



# ELON POLL

**Knowledge and Favorability of 2020 Presidential Contenders in NC**  
Survey of North Carolina Registered Voters  
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## Topline Results

“I’m going to [telephone: read you/ online: show you] a list of people who might run for president against Donald Trump in 2020. For each name, I want you to tell me if you are at least somewhat familiar with them.”

[after screening all names for familiarity] “I’m going to [telephone: read back to you/ online: show you] the list of people you are at least somewhat familiar with. This time, I want you to tell me if you have a positive or negative impression of each person.”

### Familiarity & Favorability

#### Joe Biden

Positive.....	496.....	54.5 %
Negative .....	275.....	30.2 %
Other Opinion .....	102.....	11.2 %
Unfamiliar .....	38.....	4.1 %
N= .....	911.....	100.0 %

#### Michael Bloomberg

Positive.....	207.....	22.8 %
Negative .....	295.....	32.5 %
Other Opinion .....	177.....	19.5 %
Unfamiliar .....	229.....	25.2 %
N= .....	908.....	100.0 %

#### Cory Booker

Positive.....	218.....	24.0 %
Negative .....	222.....	24.4 %
Other Opinion .....	86.....	9.5 %
Unfamiliar .....	384.....	42.2 %
N= .....	910.....	100.0 %

#### Julian Castro

Positive.....	120.....	13.3 %
Negative .....	114.....	12.6 %
Other Opinion .....	114.....	12.6 %
Unfamiliar .....	558.....	61.5 %
N= .....	907.....	100.0 %

 **ELON** POLL**Tulsi Gabbard**

Positive.....	51.....	5.6 %
Negative .....	75.....	8.3 %
Other Opinion .....	78.....	8.6 %
Unfamiliar .....	702.....	77.5 %
N= .....	906.....	100.0 %

**Kirsten Gillibrand**

Positive.....	130.....	14.3 %
Negative .....	143.....	15.8 %
Other Opinion .....	107.....	11.8 %
Unfamiliar .....	528.....	58.2 %
N= .....	908.....	100.0 %

**Kamala Harris**

Positive.....	242.....	26.6 %
Negative .....	220.....	24.1 %
Other Opinion .....	83.....	9.1 %
Unfamiliar .....	366.....	40.2 %
N= .....	910.....	100.0 %

**Amy Klobuchar**

Positive.....	123.....	13.6 %
Negative .....	101.....	11.2 %
Other Opinion .....	93.....	10.3 %
Unfamiliar .....	588.....	65.0 %
N= .....	905.....	100.0 %

**Beto O'Rourke**

Positive.....	174.....	19.2 %
Negative .....	154.....	17.0 %
Other Opinion .....	97.....	10.7 %
Unfamiliar .....	482.....	53.2 %
N= .....	907.....	100.0 %

 **ELON** POLL**Bernie Sanders**

Positive.....	401.....	44.0 %
Negative .....	368.....	40.5 %
Other Opinion .....	98.....	10.8 %
Unfamiliar .....	43.....	4.7 %
N= .....	910.....	100.0 %

**Howard Schultz**

Positive.....	86.....	9.4 %
Negative .....	137.....	15.1 %
Other Opinion .....	133.....	14.6 %
Unfamiliar .....	552.....	60.8 %
N= .....	907.....	100.0 %

**Elizabeth Warren**

Positive.....	269.....	29.6 %
Negative .....	342.....	37.6 %
Other Opinion .....	122.....	13.4 %
Unfamiliar .....	177.....	19.5 %
N= .....	910.....	100.0 %

**Vote Choice in 2020**

“If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you be more likely to vote for Donald Trump or the Democratic candidate?”

Donald Trump.....	332.....	36.4 %
Democratic candidate.....	438.....	48.0 %
Someone else .....	56.....	6.1 %
Other/It depends.....	56.....	6.1 %
Don't Know .....	31.....	3.4 %
N= .....	913.....	100.0 %



### Who Will Win in 2020

“Who do you think is more likely to win the 2020 presidential election: Donald Trump or the Democratic candidate?”

Donald Trump.....	332.....	36.3 %
Democratic candidate.....	394.....	43.1 %
Someone else .....	44.....	4.8 %
Other/It depends.....	38.....	4.2 %
Don't Know .....	106.....	11.6 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

### Summary of Familiarity & Favorability Results

#### Percent Familiar (Ranked Highest to Lowest)

Biden.....	95.9 %
Sanders .....	95.3 %
Warren.....	80.5 %
Bloomberg.....	74.8 %
Harris.....	59.8 %
Booker.....	57.8 %
O'Rourke.....	46.8 %
Gillibrand .....	41.8 %
Schultz.....	39.2 %
Castro .....	38.5 %
Klobuchar.....	35.0 %
Gabbard.....	22.5 %

#### Percent with Positive Impression (Ranked Highest to Lowest)

Biden.....	54.5 %
Sanders .....	44.0 %
Warren.....	29.6 %
Harris.....	26.6 %
Booker.....	24.0 %
Bloomberg.....	22.8 %
O'Rourke.....	19.2 %
Gillibrand .....	14.3 %
Klobuchar.....	13.6 %
Castro .....	13.3 %
Schultz.....	9.4 %
Gabbard.....	5.6 %



**Percent with Negative Impression (Ranked Highest to Lowest)**

Sanders .....	40.5 %
Warren.....	37.6 %
Bloomberg.....	32.5 %
Biden.....	30.2 %
Booker.....	24.4 %
Harris.....	24.1 %
O'Rourke.....	17.0 %
Gillibrand .....	15.8 %
Schultz.....	15.1 %
Castro .....	12.6 %
Klobuchar.....	11.2 %
Gabbard.....	8.3 %

**Net Favorability (Positive % - Negative %, Ranked Highest to Lowest)**

Biden.....	+24.3
Sanders .....	+3.5
Harris.....	+2.5
Klobuchar.....	+2.4
O'Rourke.....	+2.2
Castro .....	+0.7
Booker.....	-0.4
Gillibrand .....	-1.5
Gabbard.....	-2.7
Schultz.....	-5.7
Warren.....	-8.0
Bloomberg.....	-9.7

**Demographics**

**Ideology**

“When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?”

Liberal .....	187.....	20.4 %
Moderate .....	331.....	36.2 %
Conservative .....	311.....	34.0 %
Other .....	30.....	3.3 %
Don't Know .....	55.....	6.0 %
N= .....	913.....	100.0 %

 **ELON POLL****Education**

“Do you have a high school diploma, GED or the equivalent?”

[if yes]

“Do you have a four-year bachelor’s degree?”

Less than BA’s .....	612.....	67.0 %
BA’s or more.....	302.....	33.0 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

**Age (from voter file)**

18 to 29 .....	165.....	18.0 %
30 to 44 .....	219.....	24.0 %
45 to 64 .....	302.....	33.0 %
65+ .....	228.....	25.0 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

**Race (from voter file)**

White.....	633.....	69.3 %
Black.....	204.....	22.3 %
Other .....	77.....	8.4 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

**Gender (from voter file)**

Male .....	423.....	46.3 %
Female.....	491.....	53.7 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

**Registered Party ID**

Republican .....	274.....	30.0 %
Unaffiliated / Other .....	302.....	33.0 %
Democrat.....	338.....	37.0 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

**County Density**

Rural.....	360.....	39.4 %
Suburban .....	229.....	25.1 %
Urban.....	325.....	35.5 %
N= .....	914.....	100.0 %

## Crosstabulations

### Percent Familiar by Age

	18 to 29	30 to 44	45 to 64	65+	Total
<b>Biden</b>	93	94	97	97	96
<b>Bloomberg</b>	60	64	83	85	75
<b>Booker</b>	34	50	63	75	58
<b>Castro</b>	38	38	35	44	39
<b>Gabbard</b>	18	19	21	31	23
<b>Gillibrand</b>	26	29	47	58	42
<b>Harris</b>	46	49	66	71	60
<b>Klobuchar</b>	24	24	36	52	35
<b>O'Rourke</b>	36	45	48	55	47
<b>Sanders</b>	93	95	95	98	95
<b>Schultz</b>	40	40	37	41	39
<b>Warren</b>	68	72	86	90	85

### Percent Familiar by Gender

	Male	Female	Total
<b>Biden</b>	95	97	96
<b>Bloomberg</b>	82	69	75
<b>Booker</b>	64	53	58
<b>Castro</b>	43	35	39
<b>Gabbard</b>	28	18	23
<b>Gillibrand</b>	46	38	42
<b>Harris</b>	63	57	60
<b>Klobuchar</b>	36	34	35
<b>O'Rourke</b>	55	40	47
<b>Sanders</b>	94	96	95
<b>Schultz</b>	47	33	39
<b>Warren</b>	83	79	85



 **ELON** POLL**Percent Familiar by Race**

	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Biden</b>	97	95	96
<b>Bloomberg</b>	80	62	75
<b>Booker</b>	60	57	58
<b>Castro</b>	37	41	39
<b>Gabbard</b>	22	24	23
<b>Gillibrand</b>	45	36	42
<b>Harris</b>	59	63	60
<b>Klobuchar</b>	36	33	35
<b>O'Rourke</b>	50	40	47
<b>Sanders</b>	97	91	95
<b>Schultz</b>	41	35	39
<b>Warren</b>	84	71	85

**Percent Familiar by Registered Party**

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Biden</b>	96	94	97	96
<b>Bloomberg</b>	73	75	76	75
<b>Booker</b>	63	55	54	58
<b>Castro</b>	47	35	32	39
<b>Gabbard</b>	24	19	24	23
<b>Gillibrand</b>	47	38	38	42
<b>Harris</b>	67	54	58	60
<b>Klobuchar</b>	43	29	31	35
<b>O'Rourke</b>	53	42	44	47
<b>Sanders</b>	96	95	95	95
<b>Schultz</b>	40	37	40	39
<b>Warren</b>	80	82	80	85

**Percent Familiar by Ideology**

	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Biden</b>	97	97	97	96
<b>Bloomberg</b>	74	79	78	75
<b>Booker</b>	70	57	61	58
<b>Castro</b>	52	41	33	39
<b>Gabbard</b>	37	20	20	23
<b>Gillibrand</b>	54	44	40	42
<b>Harris</b>	74	61	58	60
<b>Klobuchar</b>	53	37	28	35
<b>O'Rourke</b>	62	46	47	47
<b>Sanders</b>	95	98	96	95
<b>Schultz</b>	43	44	36	39
<b>Warren</b>	91	80	84	85

**Favorability by Age**

	<b>18 to 29</b>		<b>30 to 44</b>		<b>45 to 64</b>		<b>65+</b>	
	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)
<b>Biden</b>	61	18	51	28	52	36	56	33
<b>Bloomberg</b>	16	20	22	21	23	40	29	42
<b>Booker</b>	13	13	27	13	23	30	30	36
<b>Castro</b>	17	9	12	11	10	13	16	16
<b>Gabbard</b>	4	4	5	6	6	10	7	12
<b>Gillibrand</b>	12	4	12	7	14	22	18	25
<b>Harris</b>	22	12	24	18	30	29	28	33
<b>Klobuchar</b>	8	5	11	7	12	14	23	17
<b>O'Rourke</b>	16	6	20	12	18	22	22	24
<b>Sanders</b>	61	20	47	36	36	49	40	49
<b>Schultz</b>	11	8	10	13	9	17	9	19
<b>Warren</b>	30	18	30	27	27	47	32	50


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**Favorability by Gender**

	Male		Female		Total	
	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)
<b>Biden</b>	49	37	59	24	55	30
<b>Bloomberg</b>	24	38	22	28	23	33
<b>Booker</b>	21	33	26	17	24	24
<b>Castro</b>	13	17	14	8	13	13
<b>Gabbard</b>	6	11	5	6	6	8
<b>Gillibrand</b>	13	21	15	11	14	16
<b>Harris</b>	21	32	31	17	27	24
<b>Klobuchar</b>	13	15	14	8	14	11
<b>O'Rourke</b>	20	26	18	9	19	17
<b>Sanders</b>	37	48	50	34	44	41
<b>Schultz</b>	12	20	7	11	9	15
<b>Warren</b>	27	45	31	31	30	38

**Favorability by Race**

	White		Black		Total	
	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)
<b>Biden</b>	47	39	74	7	55	30
<b>Bloomberg</b>	22	39	28	18	23	33
<b>Booker</b>	18	31	41	9	24	24
<b>Castro</b>	11	15	21	7	13	13
<b>Gabbard</b>	5	10	9	5	6	8
<b>Gillibrand</b>	12	20	21	6	14	16
<b>Harris</b>	19	31	49	5	27	24
<b>Klobuchar</b>	13	14	20	5	14	11
<b>O'Rourke</b>	18	22	23	5	19	17
<b>Sanders</b>	35	51	63	16	44	41
<b>Schultz</b>	9	18	11	10	9	15
<b>Warren</b>	22	49	53	6	30	38

**Favorability by Registered Party**

	<b>Democrat</b>		<b>Republican</b>		<b>Unaffiliated</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)
<b>Biden</b>	77	12	24	60	58	24	55	30
<b>Bloomberg</b>	30	24	14	47	23	28	23	33
<b>Booker</b>	44	11	6	42	18	24	24	24
<b>Castro</b>	24	8	4	22	10	9	13	13
<b>Gabbard</b>	9	7	3	12	4	7	6	8
<b>Gillibrand</b>	23	10	7	24	11	14	14	16
<b>Harris</b>	48	12	5	43	22	21	27	24
<b>Klobuchar</b>	23	9	5	17	10	9	14	11
<b>O'Rourke</b>	33	7	6	30	16	16	19	17
<b>Sanders</b>	68	17	15	71	43	39	44	41
<b>Schultz</b>	13	13	8	18	7	15	9	15
<b>Warren</b>	51	17	9	64	24	37	30	38

**Favorability by Ideology**

	<b>Liberal</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Conservative</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)
<b>Biden</b>	79	8	68	18	27	61	55	30
<b>Bloomberg</b>	26	26	33	23	15	51	23	33
<b>Booker</b>	47	14	28	17	8	44	24	24
<b>Castro</b>	27	6	14	11	5	21	13	13
<b>Gabbard</b>	13	8	5	7	3	12	6	8
<b>Gillibrand</b>	27	8	19	13	6	27	14	16
<b>Harris</b>	55	8	33	17	6	45	27	24
<b>Klobuchar</b>	29	10	15	8	5	17	14	11
<b>O'Rourke</b>	45	5	24	9	3	36	19	17
<b>Sanders</b>	75	10	52	35	18	70	44	41
<b>Schultz</b>	10	20	12	13	8	17	9	15
<b>Warren</b>	59	15	35	33	11	62	30	38



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## Vote Choice in 2020

“If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you be more likely to vote for Donald Trump or the Democratic candidate?”

	<b>Trump</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Someone else</b>	<b>Other/It depends</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Total</b>	36	48	6	6	3
<b>30 to 44</b>	31	46	12	8	4
<b>45 to 64</b>	41	47	4	6	2
<b>65+</b>	46	46	2	3	3
<b>Male</b>	41	40	8	6	5
<b>Female</b>	32	55	5	6	2
<b>White</b>	48	36	5	7	3
<b>Black</b>	8	78	7	4	3
<b>Democrat</b>	10	84	2	2	2
<b>Republican</b>	77	7	8	5	3
<b>Unaffiliated / Other</b>	29	45	9	12	5
<b>Rural</b>	44	43	3	6	4
<b>Suburban</b>	37	44	9	8	2
<b>Urban</b>	27	57	7	5	4
<b>Liberal</b>	7	86	3	3	1
<b>Moderate</b>	22	63	4	8	3
<b>Conservative</b>	74	14	6	5	1
<b>Less than BA's</b>	39	44	6	7	4
<b>BA's or more</b>	31	56	7	5	1

**Who Will Win in 2020**

“Who do you think is more likely to win the 2020 presidential election: Donald Trump or the Democratic candidate?”

	<b>Trump</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Someone else</b>	<b>Other/It depends</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<b>Total</b>	36	43	5	4	12
<b>18 to 29</b>	26	48	8	3	14
<b>30 to 44</b>	31	46	6	4	11
<b>45 to 64</b>	41	39	4	4	11
<b>65+</b>	42	41	2	5	11
<b>Male</b>	41	38	6	4	11
<b>Female</b>	32	48	3	5	12
<b>White</b>	47	34	2	5	11
<b>Black</b>	8	69	8	2	13
<b>Democrat</b>	11	72	4	3	9
<b>Republican</b>	71	12	4	3	11
<b>Unaffiliated / Other</b>	33	39	7	6	15
<b>Rural</b>	45	36	2	4	12
<b>Suburban</b>	38	42	7	4	10
<b>Urban</b>	25	51	6	5	12
<b>Liberal</b>	8	78	3	4	8
<b>Moderate</b>	26	52	2	7	14
<b>Conservative</b>	68	17	4	2	8
<b>Less than BA's</b>	39	39	6	4	12
<b>BA's or more</b>	30	51	3	5	11

## Methodological Information

Mode:	Mixed Mode; Voter list sample (Telephone & Email) + Online Opt-in
Population:	North Carolina Registered Voters
Dates in the field:	February 20 <sup>th</sup> - March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Sample Size:	Voter list (341 phone; 82 email) 491 online (quota opt-in)
Weighting Variables:	Race, Gender, Age, Education , Rural/Urban/Suburban, Registered Party
Credibility Interval	+/- 3.5 %

### *Procedure*

For this survey, the Elon University Poll used a random sample of North Carolina voters from the public voter file provided by the North Carolina State Board of Elections. In compliance with FCC rules, phone numbers were dialed manually by human interviewers. Up to date telephone numbers and email addresses of the sample were purchased from Marketing Systems Group (MSG).

For administration of the telephone survey, the Elon University Poll used Qualtrics and a CATI system. Telephone calling times were 6:30 to 9:00PM, February 20-21<sup>st</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We attempt to reach each working telephone number in the sample up to three times. Elon University students conducted every telephone interview under supervision of the Elon Poll directors. A telephone survey was considered complete only if a respondent progressed through the entire survey. To ensure accurate identification of individuals from voter registration records, interviews were deleted if self-reported age and interviewer-assessed gender varied from the voter file. If telephone calls failed to reach a respondent, an email surveys was sent to those in the sample with an email appended by MSG. Telephone only response rate was 4.2%.

For the opt-in respondents, the Elon University Poll used an online opt-in sample provided by Lucid, LLC. Respondents were recruited for this sample from many sample providers in the Lucid marketplace. Respondents received small amounts of compensation in exchange for their opinions. More information about the Lucid marketplace and quality tests are available here: <https://luc.id/quality/> . Quotas on race, sex and age were applied prior to opt-in online survey commencement.

We only included interviews in the final data if respondents spent a minimum length of time on the interview. A survey was considered complete only if a respondent progressed through the entire survey. Respondents were recruited to survey with generic description about issues in North Carolina.

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## *Credibility Interval*

Unlike a traditional random digit-dial telephone survey, mixed mode surveys do not have traditional margin of errors. Mixed mode surveys do not adhere to assumptions of random selection. To account for uncertainty inherent in any sample-based research design, we provide a credibility interval. More information about this technique [can be found here](#). The credibility interval was calculated by inflating traditional confidence intervals by design effects. For the registered voter sample this means:  $(1.094 * 3.24) = 3.5$ . As with all surveys, total survey error can exceed sampling error.

## *Support for Transparency*

The Elon University Poll supports transparency in survey research and is a charter member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research Transparency Initiative, which is a program promoting openness and transparency about survey research methods and operations among survey research professionals and the industry. All information about the Elon University Poll that we released to the public conforms to reporting conventions recommended by the American Association for Public Opinion Research and the National Council on Public Polls.

## *Probability Panel Respondents*

As a partial solution to a national decline in response rates, the Elon Poll is continuously developing a probability-based panel of North Carolina registered voters. This allows us to track changes in individual-level opinions over time. Panel members are recruited at the end of our regular voter list probability-based telephone survey interviews by asking respondents for permission to contact them again. Over 95% of interviewees typically agree to be contacted again, and demographics are similar between panel and non-panel respondents. This survey consisted of 87 probability panel interviews.



## Weighting Information

Weights for registered voters were calculated based on demographics calculated by Elon Poll staff from the NCSBE individual voter file, accessed in Fall 2018.

Weights were generated in Stata using a technique known as iterative proportional fitting, also known as raking. The weight variable was calculated based on NCSBE data for age, race, sex, state region, county density and registered party affiliation .

County density is determined by translating self-reported zip code into county using Census concordance files. We then label counties as rural, suburban or urban based on [this map](#) from the NC Rural Center.

		Population	Unweighted Value	Weighted Value
Sex	Male	46 %	45 %	46 %
	Female	54 %	55 %	54 %
County Density	Urban	39 %	39 %	39 %
	Suburban	25 %	26 %	25 %
	Rural	36 %	35 %	36 %
Race	White	69.3 %	78.4 %	69.3 %
	African American	22.3 %	15.9 %	22.3 %
	Other	8.4 %	5.8 %	8.4 %
Age	18-29	18 %	14.2 %	18 %
	30-44	24 %	22.3 %	24 %
	45-64	33 %	36.3 %	33 %
	65+	25 %	27.3 %	25 %
Party Registration	Democrat	37 %	37.3 %	37 %
	Unaffiliated / Other	33 %	28.2 %	33 %
	Republican	30 %	34.5 %	30 %

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who pays for the Elon University Poll?

Elon University fully funds the Elon University Poll. The poll operates under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences at Elon University, led by Dean Gabie Smith. The Elon University administration, led by Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, president of the university, fully supports the Elon University Poll as part of its service to the community. Because of this generous support, the Elon University Poll does not engage in any contract work. This permits the Elon University Poll to operate as a neutral, non-biased, non-partisan resource.

### 2. Does the Elon University Poll favor a certain party?

The Elon University Poll is an academic, non-partisan survey research organization. We do not engage or work with any political candidates or parties. We employ best practices to ensure the results are not biased.

### 3. Where do you get your numbers and email addresses?

Up to date telephone numbers and email addresses of this sample of registered voters were purchased from Marketing Systems Group (MSG). We call both landlines and cellphones depending on which is the best match for a voter.

### 4. Did you randomize response options?

Yes. The names of the 2020 presidential contenders were randomized.

### 5. Did you weight the data?

Yes. We apply weights to the data. For this survey, we generated results using raking based on NCSBE voter registration data. For more details, see the Weighting Information above.

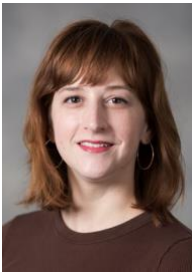
### 6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online opt-in surveys over traditional random-digital dial surveys?

Traditional telephone surveys have a clear advantage over online surveys such as this in that assumptions of equal probability of selection are more appropriate. Furthermore, online surveys do not capture opinions of respondents who lack internet access. However, our opinion is that [declining telephone response rates](#) and the growth in online sample pool sizes have narrowed quality differences between the two modes. In the case of this survey, we hoped to capture opinions related to a breaking news item. Our on-campus call center was engaged in another project preventing timely response using our typical telephone method. Additional information about opt-in surveys in general is available from AAPOR and the [Pew Research Center](#).

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