

# Supplementary information to election-survey news story:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02963-5>

## Methodology

*Nature's* editorial team prepared a survey to take the temperature of its readers ahead of the 2020 US presidential election. It asked our audience members who they support in the election, as well as the top issues informing their choice.

The survey, shown below, published to *Nature's* website on 23 September. We stopped taking responses on 7 October. The survey received about 900 responses after it was launched. We cleaned the data we received to ensure that prank or incomplete responses were removed. The data presented has also been stripped of personal (and possibly identifying) comments.

## Survey

\*These were required questions

Do you intend to vote?\*

- Yes, I am eligible and will vote
- No, I am eligible but won't vote
- No, I am not eligible

Who do you support in this election?\*

- Donald Trump
- Joe Biden
- Other (please enter)

What are the top issues that have determined which candidate you support?\*

Most important issue

- Climate change
- Pandemic response
- Economy
- Environmental regulations
- Immigration
- Social justice
- Other (please enter)

Secondary issue

For both, the choices were:

- Climate change
- Pandemic response
- Economy
- Environmental regulations
- Immigration
- Social justice
- Other (please enter)

Where in the world are you based?\*

(drop down menu of all countries)

Broadly speaking, what field do you work in?\*

- Biological sciences
- Computer sciences
- Physical sciences
- Social sciences

More specifically, what's your area of work (e.g. molecular biology)?

(please enter)

Any other comments, hope or fears about the outcome of the election that you'd like to share?

(please enter, 300 word limit)