vote for?**
- President Donald Trump (44.46%)
- Former Vice President Joe Biden (51.97%)
- Other (3.57%)

**What is your gender?**
- Female (42.73%)
- Male (53.72%)
- Other/Prefer not to say (3.55%)

**What is your age?**
- 18-29 (5.37%)
- 30-44 (22.33%)
- 45-64 (42.1%)
- 65 or older (30.3%)

**What is your party affiliation?**
- Republican (37.71%)
- Democrat (36.14%)
- Other (26.15%)

**How important is candidate honesty/integrity to you?**
- Very important (87.08%)
- Somewhat important (11.21%)
- Not important (1.71%)

**How do you expect to vote:**
- Mail-in ballot (28.96%)
- Early in-person (26.02%)
- In-person Election Day (45.02%)

**How would you describe our law enforcement system?**
- Police need hiring-training reform to weed out bad cops (52.27%)
- Provide more funding so police can protect and serve the public (14.09%)
- Police today are too often unfairly blamed for doing their job (33.64%)

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