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q1. Before we begin, I need to know whether I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a safe place where we can continue this conversation?

No, not on a cell phone	48 %
Yes, on a cell phone, but in safe place	52 %

q3. What was the last level of education that you completed?

High school graduate or less	23 %
Some college education	34 %
College graduate	32 %
Postgraduate	11 %

q4. What is your gender?

Male	47 %
Female	52 %

q5. Generally speaking, do you think things in Nebraska are moving in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	46 %
Wrong track	43 %
DK/NA	11 %

Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the following elected officials and groups? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or only somewhat? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Approve, strongly	Approve, somewhat	Disapprove, somewhat	Disapprove, strongly	DK/NA
q6. Governor Pete Ricketts	22%	29%	15%	30%	5%
q7. The Nebraska Legislature	9%	44%	24%	12%	11%

q8. What is the biggest issue or area you think state government is failing on?

Addressing pandemic / containing COVID	23 %
Fixing taxes / Property tax relief	20 %
Health care system broken / Medicaid expansion	6 %
Not enough help for vulnerable	5 %
Too close to conservatives / Trump	4 %
Common sense policies / reforms / failure to listen or communicate	4 %
Education funding	4 %
The economy / jobs	3 %
Transportation infrastructure	2 %
Legal marijuana	2 %
COVID response is too aggressive	2 %
Crime	2 %
Voter fraud	2 %
Social justice / Racial equity	2 %
Too many government handouts	1 %
Failing to push back on liberals	1 %
Too much gambling	1 %
Agriculture	1 %
2nd Amendment freedom	1 %
Cracking down on illegal immigrants	1 %
Government is overreaching	1 %
Everything is awesome / no complaints	3 %
Don't know	10 %

__I. I'm going to read you a list of people and groups. After each, please tell me whether you think that person or group is doing an excellent job handling the coronavirus pandemic in Nebraska, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job handling the coronavirus pandemic. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	DK
q9. Governor Pete Ricketts	15%	30%	18%	34%	3%
q10. The Nebraska Legislature	5%	33%	35%	19%	9%

__II. I'm going to read you a list of people and groups. After each, please tell me whether you think that person or group is doing an excellent job handling the economy in Nebraska, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job handling the economy. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	DK
q11. Governor Pete Ricketts	12%	32%	26%	26%	3%
q12. The Nebraska Legislature	5%	35%	43%	12%	5%

Please tell me if you think state government in Nebraska is doing an excellent, good, just fair, poor job on each of the following. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	DK
q13. Providing high quality public education	12%	39%	32%	14%	4%
q14. Providing job training and access to career, technical and vocational education that is affordable	8%	32%	34%	19%	8%
q15. Making childcare more available and affordable	5%	23%	31%	28%	13%
q16. Supporting workers with benefits like paid sick and family leave	7%	31%	27%	28%	7%
q17. Providing necessary funding to make sure college tuition is affordable	6%	24%	34%	28%	8%
q18. Ensuring workers are paid reasonable wages so they can afford basic needs	7%	31%	28%	28%	5%

q19. Thinking about when you've voted in the past, do you prefer **[ROTATE:]** __ voting by mail or __ voting in-person on Election Day?

Prefer voting by mail	39 %
Prefer voting in-person on Election Day	54 %
NEVER VOTED BEFORE	3 %
NO PREFERENCE	4 %
DK/NA	1 %

I'm going to read you a series of statements some people have made when describing how the election went in Nebraska this past November. After each, please tell me how accurate that statement is—is it very accurate, somewhat accurate, not too accurate or not accurate at all? If you aren't sure, you can tell me that, too, and we will move on. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not too accurate	Not at all accurate	DK
q20. The process of voting was accessible and convenient	61%	29%	5%	2%	4%
q21. There was too much voter fraud	14%	15%	16%	43%	11%
q22. On the whole, Nebraska's election process this November worked well	47%	36%	6%	4%	7%
q23. Too many Nebraskans cannot vote in Primary Elections	8%	19%	24%	31%	18%
q24. The vote-by-mail process is a good addition to the ways in which Nebraskans can cast a ballot	44%	23%	9%	19%	5%

q25. How well do you think the voting process went in Nebraska compared to the rest of the nation? Did things go better, the same, or worse?

Better	60 %
About the same	31 %
Worse	2 %
Not sure	7 %

SPLIT SAMPLE A

q26. Changing gears for a moment, in 2021 state government will begin the process of drawing new state legislative and congressional district maps based on the 2020 census. Knowing this, which of the following would you trust more to draw those maps fairly: **[ROTATE]** __ the legislature, or __ an independent redistricting commission? **[IF LEGISLATURE/COMMISSION, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Legislature, strongly	17 %
Legislature, not strongly	10 %
Commission, not strongly	14 %
Commission, strongly	40 %
Don't Know	19 %
NET LEGISLATURE	27 %
NET COMMISSION	54 %

SPLIT SAMPLE B

q27. Changing gears for a moment, in 2021 state government will begin the process of drawing new state legislative and congressional district maps based on the 2020 census. Knowing this, which of the following would you trust more to draw those maps fairly: **[ROTATE]** __the legislature, or __a non-partisan redistricting commission? **[IF LEGISLATURE/COMMISSION, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Legislature, strongly	12 %
Legislature, not strongly	8 %
Commission, not strongly	14 %
Commission, strongly	43 %
Don't Know	23 %
NET LEGISLATURE	20 %
NET COMMISSION	57 %

q28. Changing gears once again, when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic in Nebraska, do you personally think **[ROTATE:]** __the worst is yet to come, or __the worst is over?

Worst is yet to come	44 %
Worst is over	44 %
DK/NA	12 %

q29. Have you or someone in your household been laid off, had work hours reduced or had to take a pay cut as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

Yes, one or more members of my household has been laid off	14 %
Yes, one or more members of my household has had hours reduced or taken a pay cut	22 %
No, no one in my household has been laid off or taken a pay cut	45 %
Nobody in my household was employed before the coronavirus outbreak	14 %
DK/NA	4 %

q30. Do you think you will have trouble paying bills over the next few months?

Yes	23 %
No	70 %
DK/NA	8 %

Now I'm going to read you a series of strategies people have suggested to help slow the spread of the coronavirus in your community. After each, please tell me how effective you think that strategy is in slowing the spread of the coronavirus in your community—is it very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not effective at all? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not too effective	Not at all effective	DK
q31. Wearing a face covering when in public	51%	26%	10%	11%	2%
q32. Limiting the size of social gatherings	44%	32%	12%	10%	2%
q33. Non-essential business closures like bars and restaurants	29%	31%	17%	20%	3%
q34. Limiting the number of people inside of retail and public buildings	36%	37%	14%	12%	2%
q35. Maintaining a six foot physical distance from others	42%	37%	10%	8%	2%

Next is a list of programs designed to help Nebraskans make it through the economic crisis created by the Coronavirus pandemic. In each case, Governor Ricketts has decided to limit or delay Nebraskans' ability to access that program. After each, please tell me how important it is that the Nebraska legislature ensure Nebraskans have access to that program—is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all to ensure continued access to that program. If you aren't sure you can tell me that, too. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not too Important	Not at all	DK
q36. Food assistance for families struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic	46%	33%	16%	2%	1%	3%
q37. Unemployment assistance for those who have lost their job during the pandemic	41%	31%	20%	3%	2%	2%
q38. Healthcare for low-income Nebraskans who have not had access to care during the pandemic	40%	29%	22%	2%	3%	4%
q39. A temporary eviction moratorium and increased assistance for families struggling to keep a roof over their heads in winter and landlords struggling to pay their bills	43%	27%	21%	4%	2%	3%

q40. Would you favor or oppose a mandate requiring Nebraskans to wear a mask when in public spaces?
[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	58 %
Favor, not strongly	7 %
Oppose, not strongly	6 %
Oppose, strongly	25 %
DK/NA	5 %
NET FAVOR	65 %
NET OPPOSE	31 %

Next is a list of proposals the legislature may consider during the upcoming 2021 legislative session. After each, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose that proposal. **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

	Favor, strongly	Favor, not strongly	Oppose, not strongly	Oppose, strongly	DK/NA
SPLIT SAMPLE A	45%	20%	16%	14%	5%
q41. Tips, gratuities, and service charges cannot be counted towards an employee's minimum wage					
SPLIT SAMPLE B	48%	22%	13%	11%	6%
q42. Raise service workers' current minimum wage of two dollars and 13 cents an hour to the state's standard nine dollar minimum wage					
q43. Raise the minimum wage in Nebraska to \$15 dollars per hour	41%	15%	11%	30%	3%
q44. Establishing a paid family and medical leave program for every worker in Nebraska by increasing income taxes on the wealthiest four percent of Nebraskans	42%	19%	10%	24%	5%
q45. Create a flat sales tax that would apply to every purchase, including groceries and medicine, in order to eliminate the state income	24%	19%	17%	31%	10%
q46. Allow parents to set up accounts for private school tuition that they can then use as a write-off on their state income taxes	32%	26%	12%	20%	9%

q47. Do you support or oppose efforts to eliminate Nebraska's income tax by establishing a flat sales tax applying to every retail and commercial purchase, even if this change would increase local property taxes? **[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	16 %
Support, not strongly	13 %
Oppose, not strongly	14 %
Oppose, strongly	42 %
DK	15 %
NET SUPPORT	29 %
NET OPPOSE	56 %

q48. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to set up accounts for private school tuition that they can use as a write-off on their state income taxes even if it means less money will be available for local public schools in Nebraska? **[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	26 %
Support, not strongly	16 %
Oppose, not strongly	12 %
Oppose, strongly	35 %
DK	11 %
NET SUPPORT	42 %
NET OPPOSE	47 %

q49. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong ____ **[REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT]** or a not so strong ____ **[REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT]**? **[IF INDEPENDENT, ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more towards the Republican or more towards the Democratic Party?

Republican, strongly	28 %
Republican, not so strongly	11 %
Independent, leans Republican	11 %
Independent	10 %
Independent, leans Democrat	9 %
Democrat, not so strongly	9 %
Democrat, strongly	15 %
DK/NA/OTHER	6 %
NET REPUBLICAN	50 %
NET DEMOCRAT	33 %

q50. Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	17 %
Moderate	36 %
Conservative	39 %
DK/NA	7 %

q51. What is your age?

18-29	15 %
30-39	18 %
40-49	15 %
50-59	17 %
60-69	18 %
70+	17 %
DK/NA	0 %

q52. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home who are still in school?

Yes, in school	25 %
Yes, but not in school	5 %
No	68 %
DK/NA	1 %

q53. Do you come from an Hispanic, Latino, or a Spanish-speaking background?

Yes	3 %
No	96 %
DK/NA	2 %

[Q54 ASKED ONLY AMONG Q53 CODES 2 OR 3; n=599]

q54. What is your race or ethnic identity?

White	89 %
African, African American, or other Black	4 %
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	0 %
Native American or American Indian	2 %
Asian or Pacific Islander	1 %
OTHER	3 %
DK/NA/REF	2 %