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Latest Millsaps College/Chism Strategies Survey Shows Almost Half in MS May Decline COVID-19 Vaccine; Voters Sour on Reeves After First Year as Governor

Mississippians Explain Their Votes for Biden or Trump, Still Back Early Voting Expansion

JACKSON— An alarming number of Mississippi voters, nearly 50%, say they may refuse to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or are unsure if they will get it when it becomes available to them, and just over half report they will either definitely or probably receive the vaccine. The findings of the newly released Millsaps College/Chism Strategies State of the State Survey illustrate the challenges that lie ahead for state leaders, public health officials and leaders in the medical profession who are attempting to combat the coronavirus, slow its spread and convince Magnolia Staters that they should take the virus—and the vaccine—as seriously as possible.

Millsaps College and Chism Strategies have conducted the quarterly State of the State Survey since 2017 in an effort to provide an unbiased, academic view of current political issues in Mississippi through the responses of its citizens.

The data shows that Mississippians between the ages of 18 to 34 and 45 to 54, those living in northern Mississippi's First Congressional District and voters who describe their politics as being "very conservative" appear to be the most skeptical of receiving the vaccine at this time. Meanwhile, voters over 55, those living in central Mississippi's Second and Third Congressional Districts, Democrats and those who identify politically as moderates or liberals are the most likely to say they will definitely or probably get vaccinated when the time comes.

Meanwhile, the State of the State Survey finds that Governor Tate Reeves is hemorrhaging support among Mississippi voters at the close of his first year in office. Reeves ends his first year as governor with 34% approving of his performance and nearly 50% disapproving. Voters have soured on Reeves considerably, as his net approval rating declined from +28 points in June 2020 to -15 points in January 2021. This comes with a mixed bag of findings regarding perceptions of Reeves' handling of the coronavirus pandemic, as 37% of voters believe his crisis management of the pandemic has been excellent/good, 26% say it has just been fair and 35% say it has been poor/totally unacceptable.

"Our 13th quarterly survey addresses several sobering and troublesome issues facing our state including the coronavirus pandemic, drastically changing the way we collect tax revenue in Mississippi and trying to sort out how and why Mississippians made their choices in the 2020 presidential election," said Dr. Nathan Shrader, chair of the Department of Government and Politics at Millsaps College. "We sincerely hope that this information will prove to be beneficial

for our lawmakers as they return to Jackson for the 2021 legislative session, to the news media who informs us about politics and the voters themselves.”

Other Key Findings:

- Mississippi voters are evenly divided on the state’s direction, with 35% saying we are moving in the right direction, 39% in the wrong direction and 26% unsure.
- Approximately 34% approve of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves, while 49% disapprove. Another 18% are unsure at this time.
- Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann currently has a 39% approval rating, with nearly a quarter saying they disapprove. 37% did not have enough information to evaluate his performance.
- Voters are evenly divided on the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch with 33% approving, 34% disapproving and 32% lacking sufficient information about her work.
- The Mississippi Legislature remains underwater with voters. Just 27% approve of the body’s performance, compared to 44% who disapprove and 29% who say they don’t have enough information to rate their work.
- A small plurality of 22% say making healthcare more accessible and affordable to Mississippians should be the top priority for legislators, followed by 18% who say fixing roads and bridges should be the top priority.
- 42% believe the measures taken by Mississippi’s state government have not gone far enough to stop the spread of COVID-19. 36% feel the measures have been appropriate, while just 16% say the state has gone too far already.
- Just over 42% favor eliminating the state’s income tax as proposed by Governor Reeves, a proposition opposed by 36% of voters. Another 22% remain unsure.
- The majority of Mississippians continue to support early voting in the state, as 55% back the policy and just 38% are opposed.
- Only 3% of Mississippi voters support moving to exclusively vote-by-mail elections. 56% favor continuing in-person voting only, while 37% back utilizing a mix of in-person and vote-by-mail methods.
- Nearly 70% of Donald Trump voters in Mississippi supported him because they agreed with him on most policy issues. 36% of Biden voters here backed him because of policy agreement while 26% were voting against Trump, the Republicans and conservative policy.
- The state’s electorate is significantly more conservative ideologically and Republican from a partisan standpoint than the rest of the nation, with considerably fewer liberal and moderate voters than the national electorate.

“We are pleased to partner with Millsaps College in providing another quarterly measure of public opinion on a range of issues. They have proven quite useful as our elected officials consider policy options,” said Brad Chism, president of Chism Strategies.

The survey was conducted from December 18-20, 2020 with a sample size of 649, with 54% of interviews conducted via cell phone and 46% via landline. The survey has a Margin of Error of +/3.85%. Results were weighted to reflect voter turnout for the 2020 Mississippi elections.

Attached:

- A) Summary Analysis
- B) Weighted Toplines
- C) Crosstabs

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Chism Strategies is a political research and consulting firm based in Jackson, Mississippi.

*Millsaps College/Chism Strategies State of the State Survey
January 5, 2021—13th Quarterly Survey*

Part I—The State of the State

- **A plurality of Mississippians believes the state is heading in the wrong direction, a swing of -13 points since June 2020.** Mississippi voters had recently expressed more positive feelings regarding the direction of the state in the April and June 2020 State of the State Surveys (+13 and +9, respectively). Voters have largely soured on Governor Tate Reeves job performance during the long nine months since the coronavirus pandemic arrived in Mississippi. The sense that Mississippi is heading in the wrong direction is shared across numerous demographic variables with both women (-5) and men (-3) expressing such directional concerns along with voters in three of the state’s four congressional districts: District 1 (-11), District 2 (-16), and District 3 (-2). Only voters in District 4 (+11) sense that Mississippi is heading in the right direction.

Perceptual differences in the state’s direction emerge in other segments of the Mississippi electorate. As demonstrated in every State of the State survey thus far, white Mississippians are far more likely to believe the state is heading in the right direction (+11) while African American voters say it is moving in the wrong direction (-34). This pattern has been visible across all 13 State of the State Surveys and demonstrates—at least to some degree—that political life in the Magnolia State is best described as a tale of two Mississippi. Voters 65 and older represent the only age group which sees the state heading in the right direction (+17), again demonstrating a vast difference in perception from those 18-34 (-8), 35-44 (-23), 45-54 (-12), and 55 to 64 (-5).

Strong Republicans (+24) and Republican Leaners (+23) also see the state being on the right trajectory while Independent (-15), Strong Democrat (-42) and Democratic Leaners (-43) do not. Looking beyond partisanship, the ideological orientation of voters also indicates sharp differences in the way Mississippians see the state heading as voters who identify as conservative see it moving in the right direction (+17), while those who say they are liberal (-54) and moderate (-35) do not.

Do you believe that Mississippi is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Date of Poll	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Unsure	Net Right/Wrong Direction
17-Sep	37%	40%	23%	-3%
18-Jan	42%	36%	22%	6%
18-Apr	44%	37%	20%	7%
18-Jul	35%	29%	37%	6%
18-Sep	43%	30%	27%	13%
19-Jan	36%	42%	22%	-6%

19-Apr	37%	35%	28%	2%
19-Jul	41%	40%	19%	1%
19-Sep	33%	37%	30%	-4%
20-Jan	41%	50%	8%	-9%
20-Apr	47%	30%	23%	13%
20-Jun	43%	34%	23%	9%
21-Jan	35%	39%	26%	-4%
Average	40%	37%	24%	3%

- **Making healthcare more accessible and affordable tops the list of policy priorities for Mississippians for the fourth consecutive quarter.** Prior to the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, Mississippians were beginning to report that accessibility and affordability of healthcare was their top priority. Prior to January 2020, voters had ranked more funding for public education as priority number one just once while consistently ranking fixing roads and bridges as the top priority in seven consecutive quarters from September 2017-April 2019. While many of these policy preferences have remained steady from June 2020 to January 2021, the share of voters saying their top priority is giving tax incentives and grants for companies that create jobs has increased from 8% to 12% in that time period, perhaps as a response to the economic hardships associated with the pandemic and its impact on family finances. Meanwhile, those saying that more funding for public schools should be the top priority fell from 20% to 16% this quarter.

A fascinating partisan pattern emerges regarding voter policy preferences. For example, Strong Democrats, Democratic Leaners and Independents all ranked healthcare accessibility and affordability as their top policy concern, followed by either more funding for public schools or fixing roads and bridges. Meanwhile, nearly 30% of Strong Republicans said their top priority is protecting traditional family values, which was also the second preference of Republican Leaners. Those two groups of voters ranked fixing roads and bridges as either their first or second preference. Similarly, the very conservative and conservative voters also prioritized protecting traditional family values and fixing roads and bridges as their top priorities for state government while moderate and liberal voters chose healthcare affordability and accessibility as their top preference. Very liberal voters were nearly evenly split between more funding for public schools and fixing roads and bridges.

Considering other demographics, voters in all age ranges from 18-64 rank making healthcare more accessible and affordable as their top priority, which is ranked second by those 65 and older. This demonstrates the current salience and significance of healthcare and health related matters during very dark days of the pandemic. Collectively, a plurality of both women (23%) and men (21%) rank healthcare as priority one, along with 30% of African American voters. The plurality of white voters evenly say that fixing roads and bridges and protecting traditional family values (20% each) is their top priority followed by 18% who also mention healthcare as their second preference.

Policy Priority	17-Sep	18-Jan	18-Apr	18-Jul	18-Sep	19-Jan	19-Apr	19-Jul	20-Jan	20-Apr	20-Jun	21-Jan	Running Average
Reducing the size of state government	16%	11%	12%	8%	12%	11%	9%	6%	9%	3%	6%	8%	9%
Fixing roads and bridges	27%	23%	29%	25%	27%	28%	25%	20%	18%	16%	17%	18%	23%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that create jobs	13%	10%	9%	12%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	8%	12%	10%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	14%	21%	14%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	24%	27%	21%	22%	19%
More funding for public schools	14%	19%	20%	22%	20%	21%	20%	23%	21%	19%	20%	16%	20%
More funding for universities and community colleges	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Protecting traditional family values	6%	7%	11%	8%	8%	8%	11%	17%	11%	16%	17%	16%	11%
Other	7%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	6%	6%	7%	3%	5%

Part II—The State of the Pandemic

- **Over 41% of Mississippians do not believe the measures taken by the State of Mississippi to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic have gone far enough, and respondents are almost evenly split when it comes to Governor Tate Reeves’ handling of the coronavirus pandemic.** While over 40% say the state’s measures have not gone far enough, another 36% think the state’s actions have been appropriate and a minority of 16% say the state has gone too far in attempting to slow the virus’ spread. Regarding Reeves, 37% say he has done an excellent or good job, 26% say his performance has been only fair and 35% rank his performance as either poorly or totally unacceptable.

The table below illustrates where the most significant cleavages exist within the electorate on both the state’s overall pandemic response and Governor Reeves’ management of the pandemic. Generally speaking, conservative and Republican voters tend to believe the state’s response has been appropriate and that Reeves has done an excellent or good job in managing the crisis. Meanwhile, there is considerable agreement among moderates and liberals within the electorate that both the state’s response as well as Reeves’ crisis management have been lacking.

Both Reeves’ crisis management and the overall state pandemic response receive the highest marks from white voters and among those 65 and older, who curiously also had a nearly equal share of those saying the state’s response has been insufficient. A major discrepancy in both categories exists with white and African American voters: a plurality of white voters (45%) say the state’s response has been appropriate, while 46% believe that Reeves’ crisis management has been excellent/good. On the other side of the coin, a vast majority of African American voters (67%) say the state’s response has been insufficient and a majority (51%) rate Reeves’ management as poor/unacceptable.

Handling the Coronavirus Pandemic in Mississippi

State Government Pandemic Response

Reeves' Pandemic Management

	Appropriate	Too Far	Not Enough	Excellent or Good	Fair	Poor or Unacceptable
Conservative	48%	25%	20%	51%	27%	22%
Moderate	25%	5%	72%	20%	21%	55%
Liberal	12%	5%	79%	14%	33%	57%
Republican	55%	20%	20%	54%	30%	8%
Independent	29%	16%	47%	27%	26%	43%
Democratic	12%	6%	78%	14%	25%	60%
Men	37%	18%	40%	40%	23%	37%
Women	35%	15%	43%	35%	29%	34%
African American	17%	10%	67%	19%	27%	51%
White	45%	19%	30%	46%	26%	27%
CD 1	36%	26%	32%	34%	22%	42%
CD 2	28%	11%	51%	33%	28%	36%
CD 3	36%	16%	43%	44%	24%	31%
CD 4	43%	12%	40%	35%	31%	32%
18-34	25%	27%	45%	28%	21%	46%
35-44	32%	16%	42%	25%	35%	41%
45-54	34%	25%	37%	27%	27%	44%
55-64	38%	13%	45%	41%	23%	35%
65+	42%	9%	40%	52%	25%	21%

- **A majority of Mississippians (53%) will likely get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to them, but over a third (34%) say they may not. Another 13% are unsure at this time about receiving the vaccination, meaning that as many as 47% of Mississippians may not take the vaccine.** The positive news for state medical officials is that most voters in the vast majority of groups within the electorate show a net positive likelihood and report they will definitely or probably get vaccinated when it becomes available to them. The table below indicates these groups in the “Most Likely” category, with the 65+, 55-64, Democrats, Liberals, Moderates, and those living in Congressional Districts 3 and 2 being the most likely. Meanwhile, state officials may have problems right now convincing certain groups: those 45-54, voters 18-34, and voters living in Congressional District 1 to take the vaccine when it becomes available. Voters 45-54 and those who describe their politics as “Very Conservative” are categorized below as being “on the fence” because of their overall net likelihood of accepting the vaccine.

Most and Least Likely to Receive the Coronavirus Vaccine

Category	Most Likely	Least Likely	On the Fence
Age Groups	65+ (+62)	45-54 (-27)	45-54 (even)
	55-64 (+34)	18-34 (-10)	
Gender	Men (+28)		
	Women (+12)		
Race	African American (+27)		
	White (+16)		
District	CD 3 (+37)	CD 1 (-6)	
	CD 2 (+23)		
	CD 4 (+22)		
Party	Democratic (+38)		
	Independent (+16)		
	Republican (+10)		
Ideology	Liberal (+37)		Very Con. (+4)
	Moderate (+34)		
	Very Liberal (+26)		
	Conservative (+15)		

Part III—The State of the State’s Leaders

- **Governor Tate Reeves ends his first year in office with 34% approving of his performance and nearly 50% disapproving. Voters have soured on Reeves considerably, as his net approval rating declined from +28 in June 2020 to -15 in January 2021.** Reeves is struggling with voters of all most age groups including 18 to 34 (-43), 35 to 44 (-34), 45 to 54 (-23), and those 55 to 64 (-17). Both men and women give Reeves negative performance evaluations at -19 and -12, respectively, while he is far underwater at -49 with African Americans, -60 with Democrats, and -24 among Independents. Liberal voters (-61) and moderate voters (-47) both strongly disapprove of Reeves’ performance at the close of his first year in office.

Reeves receives an overall negative, net approval rating in all four of Mississippi’s Congressional Districts: CD 1 (-17), CD 2 (-15), CD 3 (-15), and CD 4 (-11). The only positive signs for Reeves in his job approval ratings come from Republicans (+17), Conservatives (+7), white voters (+3) and voters 65 and older (+16).

- **Voters provide Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann with a strong net approval rating of +15 points after his first year on the job. 39% said they approve of Hosemann's work, 24% disapprove, and 37% said they did not have enough information available to evaluate his performance.** The share of Mississippians saying they approve of Hosemann's work as lieutenant governor declined from 44% in June 2020 to 39% in January 2021, with his disapproval rating rising from 20% to 24%. Hosemann remains above water with most demographic groups, although the share of voters who are unsure as to how to evaluate him seems high for a public servant who has been highly visible in Mississippi politics for many years. A higher share of voters in all age groups approve of Hosemann, although he is the strongest among those 65+ (+33) and 55-64 (+16). A plurality of voters between 18-54 say they do not have enough information to rate Hosemann as lieutenant governor.

Although Hosemann sports a higher approval than disapproval share in all four of the state's congressional districts, a plurality of voters in Districts 1, 2, and 4 say they do not have enough information about him while voters in CD 3 strongly approve (+24). Strong Republicans (+23), Republican Leaners (+40), Democratic Leaners (+10) and Independents (+6) all give a net favorable rating to the lieutenant governor, although a plurality of Independents do not know enough about him to evaluate his performance. Only Strong Democrats (-4) report a net disapproval for him, but over half of these voters lack sufficient information on Hosemann. When considering all the Republican state officials included in the survey, Hosemann has the best overall net approval score among African Americans (-1 compared to -34 for Reeves, -38 for Fitch, and -23 for the Republican-controlled legislature) while white voters overwhelmingly approve of his work (+25).

- **Voters are evenly divided regarding Attorney General Lynn Fitch's first year in office with 33% approving of her work, 34% disapproving, and another 32% saying they don't have enough information to rate her performance.** Fitch's approval figure has declined by one percent and the overall share of those who disapprove of her performance as attorney general has increased by seven points between June 2020 and January 2021. As noted with Lieutenant Governor Hosemann, the fact that over a third of voters do not know enough about her to formulate an opinion appears rather high for someone who has been a very visible figure in state politics for eight years as state treasurer and now as attorney general.

Fitch remains very strong with Strong Republicans (+33), Republican Leaners (+42), Very Conservative voters (+31), Conservatives (+28), voters 65+ (+11), white voters (+18), and voters in CD 1 (+5), and CD 4 (+4). Her main areas of weakness regarding her net approval can be found among voters 35-44 (-17), 18-34 (-12), CD 2 voters (-16), African Americans (-38), Liberals (-60), Moderates (-43), Democrats (-59), and Independents (-12).

- **The Mississippi Legislature’s approval rating is underwater at -17 points, although their job performance ratings have remained steady between June 2020 and January 2021.** Performance evaluations from every subset of voters included in the State of the State Survey provide a negative net approval rating for the State Legislature: Conservatives (-9), Liberals (-34), Moderates (-27), Strong Democrats (-27), Democratic Leaners (-37), Independents (-26), Strong Republicans (-8), white voters (-11), African American voters (-23), men (-24), women (-10), and voters of all age groups and all four congressional districts. Only Republican Leaners (+6) have a favorable view of the state legislature as it heads back into session this week.

Mississippi State Legislature Approval Rating

Date of Poll	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure	Net Approve/ Disapprove
17-Sep	27%	45%	28%	-18%
18-Jan	26%	38%	36%	-12%
18-Apr	30%	41%	26%	-11%
18-Jul	22%	35%	43%	-12%
18-Sep	32%	34%	34%	-2%
19-Jan	24%	46%	30%	-22%
19-Apr	26%	43%	31%	-17%
19-Jul	25%	47%	28%	-22%
20-Jan	31%	44%	25%	-13%
20-Apr	26%	39%	35%	-13%
20-Jun	26%	42%	31%	-16%
21-Jan	27%	44%	29%	-17%
Average	27%	42%	31%	-15%

Part IV—The State of the Legislative Session

- **Over 42% of Mississippians are supportive of Governor Reeves’ plan to eliminate the state income tax, 36% are opposed and 22% are unsure as of now.** First proposed by Governor Reeves in mid-November along with postponing a popular teacher pay increase, Reeves stated the plan would make Mississippi more competitive since other southern states such as Texas, Florida, and Tennessee have experienced greater population and economic growth in recent years.

According to a November 16 Clarion-Ledger report, about 31% of all fees, taxes and other incoming revenue collected by the State of Mississippi came from individual

income tax payments in the last fiscal year.¹ The challenge of course, would be for legislative leaders to find a way to plug the \$1.8 billion budget hole created by the state income tax elimination. As of now, Speaker Phillip Gunn appears to be supportive of the measure while Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann is not supportive and was quoted by the *Jackson Free Press* as saying that "...it's not Field of Dreams. I don't print money. We have to have enough funds to pay for highway patrol, education, all the other things we pay for as a state."²

As for the electorate, there is a clear partisan divide on the matter. 50% of Republicans favor the idea, 28% are opposed and 23% are unsure while just 24% of Democrats are in favor, 51% are opposed and 25% remain unsure. Unlike on other issues examined in the January 2021 State of the State Survey, Independents seem to lean closer to their Republican counterparts on this particular issue, as 46% support and 37% oppose the plan. Voters who identify as being the most conservative are the strongest supporters of eliminating the state income tax (+35) while those who are very liberal are the most strongly opposed (-33). White voters (+14) and men (+17) tend to favor the Reeves plan while African American voters (-9) and women (-2) do not. Older voters and younger voters are the most likely to be opposed at this point as those 18 to 34 (-5) and those 65+ (-5) while those 35 to 44 (+15) and 45 to 54 (+28) are the most supportive.

- **Support for early voting in Mississippi has declined by 16 points over the past two years but is still supported by a majority of Magnolia State voters.** The coronavirus pandemic created numerous unusual challenges for how the 2020 election was conducted from state-to-state. Despite all of the challenges facing the electorate when it came to casting votes safely in 2020, the National Conference of State Legislatures reports that as of October 2020, Mississippi remains one of the only six states remaining in the nation without legal, early voting.³ The Mississippi electorate's support for early voting grew significantly from July 2018 (+32) to January 2019 (+50), but has slipped in January 2021 (+20), likely due to a relentless barrage of inaccurate and intentionally misleading information about early voting and how it works that was spread throughout various social media networks over the past year.

Support for enacting legal, early voting in Mississippi comes from African American voters (+64), women (+21) and men (+13) alike, voters of all age groups, a majority of voters in three congressional districts and a plurality of voters in another, Democrats (+82), Independents (+36), Liberals (+69), and Moderates (+71). Opposition largely comes from Conservatives (-19) and Republicans (-19). However, Republican Leaners are less opposed to expanding early voting (-5) compared to Strong Republicans (-40).

¹ <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/2020/11/16/mississippi-income-tax-gov-tate-reeves-phase-out-proposed/6319377002/>

² <https://www.jacksonfreepress.com/news/2020/dec/16/not-field-dreams-lt-gov-hosemann-skeptical-governo/>

³ <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/early-voting-in-state-elections.aspx>

*Support for Early Voting in MS:
2018-2021*

	Jul-18	Jan-19	Jan-21
Support	57%	71%	55%
Oppose	25%	21%	38%
Unsure	18%	8%	7%

- **Mississippi voters are strongly opposed to shifting to a system of voting by mail exclusively. 56% favor continuing in person voting only, 37% support using a mix of in-person and vote-by-mail, and 3% back moving to completely vote-by-mail elections in the future.** These numbers show little movement from the July 2018 State of the State Survey which found that 56% favored continuing with in-person voting, 37% backed utilizing a mixture of in-person and vote-by-mail elections, and just 6% favored moving exclusively to vote-by-mail.⁴ A majority of voters across all age groups, genders, three congressional districts, white voters, Republicans, Independents, and conservatives favor continuing to conduct elections in-person only in Mississippi. Pockets of support do exist for utilizing a mix of in-person and vote-by-mail elections in Mississippi, including moderates, liberals, African Americans, and a plurality of voters in the 2nd Congressional District.

Part V—The State of Mississippi’s Parties and Voters

- **Joe Biden voters in Mississippi were motivated to vote for him largely because of his policy positions (36%) and because they were voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans (26%). Meanwhile, a vast majority of Trump voters in Mississippi supported him because they agreed with the president on policy positions (68%).** This exclusive question posed in the January 2021 State of the State Survey was designed to allow for us to discern the main motivating factors that shaped the votes cast by Magnolia Staters during the November 2020 presidential election. The findings demonstrate vast differences between Trump and Biden voters here while also indicating that Mississippians voted for their preferred presidential candidate last November for a variety of reasons that would typically have to be ascertained through exit polling, which was more challenging than usual given the nature of the conditions surrounding Election 2020.

Trump and Biden voters stated they supported their preferred candidate for the following reasons which are ranked in order by response in the table below. In short, nearly 70% of Trump voters in Mississippi report they chose to do so because of alignment on policy issues, which differs greatly than Biden voters, of whom just 36% --yet still a plurality—expressed as their chief reason for choosing the former Vice President. Over a quarter of

⁴ <https://chismstrategies.com/research-results/millsaps-college-chism-strategies-state-of-the-state-survey-voters-back-early-voting-automatic-registration>

Biden voters reported that they chose him as an expression of opposition to Trump, the Republican Party or conservative politics in general while just 11% of Trump voters said they voted for Trump as a means of expressing opposition to Biden, Democrats and liberal politics.

One of the most striking statistics to emerge from the 2016 election was that about 90% of self-identified Democrats voted for Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, while about 90% of self-identified Republicans voted for Donald Trump, the Republican nominee.⁵ This portion of the State of the State Survey demonstrates that there is greater variation at play in voter choice in Mississippi than partisan allegiance, as just 11% of Trump voters and 13% of Biden voters here say they selected their preferred candidate based on party affiliation.

Mississippi Trump Voter Motivations		Mississippi Biden Voter Motivations	
Policy Issues	68%	Policy Issues	36%
Party Affiliation	11%	Against Trump/GOP/Cons	26%
Against Biden/Dems/Libs	11%	Personality & Values	14%
Personality and Values	5%	Party Affiliation	13%
Other	3%	Other	12%
Unsure	1%	Unsure	1%

- **The Mississippi electorate as a whole is comprised of more Republicans and Independents along with strikingly fewer Democrats than the national electorate and is considerably more conservative than the rest of the United States.** Comparing the January 2021 State of the State Survey data with January 2020 Gallup national polling data on party affiliation, 50% of the national electorate identifies as Democratic, compared to just 28% in Mississippi (-32). On the other hand, 39% nationally are Republicans compared to 48% here (+9) while 11% of national voters are Independents compared to nearly a quarter of Mississippi voters (+13).

*Comparing Party Affiliation:
Mississippi Vs. The Nation January 2021*

	Democratic	Republican	Independent
Mississippi	28%	48%	24%
National ⁶	50%	39%	11%
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-32</i>	<i>+9</i>	<i>+13</i>

⁵ *Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers in the 2016 Election* by Jennifer C Lucas, Christopher J Galdieri & Tauna S Sisco (eds), Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers in the 2016 Election, Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018

⁶ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/15370/party-affiliation.aspx>

The table below shows just how much more conservative the Mississippi electorate is than the rest of the nation. 61% of the Mississippi electorate identifies as conservative, compared to just 37% of the nation’s electorate (+24) while 24% nationally report to being liberal compared to 11% here (-13). Additionally, the state has a smaller share of moderate voters (-8) than the national electorate. Combined with the party affiliation data above, these figures indicate the sustained—and likely continuing—strength of both the conservative movement and the Republican Party in Magnolia State politics.

Mississippi voters are considerably more conservative (+24) and less liberal (-13) and less moderate (-8) than the electorate in the nation as whole. This pattern extends into the ideological composition of Republican, Democratic, and Independent voters in Mississippi as well. While nearly half of Democrats nationally identify as being liberal, just 31% of Mississippi Democrats classify themselves in this way. Mississippi Democrats are more conservative (+10) and more moderate (+10) than their counterparts in the nation’s electorate. Meanwhile, Mississippi Republicans are extremely conservative (91%) compared to the national Republican electorate (73%), which is already quite conservative as it is. Republicans here are less likely to be moderate (-14) or liberal (-2) than Grand Old Party members nationally. This trend is also true of Independent voters in Mississippi, who are more conservative than Independents across the nation (+18), just slightly more moderate (+1), and far less liberal (-15).

***Comparing Party Ideological Composition:
Mississippi Vs. The Nation January 2021***

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Full Electorate			
Mississippi	61%	27%	11%
National ⁷	37%	35%	24%
<i>Difference</i>	+24	-8	-13
Democrats			
Mississippi-D	23%	46%	31%
National-D	13%	36%	49%
<i>Difference</i>	+10	+10	-18
Republicans			
Mississippi-R	91%	7%	2%
National-R	73%	21%	4%
<i>Difference</i>	+18	-14	-2
Independents			
Mississippi-I	48%	46%	6%
National-I	30%	45%	21%
<i>Difference</i>	+18	+1	-15

⁷ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/275792/remained-center-right-ideologically-2019.aspx>

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Q01	%
Right direction	34.7%
Wrong direction	39.0%
Unsure	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?

Q02	%
Approve	33.8%
Disapprove	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?

Q03	%
Approve	39.2%
Disapprove	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

Q04	%
Approve	33.4%
Disapprove	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

Q05	%
Approve	27.1%
Disapprove	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

Q06	%
Reducing the size of state government	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	22.1%
More funding for public schools	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	3.6%
Unsure	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?

Q07	%
Excellent	13.8%
Good	23.3%
Fair	26.1%
Poor	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	15.8%
Unsure	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

Q08	%
They have been appropriate	35.8%
They have gone too far	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	41.5%
Unsure	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

Q09	%
Definitely will get vaccinated	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	18.9%
Unsure	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?	
Q10	%
Yes	42.4%
No	35.6%
Unsure	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?	
Q11	%
Support	55.1%
Oppose	37.8%
Unsure	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?	
Q12	%
Continue in-person voting only	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	37.2%
Unsure	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?

Q13	%
Republican Donald Trump	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	39.9%
Voted for someone else	2.7%
Did not vote	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?

Q14A	%
He was the Republican Party nominee, and I am a Republican	11.4%
I agree with Donald Trump on most policy issues	68.2%
I like Donald Trump's personality and personal values	5.2%
I was voting against Joe Biden and the Democrats and/or liberals	11.4%
Some other reason not listed here	3.1%
Unsure	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%

14B. What was your main reason for supporting Joe Biden for President?

Q14B	%
He was the Democratic Party nominee, and I am a Democrat	12.7%
I agree with Joe Biden on most policy issues	35.5%
I like Joe Biden's personality and personal values	13.8%
I was voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans and/or conservatives	25.8%
Some other reason not listed here	11.5%
Unsure	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%

Age

Q15	%
18 to 34	11.1%
35 to 44	17.9%
45 to 54	18.8%
55 to 64	24.2%
65 or older	28.0%
Grand Total	100.0%

Ethnicity	
Q16	%
African American or Black	31.0%
Asian American	0.6%
Caucasian or White	66.0%
Hispanic or Latino	0.4%
Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	2.0%
Grand Total	100.0%

Gender	
Q17	%
Male	45.0%
Female	55.0%
Grand Total	100.0%

Education	
Q18	%
Less than a high school education	4.1%
High school graduate	19.8%
Attended college but did not graduate	24.8%
Graduated from two year college	16.2%
Graduated from four year college	17.9%
Obtained an advanced degree	17.1%
Grand Total	100.0%

Party	
Q19	%
Strong Republican	31.7%
Lean Republican	16.2%
Neither Democrat nor Republican	24.2%
Lean Democrat	9.9%
Strong Democrat	17.9%
Grand Total	100.0%

Ideology	
Q20	%
Very Conservative	24.2%
Conservative	37.3%
Very Liberal	4.8%
Liberal	6.2%
Moderate	27.4%
Grand Total	100.0%

Age

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?						
%	Q15					
Q01	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Right direction	30.9%	22.2%	32.7%	33.5%	46.5%	34.7%
Wrong direction	38.7%	45.0%	44.6%	41.0%	29.7%	39.0%
Unsure	30.4%	32.8%	22.7%	25.5%	23.8%	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?						
%	Q15					
Q02	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Approve	20.0%	24.0%	29.3%	36.3%	46.6%	33.8%
Disapprove	62.9%	57.7%	51.6%	53.3%	31.1%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	17.1%	18.2%	19.1%	10.4%	22.3%	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?						
%	Q15					
Q03	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Approve	33.6%	31.0%	30.9%	41.7%	50.1%	39.2%
Disapprove	26.3%	28.2%	24.4%	25.9%	17.0%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	40.1%	40.8%	44.7%	32.4%	32.9%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

%	Q15					65 or older	Grand Total
	Q04	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64		
Approve		25.3%	24.1%	37.3%	36.4%	37.5%	33.4%
Disapprove		37.0%	41.2%	37.5%	34.6%	26.5%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate		37.7%	34.7%	25.2%	29.1%	36.0%	32.2%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

%	Q15					65 or older	Grand Total
	Q05	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64		
Approve		34.2%	14.9%	36.5%	26.2%	26.5%	27.1%
Disapprove		35.0%	49.1%	44.7%	49.3%	37.7%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate		30.8%	36.0%	18.8%	24.5%	35.8%	29.3%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

%	Q15
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Q06	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Reducing the size of state government	11.3%	2.0%	12.6%	8.1%	6.4%	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	12.3%	19.3%	16.6%	21.0%	19.1%	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	13.8%	14.7%	10.2%	11.5%	9.9%	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	24.9%	20.1%	21.2%	26.4%	19.3%	22.1%
More funding for public schools	20.5%	18.3%	18.1%	12.9%	14.0%	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	4.5%	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	5.5%	19.5%	12.9%	15.2%	20.1%	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	6.4%	4.0%	6.4%	1.6%	2.2%	3.6%
Unsure	5.3%	1.7%	1.3%	3.5%	4.5%	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?

%	Q15					Grand Total
Q07	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Excellent	8.5%	5.6%	9.7%	16.6%	21.3%	13.8%
Good	18.8%	19.1%	17.1%	24.4%	31.1%	23.3%
Fair	20.9%	34.5%	26.8%	22.9%	25.3%	26.1%
Poor	29.1%	21.5%	20.0%	20.6%	11.9%	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	17.2%	19.0%	24.3%	14.4%	8.5%	15.8%
Unsure	5.4%	0.3%	2.1%	1.1%	2.0%	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

%	Q15
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Q08	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
They have been appropriate	25.1%	32.1%	33.6%	37.8%	42.1%	35.8%
They have gone too far	27.3%	16.4%	25.0%	12.5%	9.1%	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	44.8%	41.6%	36.7%	45.4%	40.0%	41.5%
Unsure	2.8%	9.9%	4.8%	4.3%	8.9%	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?						
%	Q15					Grand Total
Q09	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Definitely will get vaccinated	34.1%	18.6%	29.5%	42.5%	58.3%	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	4.6%	11.6%	12.5%	16.0%	17.9%	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	15.8%	31.0%	14.7%	10.4%	7.5%	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	32.7%	26.6%	27.9%	15.0%	5.7%	18.9%
Unsure	12.8%	12.1%	15.4%	16.1%	10.6%	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?						
%	Q15					Grand Total
Q10	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Yes	38.9%	45.0%	54.4%	40.0%	36.2%	42.4%
No	43.7%	29.4%	25.6%	38.3%	40.6%	35.6%
Unsure	17.4%	25.5%	20.1%	21.7%	23.1%	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?						
%	Q15					Grand Total

Q11	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Support	61.0%	54.5%	59.9%	56.3%	48.9%	55.1%
Oppose	29.8%	37.9%	32.9%	37.1%	44.8%	37.8%
Unsure	9.2%	7.5%	7.2%	6.6%	6.2%	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?

Q12	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Continue in-person voting only	51.0%	54.9%	52.7%	58.3%	58.1%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	0.0%	3.7%	1.8%	3.6%	2.5%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	43.5%	39.8%	43.0%	34.2%	31.8%	37.2%
Unsure	5.5%	1.7%	2.4%	3.9%	7.7%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?

Q13	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
Republican Donald Trump	44.4%	55.0%	54.0%	54.4%	57.2%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	44.3%	39.7%	41.3%	40.3%	36.8%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	3.6%	1.1%	1.8%	1.8%	4.6%	2.7%
Did not vote	7.7%	4.3%	2.8%	3.5%	1.4%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?

Q14A	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or older	Grand Total
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Gender

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?			
%	Q17		
Q01	Female	Male	Grand Total
Right direction	31.8%	38.2%	34.7%
Wrong direction	37.1%	41.3%	39.0%
Unsure	31.1%	20.5%	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?			
%	Q17		
Q02	Female	Male	Grand Total
Approve	34.3%	33.3%	33.8%
Disapprove	45.6%	52.4%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	20.1%	14.3%	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?			
%	Q17		
Q03	Female	Male	Grand Total
Approve	37.3%	41.5%	39.2%
Disapprove	19.0%	29.2%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	43.7%	29.3%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

%	Q17		
	Female	Male	Grand Total
Q04			
Approve	31.6%	35.7%	33.4%
Disapprove	31.6%	37.6%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	36.8%	26.7%	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?			
%	Q17		
	Female	Male	Grand Total
Q05			
Approve	26.3%	28.0%	27.1%
Disapprove	36.4%	52.3%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	37.3%	19.6%	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

%	Q17		
	Female	Male	Grand Total
Q06			
Reducing the size of state government	5.2%	10.8%	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	17.7%	19.2%	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	12.3%	10.9%	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	23.4%	20.5%	22.1%
More funding for public schools	17.4%	14.3%	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	1.7%	1.2%	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	14.8%	17.1%	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Unsure	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?			
%	Q17		
	Female	Male	Grand Total
Q07			
Excellent	13.8%	13.7%	13.8%
Good	21.2%	25.9%	23.3%
Fair	28.5%	23.3%	26.1%
Poor	20.9%	17.0%	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	12.7%	19.5%	15.8%
Unsure	2.9%	0.7%	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	
%	Q17

Q08	Female	Male	Grand Total
They have been appropriate	34.6%	37.1%	35.8%
They have gone too far	15.1%	17.6%	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	43.1%	39.5%	41.5%
Unsure	7.1%	5.8%	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?			
%	Q17		
Q09	Female	Male	Grand Total
Definitely will get vaccinated	31.4%	48.8%	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	16.2%	10.9%	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	16.8%	12.2%	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	18.2%	19.6%	18.9%
Unsure	17.4%	8.5%	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?			
%	Q17		
Q10	Female	Male	Grand Total
Yes	36.0%	50.3%	42.4%
No	37.5%	33.2%	35.6%
Unsure	26.5%	16.5%	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?			
%	Q17		

Q11	Female	Male	Grand Total
Support	56.1%	53.9%	55.1%
Oppose	35.1%	41.1%	37.8%
Unsure	8.8%	5.0%	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?			
%	Q17		
Q12	Female	Male	Grand Total
Continue in-person voting only	54.1%	57.8%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	2.2%	3.1%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	38.3%	35.8%	37.2%
Unsure	5.4%	3.3%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?			
%	Q17		
Q13	Female	Male	Grand Total
Republican Donald Trump	51.0%	57.8%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	42.4%	36.8%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
Did not vote	3.9%	2.8%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?	
%	Q17

Q14A	Female	Male	Grand Total
He was the Republican Party nominee, and I am a Republican	8.7%	14.4%	11.4%
I agree with Donald Trump on most policy issues	70.7%	65.5%	68.2%
I like Donald Trump's personality and personal values	4.5%	6.0%	5.2%
I was voting against Joe Biden and the Democrats and/or liberals	11.1%	11.7%	11.4%
Some other reason not listed here	3.7%	2.5%	3.1%
Unsure	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14B. What was your main reason for supporting Joe Biden for President?			
%	Q17		Grand Total
Q14B	Female	Male	Grand Total
He was the Democratic Party nominee, and I am a Democrat	15.8%	8.4%	12.7%
I agree with Joe Biden on most policy issues	40.4%	28.7%	35.5%
I like Joe Biden's personality and personal values	10.9%	17.8%	13.8%
I was voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans and/or conservatives	18.4%	36.2%	25.8%
Some other reason not listed here	13.3%	8.8%	11.5%
Unsure	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

CD

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q01	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Right direction	32.4%	27.1%	36.8%	41.6%	34.7%
Wrong direction	43.2%	43.0%	38.6%	31.3%	39.0%
Unsure	24.5%	29.9%	24.5%	27.0%	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q02	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Approve	33.9%	30.5%	34.8%	35.9%	33.8%
Disapprove	50.8%	46.1%	50.0%	47.4%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	15.4%	23.4%	15.2%	16.7%	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q03	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Approve	37.1%	34.7%	47.5%	35.4%	39.2%
Disapprove	23.8%	20.8%	24.0%	25.7%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	39.1%	44.6%	28.4%	39.0%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

%	CD				Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	
Q04					
Approve	36.9%	24.3%	36.5%	35.1%	33.4%
Disapprove	32.4%	39.7%	34.0%	31.3%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	30.7%	35.9%	29.5%	33.6%	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

%	CD				Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	
Q05					
Approve	23.3%	26.5%	31.3%	26.2%	27.1%
Disapprove	57.1%	29.0%	41.8%	46.5%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	19.5%	44.5%	26.9%	27.3%	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

%	CD
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Q06	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Reducing the size of state government	9.3%	3.2%	7.2%	11.2%	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	18.8%	17.4%	19.6%	17.4%	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	10.5%	11.1%	14.8%	9.4%	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	19.5%	21.0%	22.6%	25.1%	22.1%
More funding for public schools	14.5%	19.3%	16.3%	13.9%	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	0.9%	3.2%	0.4%	1.6%	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	20.1%	12.3%	12.8%	18.9%	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	5.1%	5.3%	3.5%	0.8%	3.6%
Unsure	1.4%	7.2%	2.9%	1.7%	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?

%	CD				Grand Total
Q07	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Excellent	12.7%	13.2%	14.9%	13.9%	13.8%
Good	21.4%	19.8%	29.3%	21.1%	23.3%
Fair	21.7%	28.1%	24.1%	31.1%	26.1%
Poor	21.5%	22.8%	15.8%	17.4%	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	19.6%	13.2%	15.4%	14.9%	15.8%
Unsure	3.0%	2.9%	0.5%	1.4%	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

%	CD
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Q08	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
They have been appropriate	36.2%	27.9%	35.9%	42.8%	35.8%
They have gone too far	26.2%	11.4%	15.6%	11.9%	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	32.0%	50.8%	43.2%	39.8%	41.5%
Unsure	5.6%	9.9%	5.3%	5.6%	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q09	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Definitely will get vaccinated	25.8%	35.8%	50.6%	41.9%	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	13.9%	17.5%	10.9%	13.8%	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	17.2%	14.8%	10.4%	17.6%	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	29.0%	16.3%	14.9%	16.3%	18.9%
Unsure	14.1%	15.6%	13.2%	10.6%	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q10	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Yes	43.6%	35.3%	46.8%	42.8%	42.4%
No	32.8%	35.7%	36.3%	37.1%	35.6%
Unsure	23.7%	28.9%	16.9%	20.0%	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?					
%	CD				Grand Total

Q11	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Support	48.4%	63.9%	52.0%	57.0%	55.1%
Oppose	47.4%	27.1%	37.9%	38.7%	37.8%
Unsure	4.2%	8.9%	10.1%	4.3%	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q12	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Continue in-person voting only	65.7%	41.6%	57.5%	57.6%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	1.0%	5.9%	2.0%	1.5%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	29.8%	46.4%	36.3%	36.6%	37.2%
Unsure	3.5%	6.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q13	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
Republican Donald Trump	64.6%	36.5%	58.0%	56.0%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	27.5%	57.1%	40.4%	34.5%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	2.1%	3.9%	1.1%	4.0%	2.7%
Did not vote	5.8%	2.4%	0.4%	5.6%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?					
%	CD				Grand Total
Q14A	1	2	3	4	Grand Total

He was the Republican Party nominee, and I am a Republican	9.0%	16.9%	14.7%	6.6%	11.4%
I agree with Donald Trump on most policy issues	65.5%	67.3%	64.8%	76.2%	68.2%
I like Donald Trump's personality and personal values	3.8%	3.2%	7.2%	5.4%	5.2%
I was voting against Joe Biden and the Democrats and/or liberals	14.2%	9.6%	11.3%	9.3%	11.4%
Some other reason not listed here	6.7%	3.0%	2.0%	0.7%	3.1%
Unsure	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14B. What was your main reason for supporting Joe Biden for President?

%	CD				Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	
Q14B					
He was the Democratic Party nominee, and I am a Democrat	7.3%	19.9%	9.2%	10.6%	12.7%
I agree with Joe Biden on most policy issues	21.6%	43.7%	36.1%	32.6%	35.5%
I like Joe Biden's personality and personal values	22.7%	10.4%	15.6%	9.4%	13.8%
I was voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans and/or conservatives	36.7%	11.3%	33.3%	30.0%	25.8%
Some other reason not listed here	11.7%	12.7%	5.8%	17.5%	11.5%
Unsure	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Ethnicity

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

% **Q16**

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q01						
Right direction	22.4%	24.5%	41.1%	32.7%	15.4%	34.7%
Wrong direction	55.7%	62.2%	30.3%	40.6%	59.9%	39.0%
Unsure	21.9%	13.3%	28.6%	26.7%	24.7%	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?

%

Q16

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q02						
Approve	13.5%	0.0%	44.4%	32.7%	11.4%	33.8%
Disapprove	62.6%	83.3%	41.1%	40.6%	74.4%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	23.9%	16.7%	14.5%	26.7%	14.2%	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?

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Q16

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q03						
Approve	24.4%	36.8%	46.8%	0.0%	24.8%	39.2%
Disapprove	25.0%	56.4%	21.7%	73.3%	45.7%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	50.5%	6.7%	31.5%	26.7%	29.6%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

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Q16

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q04						
Approve	14.4%	9.9%	42.9%	32.7%	22.7%	33.4%
Disapprove	52.2%	57.5%	25.1%	56.2%	50.5%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	33.4%	32.5%	32.0%	11.1%	26.8%	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

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Q16

Q05	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Approve	22.0%	6.7%	30.5%	0.0%	5.8%	27.1%
Disapprove	45.1%	42.9%	42.4%	51.7%	57.2%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	32.9%	50.3%	27.1%	48.3%	37.0%	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

%

Q16

Q06	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Reducing the size of state government	2.4%	0.0%	10.4%	11.5%	3.0%	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	15.1%	12.5%	20.0%	0.0%	21.6%	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	12.2%	18.1%	11.6%	21.3%	0.0%	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	29.8%	26.4%	18.2%	15.6%	33.1%	22.1%
More funding for public schools	21.2%	10.7%	13.7%	36.1%	8.1%	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	3.3%	0.0%	0.5%	15.6%	0.0%	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	6.5%	25.7%	20.0%	0.0%	23.5%	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	4.5%	6.5%	3.0%	0.0%	10.6%	3.6%
Unsure	5.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?

%

Q16

Q07	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Excellent	8.4%	0.0%	16.7%	21.3%	3.0%	13.8%
Good	11.3%	9.9%	29.2%	22.5%	18.8%	23.3%
Fair	27.2%	42.2%	25.9%	0.0%	19.2%	26.1%
Poor	31.9%	6.5%	13.0%	15.6%	28.3%	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	18.9%	34.6%	13.7%	25.0%	26.9%	15.8%
Unsure	2.4%	6.7%	1.5%	15.6%	3.7%	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

%

Q16

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q08						
They have been appropriate	16.8%	28.0%	45.2%	32.7%	21.9%	35.8%
They have gone too far	9.5%	0.0%	19.2%	0.0%	27.9%	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	66.5%	65.2%	29.7%	51.7%	35.4%	41.5%
Unsure	7.2%	6.7%	5.9%	15.6%	14.8%	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

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Q16

	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q09						
Definitely will get vaccinated	35.7%	23.2%	41.4%	88.5%	17.3%	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	16.9%	38.0%	11.9%	11.5%	22.0%	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	12.2%	0.0%	16.1%	0.0%	14.4%	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	13.7%	28.0%	21.1%	0.0%	25.9%	18.9%
Unsure	21.5%	10.7%	9.4%	0.0%	20.4%	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?

%		Q16					
		African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q10							
Yes		32.2%	24.8%	47.3%	46.7%	44.2%	42.4%
No		40.7%	58.7%	33.1%	22.1%	35.1%	35.6%
Unsure		27.1%	16.5%	19.7%	31.2%	20.7%	22.0%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?

%		Q16					
		African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Q11							
Support		77.1%	51.3%	45.3%	67.3%	39.1%	55.1%
Oppose		13.3%	38.0%	48.9%	32.7%	51.8%	37.8%
Unsure		9.6%	10.7%	5.8%	0.0%	9.0%	7.1%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?

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Q12	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Continue in-person voting only	25.5%	53.8%	69.3%	43.8%	79.0%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	3.8%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	2.2%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	65.0%	36.3%	24.7%	56.2%	17.3%	37.2%
Unsure	5.8%	9.9%	3.9%	0.0%	1.6%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?						
Q13	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
Republican Donald Trump	12.1%	34.7%	74.3%	0.0%	51.5%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	83.5%	54.5%	19.2%	63.5%	38.1%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	2.3%	10.7%	2.3%	36.5%	10.4%	2.7%
Did not vote	2.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?	
Q16	%

Q14A	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
He was the Republican Party nominee, and I am a Republican	12.6%	0.0%	11.0%	30.0%	11.4%
I agree with Donald Trump on most policy issues	54.0%	48.0%	70.2%	30.1%	68.2%
I like Donald Trump's personality and personal values	15.0%	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%	5.2%
I was voting against Joe Biden and the Democrats and/or liberals	10.4%	28.6%	10.9%	31.3%	11.4%
Some other reason not listed here	4.8%	23.5%	2.8%	8.5%	3.1%
Unsure	3.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14B. What was your main reason for supporting Joe Biden for President?

%

Q16

Q14B	African American or Black	Asian American	Caucasian or White	Hispanic or Latino	Some other ethnicity not mentioned here	Grand Total
He was the Democratic Party nominee, and I am a Democrat	18.4%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	12.7%
I agree with Joe Biden on most policy issues	40.5%	59.2%	26.7%	0.0%	17.7%	35.5%
I like Joe Biden's personality and personal values	14.2%	18.3%	12.9%	17.4%	11.9%	13.8%
I was voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans and/or conservatives	13.6%	22.6%	51.4%	49.1%	10.9%	25.8%
Some other reason not listed here	12.5%	0.0%	6.5%	33.5%	55.4%	11.5%
Unsure	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Partisanship

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

%		Q19					
		Strong Republican	Lean Republican	Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q01							
Right direction		46.7%	51.1%	29.1%	17.3%	15.6%	34.7%
Wrong direction		23.4%	27.6%	44.1%	60.2%	58.2%	39.0%
Unsure		29.9%	21.3%	26.8%	22.5%	26.1%	26.4%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?

%		Q19					
		Strong Republican	Lean Republican	Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q02							
Approve		49.2%	52.9%	29.5%	9.6%	8.8%	33.8%
Disapprove		34.9%	33.4%	54.4%	76.0%	64.0%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate		16.0%	13.7%	16.1%	14.4%	27.2%	17.5%
Grand Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?

%		Q19					
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			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q03	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Approve	47.2%	52.5%	32.0%	40.3%	22.0%	39.2%
Disapprove	24.3%	12.7%	25.6%	29.9%	26.2%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	28.5%	34.8%	42.4%	29.8%	51.8%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q04	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Approve	48.0%	55.9%	27.9%	6.0%	9.9%	33.4%
Disapprove	15.4%	14.3%	40.3%	80.6%	52.3%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	36.6%	29.8%	31.8%	13.4%	37.8%	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

Q19	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q05	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Approve	34.0%	36.5%	20.5%	18.0%	20.3%	27.1%
Disapprove	41.6%	31.2%	47.1%	55.0%	47.1%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	24.4%	32.3%	32.4%	27.0%	32.7%	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q06	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Reducing the size of state government	11.0%	10.7%	9.6%	1.7%	0.0%	7.7%
Fixing our state's roads and bridges	19.8%	26.9%	14.1%	19.2%	13.4%	18.4%
Giving tax incentives and grants for companies that promise to create jobs	15.7%	12.9%	9.1%	8.8%	8.4%	11.6%
Making healthcare more accessible and affordable	12.5%	13.2%	22.3%	37.7%	38.5%	22.1%
More funding for public schools	7.7%	13.5%	21.6%	18.6%	23.9%	16.0%
More funding for universities and community colleges	1.1%	0.0%	1.9%	4.2%	1.4%	1.5%
Protecting traditional family values	28.3%	17.1%	12.9%	3.0%	3.8%	15.8%
Some other issue not mentioned here	2.5%	2.1%	6.5%	2.8%	3.6%	3.6%
Unsure	1.5%	3.7%	2.1%	4.1%	7.0%	3.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. How would rate Governor Tate Reeves' management of the coronavirus pandemic?

Q19	

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q07	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Excellent	25.9%	12.7%	10.3%	3.4%	3.7%	13.8%
Good	34.2%	35.3%	17.0%	12.3%	7.8%	23.3%
Fair	20.6%	39.4%	26.2%	25.9%	24.0%	26.1%
Poor	10.5%	5.7%	25.6%	29.9%	32.0%	19.2%
Totally unacceptable	8.3%	6.0%	17.4%	28.5%	28.4%	15.8%
Unsure	0.5%	0.9%	3.6%	0.0%	4.1%	1.9%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q08	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
They have been appropriate	53.1%	55.7%	29.4%	17.3%	5.9%	35.8%
They have gone too far	26.3%	14.1%	15.6%	2.6%	8.7%	16.2%
They have not gone far enough	15.3%	23.7%	46.6%	79.4%	76.0%	41.5%
Unsure	5.3%	6.5%	8.3%	0.7%	9.4%	6.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

Q19	

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q09	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Definitely will get vaccinated	37.1%	35.0%	38.1%	57.8%	38.3%	39.3%
Probably will get vaccinated	10.5%	17.3%	14.7%	14.1%	15.3%	13.8%
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	13.5%	25.3%	14.7%	13.5%	8.0%	14.7%
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	30.7%	8.8%	21.6%	9.5%	8.5%	18.9%
Unsure	8.2%	13.6%	11.0%	5.1%	29.9%	13.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q10	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Yes	56.2%	44.1%	46.2%	28.4%	19.2%	42.4%
No	25.7%	28.6%	36.9%	56.3%	46.1%	35.6%
Unsure	18.1%	27.4%	16.9%	15.4%	34.6%	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?

Q11	Strong Republican

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q11	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Support	26.7%	44.4%	65.1%	93.3%	80.5%	55.1%
Oppose	66.9%	49.9%	29.4%	2.7%	6.2%	37.8%
Unsure	6.4%	5.7%	5.5%	4.0%	13.3%	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q12	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Continue in-person voting only	87.7%	74.9%	51.7%	8.5%	13.6%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	1.6%	4.2%	2.0%	6.2%	1.4%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	6.0%	17.0%	43.9%	81.9%	77.0%	37.2%
Unsure	4.7%	3.9%	2.4%	3.4%	7.9%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?

Q19	

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q13	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
Republican Donald Trump	96.0%	80.0%	42.7%	1.8%	0.8%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	2.0%	13.0%	42.5%	98.2%	95.3%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	0.0%	2.2%	8.6%	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%
Did not vote	2.0%	4.9%	6.2%	0.0%	2.5%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?

			Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
Q14A	Strong Republican	Lean Republican				
He was the Republican Party nominee, and I am a Republican	18.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%
I agree with Donald Trump on most policy issues	66.3%	73.5%	67.6%	100.0%	0.0%	68.2%
I like Donald Trump's personality and personal values	6.7%	2.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%
I was voting against Joe Biden and the Democrats and/or liberals	7.4%	14.3%	19.8%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%
Some other reason not listed here	1.2%	4.2%	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%
Unsure	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14B. What was your main reason for supporting Joe Biden for President?

Q19						

Q14B	Strong Republican	Lean Republican	Neither Democrat nor Republican	Lean Democrat	Strong Democrat	Grand Total
He was the Democratic Party nominee, and I am a Democrat	36.9%	18.7%	1.2%	13.2%	17.8%	12.7%
I agree with Joe Biden on most policy issues	28.0%	22.4%	33.4%	35.2%	38.9%	35.5%
I like Joe Biden's personality and personal values	17.5%	0.0%	8.2%	19.1%	15.6%	13.8%
I was voting against Donald Trump and the Republicans and/or conservatives	0.0%	33.0%	42.9%	25.0%	16.2%	25.8%
Some other reason not listed here	17.5%	25.9%	14.4%	7.5%	10.0%	11.5%
Unsure	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Ideology

1. Do you believe the state of Mississippi as a whole is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

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Q20						
Q01	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Right direction	46.5%	44.8%	9.4%	14.9%	19.2%	34.7%
Wrong direction	31.0%	25.6%	61.0%	69.8%	53.5%	39.0%
Unsure	22.4%	29.6%	29.6%	15.3%	27.3%	26.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Governor Tate Reeves?

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Q20						
Q02	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Approve	42.8%	48.2%	16.7%	12.3%	14.3%	33.8%
Disapprove	39.7%	37.4%	73.0%	77.9%	61.0%	48.7%
Don't have enough info to rate	17.4%	14.4%	10.3%	9.8%	24.8%	17.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann?

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Q20						

Q03	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Approve	45.7%	42.8%	44.1%	23.3%	31.3%	39.2%
Disapprove	22.4%	18.3%	34.5%	30.6%	28.4%	23.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	31.9%	38.9%	21.4%	46.1%	40.2%	37.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of Attorney General Lynn Fitch?

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Q20

Q04	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Approve	48.7%	47.8%	13.2%	0.0%	11.5%	33.4%
Disapprove	17.5%	20.4%	59.3%	73.6%	54.9%	34.3%
Don't have enough info to rate	33.8%	31.8%	27.6%	26.4%	33.6%	32.2%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the Mississippi state legislature?

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Q20

Q05	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Approve	35.1%	28.8%	20.9%	20.5%	20.2%	27.1%
Disapprove	45.3%	36.9%	53.7%	55.7%	46.6%	43.6%
Don't have enough info to rate	19.6%	34.3%	25.3%	23.8%	33.3%	29.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. What should be the top priority for Mississippi's elected leaders working in Jackson?

8. Do you believe that the measures taken by the Mississippi state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

%		Q20					
Q08	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total	
They have been appropriate	48.2%	46.7%	13.1%	10.7%	19.6%	35.8%	
They have gone too far	28.9%	19.8%	5.4%	4.5%	4.7%	16.2%	
They have not gone far enough	14.3%	26.0%	75.8%	81.3%	71.6%	41.5%	
Unsure	8.6%	7.5%	5.7%	3.5%	4.1%	6.5%	
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

9. When the vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

%		Q20					
Q09	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total	
Definitely will get vaccinated	36.4%	37.5%	41.7%	37.3%	44.2%	39.3%	
Probably will get vaccinated	11.4%	14.5%	10.9%	18.7%	14.4%	13.8%	
Probably will NOT get vaccinated	14.3%	17.7%	22.8%	7.9%	11.1%	14.7%	
Definitely will NOT get vaccinated	29.1%	19.5%	4.1%	10.6%	13.4%	18.9%	
Unsure	8.7%	10.8%	20.6%	25.5%	16.9%	13.4%	
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

10. Would you support eliminating the state income tax?

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Q10	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Yes	57.7%	44.7%	20.8%	19.6%	34.8%	42.4%
No	22.8%	33.5%	54.2%	44.3%	44.4%	35.6%
Unsure	19.5%	21.8%	24.9%	36.1%	20.8%	22.0%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Do you support or oppose allowing early voting in Mississippi?

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Q20

Q11	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Support	33.3%	42.6%	69.7%	86.5%	81.8%	55.1%
Oppose	60.5%	51.5%	12.8%	5.5%	10.8%	37.8%
Unsure	6.2%	6.0%	17.5%	8.0%	7.3%	7.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. How would you like to see Mississippi address the possibility of voting through the mail?

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Q20

Q12	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Continue in-person voting only	80.6%	75.8%	33.6%	7.8%	21.2%	55.8%
Move to vote-by-mail only	2.7%	3.3%	8.1%	0.0%	1.0%	2.6%
Use a mix of in-person voting and vote-by-mail	13.2%	15.8%	58.3%	83.8%	73.3%	37.2%
Unsure	3.4%	5.0%	0.0%	8.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In the 2020 general election for president, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump or Democrat Joe Biden?

Q13	Very Conservative	Conservative	Very Liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Grand Total
Republican Donald Trump	84.5%	75.1%	11.7%	2.6%	17.7%	54.1%
Democrat Joe Biden	10.1%	19.3%	87.4%	93.1%	73.8%	39.9%
Voted for someone else	2.8%	1.1%	0.9%	4.2%	4.6%	2.7%
Did not vote	2.7%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	3.4%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14A. What was your main reason for supporting Donald Trump for President?

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