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2019 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTER SURVEY

TOPLINE RESULTS — WEIGHTED

Sample: 2,359 African American Voters
May 17- June 9, 2019
Margin of Sampling Error: ± 2.01%

** Results have been weighted to match the distribution of the population by gender, age and partisanship.*
*** All numbers are percentages; some percentages may not sum precisely or to 100% due to rounding.*

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

QA. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, whether you are driving or doing any activity that requires your full attention.

Cell	13
Landline	4
Online	83

1. Some people consider themselves a part of a racial or ethnic group, and others do not. Just to make sure we are reaching a diverse range of people, how would you describe your ethnic or racial background? [**OPEN-ENDED; VERBATIM RESPONSE CODED INTO CATEGORIES**]

Black	37
African American	43
African	3
Afro-Caribbean	5
Afro-Latino/a	3
Biracial/Multi-Racial	9
Of African descent/Other	<1

2. What would you say are the most important problems facing the Los Angeles area? [**OPEN-ENDED. VERBATIM RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES; MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED**]

1. **Homelessness ----------53**
2. **Affordable Housing ----------44**
3. **Traffic/Transportation ----------21**
4. **Education----------14**
   - Education, in general ---------- 8
   - K-12 Education---------- 5
   - Cost of Higher Education/Student Loan Debt ---------- 1
5. **Crime/Drugs ----------13**
6. **Infrastructure/Condition of Streets and Roads ----------13**
7. **Wages/Income Inequality/Poverty ----------11**
8. **Jobs/Unemployment/Economy ----------10**
9. **Cost of Living----------10**
10. **Healthcare---------- 8**
    - Health Care Affordability/Health Care (General) ---------- 3
    - Mental Health Care Accessibility---------- 3
    - Lack of Healthy Food Options ---------- 2
11. **Racism/Discrimination/Inequality ---------- 8**
12. **Gun Violence/Violence/Gangs ---------- 8**
13. **Police Violence/Law Enforcement Accountability---------- 6**
14. **Gentrification---------- 6**
15. **Environment---------- 6**
16. **Blight ---------- 4**
17. **Poor Government Services ---------- 4**
18. **Taxes ---------- 4**
19. **Immigration---------- 4**
20. **Overpopulation---------- 3**
21. **Government Corruption/Lack of Political Leadership---------- 3**
22. **Criminal Justice Reform ---------- 1**
23. **Resisting Donald Trump ---------- 1**

Question 2 (continued)

Other [CATEGORIES LESS THAN 1 PERCENT] ---------- 18
Don't Know (DK) ---------- 2
Prefer Not to Say (PNTS) ---------- <1

SECTION II: PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC FIGURES AND INSTITUTIONS

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people and organizations are handling their job of serving the public? [**IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK**: "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

	STR. APP.	SMWT. APP.	SMWT. DISAPP.	STR. DISAPP.	NEVER HEARD OF	DK	TOTAL APP.	TOTAL DISAPP.
[RANDOMIZE]								
[ ]a. President Donald Trump	4	6	8	78	1	3	**10**	**86**
[ ]b. Governor Gavin Newsom	17	38	12	10	4	19	**55**	**22**
[ ]c. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti	16	42	16	12	2	13	**58**	**28**
[ ]d. The Los Angeles Police Department, also known as LAPD	7	34	27	23	0	8	**41**	**51**
[ ]e. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department	7	32	26	23	0	12	**39**	**49**

4. Which of the following sources do you turn to for news and information about politics and community issues? **[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]**

Local television news ---------- 63
Cable television news ---------- 55
Articles and information shared on social media ---------- 51
Local, regional, and national newspapers in print and/or online ---------- 51
Conversations with friends and family ---------- 48
Radio ---------- 44
Blogs and websites, in general ---------- 35
Magazines ---------- 18
None of the above ---------- 2
PNTS ---------- 1

5. Do you follow Black media? By Black media, I mean newspapers, blogs, websites, radio television programming and other media that place a specific focus on perspectives relevant to Black audiences.

Yes	64
No	31
DK	<1
PNTS	4

SECTION III: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

6. Thinking about the 2020 Presidential Election, if the election were held today, would you vote to re-elect President Donald Trump?

Yes	6
No	87
[**DON'T READ**] DK	5
[**DON'T READ**] PNTS	1

[**IF NO IN Q6, ASK Q7**]

7. Thinking again about the 2020 Presidential Election, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were [**RANDOMIZE**]:

[ ] Former Vice President Joe Biden, a Democrat
[ ] U.S. Senator Cory Booker, a Democrat
[ ] Mayor of South Bend, Indiana Pete Buttigieg, a Democrat
[ ] Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro, a Democrat
[ ] U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, a Democrat
[ ] U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, a Democrat
[ ] U.S Representative Beto O'Rourke, a Democrat
[ ] U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, an Independent/Democrat
[ ] U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat

Or some other candidate?

[**IF UNDECIDED, ASK**: "Would you lean toward one candidate over the others?"]

TOTAL BIDEN	**34**
Joe Biden	32
(Lean Biden)	1
TOTAL BOOKER	**3**
Cory Booker	3
(Lean Booker)	<1

Question 7 (continued)

TOTAL BUTTIGIEG---------- 1
Pete Buttigieg ----------<1
(Lean Buttigieg) ---------- 1

TOTAL CASTRO----------<1
Julian Castro ----------<1
(Lean Castro) ----------<1

TOTAL HARRIS ----------21
Kamala Harris----------20
(Lean Harris) ---------- 1

TOTAL KLOBUCHAR ---------- 1
Amy Klobuchar---------- 1
(Lean Klobuchar)---------- 0

TOTAL O'ROURKE ---------- 1
Beto O'Rourke---------- 1
(Lean O'Rourke)----------<1

TOTAL SANDERS----------17
Bernie Sanders ----------16
(Lean Sanders) ---------- 1

TOTAL WARREN ----------11
Elizabeth Warren ----------11
(Lean Warren)----------<1

TOTAL SOME OTHER CANDIDATE ---------- 3
Some other candidate ---------- 3
(Lean Some Other Candidate) ----------<1

Undecided, not leaning toward anyone---------- 4
PNTS ---------- 4
I plan to skip this item on the ballot ----------<1

SECTION IV: ATTITUDES TOWARD POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

My next questions are about different public policy issues.

8. Are you in favor of or opposed to stricter gun control laws? [**IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK**: "Is that strongly **IN FAVOR/OPPOSE** or somewhat?]

TOTAL FAVOR	**81**
Strongly favor	66
Somewhat favor	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	**15**
Somewhat opposed	7
Strongly opposed	8
DK	3
PNTS	1

9. As you may know, a health care law, commonly known as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare was passed in 2010. In general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of it? [**IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK**: "Is that very **FAVORABLE/ UNFAVORABLE,** or just somewhat?"]

TOTAL FAVORABLE	**83**
Strongly favorable	55
Somewhat favorable	28
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	**10**
Somewhat unfavorable	5
Strongly unfavorable	4
DK	6
PNTS	1

10. [**ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

SOME/OTHER people believe that the federal government should give immigrants living in the U.S. without legal authorization a chance to remain here permanently with legal status and eventually become U.S. citizens.

SOME/OTHER people believe that immigrants living in the U.S. without legal authorization should have to return to their country of origin.

Which view is closer to yours?

Remain here permanently with legal status	62
Return to country of origin	24
DK	9
PNTS	5

11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on abortion? [**ROTATE READING TOP TO BOTTOM, AND BOTTOM TO TOP**]

TOTAL LEGAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	**72**
Abortion should always be legal	54
Abortion should be legal most of the time	18
TOTAL ILLEGAL WITH/WITHOUT EXCEPTION	**21**
Abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the mother's life	17
Abortion should be made illegal without any exception	4
DK	4
PNTS	4

12. As you may know, in 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that same-sex couples can legally marry. Do you agree or disagree with that decision? [**IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK**: "Is that strongly **AGREE/DISAGREE** or just somewhat?"]

TOTAL AGREE	**66**
Strongly agree	50
Somewhat agree	16
TOTAL DISAGREE	**25**
Somewhat disagree	6
Strongly disagree	19
DK	4
PNTS	5

SECTION V: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

13. People are very busy these days and do not have a lot of time. However, during the past five years have you had the opportunity to do any of the following things? If you haven't had the time to do any of these things, you can tell me that as well. First, have you…

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	PREFER NOT TO SAY
[RANDOMIZE]				
[ ]a. Communicated with an elected official	44	53	2	2
[ ]b. Attended a public meeting or hearing of a government agency	33	63	2	2
[ ]c. Talked to friends or family about an issue involving government	91	7	1	1
[ ]d. Attended a political protest, march, or rally	32	66	<1	2
[ ]e. Given money to a political campaign or political cause	41	56	1	2
[ ]f. Volunteered to work in a political campaign or political cause	23	75	1	2
[ ]g. Signed a letter or petition about a social or political issue	69	28	2	1
[ ]h. Posted a message on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media about a social or political issue	54	42	2	2
[ ]i. Attended a community or neighborhood meeting	48	49	1	1
[ ]j. Attended a PTA meeting or other volunteer group at your child's school	30	66	1	3
[ ]k. Given money to a non-profit or charitable organization	77	21	1	1

SECTION VI: EXPERIENCES WITH DISCRIMINATION

14. In recent years, have you experienced any kind of discrimination in the greater Los Angeles area because you are Black or African American, or have you not experienced any discrimination?

Yes	60
No	28
DK	8
PNTS	4

[**IF EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION, ASK:** "In what situations have you experienced discrimination?"**] [OPEN-END; VERBATIM RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES; MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]**

Dealing with A Business, Restaurant, or Retail Establishment	38
Jobs/Promotions	31
Profiled by Police/Law Enforcement	27
From Strangers in a Public Place	18
Housing	10
Dealing with A Government Agency	6
Interacting with people from other minority groups	6
As A Target of Racial Slurs	6
Education	4
From Neighbors	4
Other	4
DK/Can't Recall	1
PNTS	2

SECTION VII: BLACK IDENTITY AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Now, I would like to ask you a few questions specifically related to the Black community.

15. Thinking specifically about the Black community, how important do you believe it is for Black people to vote in every election? Would you say it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

TOTAL EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT	**95**
Extremely important	86
Very important	9
Somewhat important	2
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	**2**
Not too important	1
Not at all important	1
DK/PNTS	<1

16. And can you share with me the most important reason why you believe it is [**RESPONSE IN Q15**]? [**OPEN-END; VERBATIM RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES; MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED**]

POSITIVES

To Have A Voice	24
The Issues on the Ballot Directly Impact Black people	23
To Affect Change/Make a Difference	15
Our Ancestors Sacrificed to Secure Our Voting Rights	15
Our Votes Can Sway an Election/Black Votes Matter	15
It's Our Right	15
To Elect the Right People	14
Every Vote Counts/Everyone Should Always Vote	13
It Upholds Democracy/Important To Participate in Mainstream Politics	10
If You Don't Vote, You Can't Complain	7
To Increase Black Representation	6

Question 16 (continued)

To Overturn Racist/Unjust Policies ---------- 5
Civic Duty/I Was Taught to Always Vote---------- 3
To Oust Donald Trump---------- 2
It's a Privilege/Honor---------- 2
Generally Important ---------- 2
Local Elections Are Really Important ---------- 2

NEGATIVES

Racism/The System is Unfair ----------11
The Political System is Broken ---------- 3
It Doesn't Make a Difference ---------- 1
Voting Is Not Enough To Bring About Change ---------- 1
The Electoral College Picks the President---------- 1
Too Many People Vote Without Knowing
What They Are Voting For ---------- 3

Other [CATEGORIES LESS THAN 1 PERCENT] ----------18
DK----------<1
PNTS ----------<2

17. Do you think that what happens to Black people in this country affects you and what happens in your life? [**IF YES, ASK**: "would you say it affects you a lot or somewhat?"] [**IF NO, ASK**: "would that be not very much or not at all?"]

TOTAL YES----------91
A lot----------62
Somewhat ----------29

TOTAL NO ---------- 7
Not very much---------- 4
Not at all---------- 3

DK---------- 1
PNTS---------- 1

18. In your opinion, how effective are each of the following in advancing the interests of the Black community— very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not effective at all?

	VERY EFF.	SMWT. EFF.	NOT TOO EFF.	NOT AT ALL EFF.	DK	PNTS	TOTAL EFF.	TOTAL NOT EFF.
[RANDOMIZE]								
[ ]a. Voting in elections	68	22	4	3	2	1	**90**	**7**
[ ]b. Staging protests	27	41	17	9	5	1	**68**	**26**
[ ]c. Writing letters to elected officials	27	36	19	10	7	1	**63**	**29**
[ ]d. Calling the offices of elected officials to express your views	32	34	17	9	7	1	**66**	**26**
[ ]e. Volunteering in the community	58	31	5	2	4	1	**89**	**7**
[ ]f. Giving money to non-profit or charitable organizations	29	40	14	7	8	1	**69**	**21**
[ ]g. Making a contribution to a political candidate, campaign, or political party	22	36	18	12	9	2	**58**	**30**

19. Now I would like to read a list of different statements. After you hear each one, please tell me if you generally agree or disagree with that statement. [**IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:** "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"] [**RANDOMIZE. REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY.**]

	STRG. AGR.	SMWHT AGR.	SMWHT DISAG.	STRG. DISAG.	DK/ PNTS	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAG.
[ASK ALL RESPONDENTS]							
[ ]a. Being Black is an important part of my identity	78	13	4	3	2	**91**	**7**
[ ]b. Having Black representatives in elected office is important to me.	66	23	5	3	3	**89**	**8**
[ ]c. Living in a neighborhood that has a significant black population is important to me	24	33	19	11	12	**58**	**30**

SECTION VIII: DEMOGRAPHICS

20. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or something else? [**IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN, ASK:** "Would you call yourself a strong **DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN,** or not a strong **DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN?"**]
[**IF NOT A DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN, OR IF "INDEPENDENT" IS VOLUNTEERED**, ASK: "Well, do you consider yourself to be closer to the Democratic Party or Republican Party?"]

TOTAL DEMOCRAT	**60**
Strong Democrat	37
Not a strong Democrat	23
TOTAL INDEPENDENT/MINOR PARTY	**27**
Lean Democrat	14
Independent/Neither Democrat nor Republican	11
Lean Republican	2
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	**4**
Not a strong Republican	2
Strong Republican	2
DK	4
PNTS	6

21. Thinking in political terms, would you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? [**IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE, ASK**: "is that very or just somewhat?"]

TOTAL LIBERAL	**44**
Very liberal	22
Somewhat liberal	22
Moderate	31
TOTAL CONSERVATIVE	**15**
Somewhat conservative	11
Very conservative	4
DK	6
PNTS	5

22. Are you, or is anyone in your immediate family, a member of a labor union, teachers' union, or employee association? [**IF YES, ASK**: "is that you, your immediate family member, or both?"] [**IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE RETIRED, ASK**: "Have you ever been a member of either?]

TOTAL YES	**47**
Yes, self only	14
Yes, immediate family only	22
Yes, both self and immediate family	11
No	**47**
DK	1
PNTS	5

23. Did you grow up in Los Angeles County?

Yes	65
No	32
PNTS	2

24. How long have you been a resident of Los Angeles County?

Less than a year	1
A year or more, but less than 5 years	5
5 years or more, but less than 10 years	6
10 years or more, but less than 20 years	10
20 years or more	76
PNTS	2

25. Do you currently own the home or apartment where you live, do you rent, do you live with family, or do you not have stable housing?

Own	32
Rent	46
Live with family	14
Don't have stable housing	3
PNTS	5

26. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes	26
No	70
PNTS	4

27. What is the last grade you completed in school?

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL OR LOWER	**10**
Some grade school (1-8)	<1
Some high school (9-11)	2
High school graduate	8
TOTAL SOME COLLEGE/TECHNICAL EDUCATION	**36**
Technical/vocational school	4
Some college or community college	21
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11
TOTAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER	**51**
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	27
Master's degree (M.A., M.S.)	14
Professional degree (MBA, MPA/MPP, JD, MD)	7
Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., A.B.D.)	3
PNTS	4

28. What religious tradition or denomination, if any, do you most closely identify with? [**OPEN-END; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSE**].

Christian	35
Baptist	13
Catholic	6
Methodist	3
Church of God in Christ (COGIC)/Pentecostal	3
Other Protestant	3
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Orthodox (Coptic, Eastern, Greek, or some other orthodox Christian church)	<1
Buddhist	1
Mormon/LDS	<1
Jehovah's Witness	<1
Jewish	1
Muslim	2
Spiritual	3
Non-denominational/Trans-denominational	3
Something else	6
Atheist	2
Agnostic	2
Nothing in particular	7
DK	<1
PNTS	12

29. How often do you attend church or other religious services?

Never	14
Almost never	21
About once every few months	14
About once a month	7
Several times a month	10
About once a week	15
More often than once a week	9
DK	2
PNTS	8

30. In 2018, was the total income for your household before taxes $50,000 or less or over $50,000?

$50,000 or less	36
Over $50,000	48
DK	4
PNTS	12

[ASK Q31 ONLY IF CODE 1 IN Q30]

31. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household, before taxes, in 2018?

Less than $20,000	27
More than $20,000 but less than $30,000	20
More than $30,000 but less than $40,000	21
More than $40,000 but less than $50,000	15
About $50,000	7
DK	4
PNTS	6

[**ASK Q32 ONLY IF CODE 2 IN Q30**]

32. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household, before taxes, in 2018?

Less than $75,000	24
More than $75,000 but less than $100,000	25
More than $100,000 but less than $125,000	14
More than $125,000 but less than $150,000	11
More than $150,000 but less than $200,000	8
More than $200,000 but less than $250,000	9
More than $250,000	<1
DK	1
PNTS	7

33. In what year were you born?

(2001-1995) 18-24	6
(1994-1990) 25-29	9
(1989-1985) 30-34	11
(1984-1980) 35-39	9
(1979-1975) 40-44	9
(1974-1970) 45-49	8
(1969-1965) 50-54	9
(1964-1960) 55-59	9
(1959-1955) 60-64	9
(1954-1950) 65-69	9
(1949-1945) 70-74	6
(1944 or earlier) 75+	7

My final questions are about gender and identity, which can be sensitive. If you prefer not to answer, please just let me know.

34. What is your gender?

Female	54
Male	43
Non-binary	1
PNTS	2

35. Do you identify as transgender?

Yes	<1
No	96
PNTS	3

36. Do you identify as heterosexual/straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or questioning?

Heterosexual/straight	83
Lesbian/gay	4
Bisexual	4
Queer or questioning	1
Other	2
PNTS	7

VOTER FILE INFORMATION

PARTY REGISTRATION
Democrat ---------- 68
Republican ---------- 5
No Party Preference ---------- 22
Other ---------- 5

PERMANENT ABSENTEE
Yes ---------- 66
No ---------- 34

NUMBER OF VOTERS IN HOUSEHOLD
1 ---------- 34
2 ---------- 29
3 ---------- 18
4 ---------- 12
5 ---------- 5
6 or more ---------- 3

REGION
Central LA ---------- 7
East LA ---------- 3
South LA ---------- 59
West LA ---------- 3
South Bay ---------- 16
San Fernando Valley ---------- 4
San Gabriel Valley ---------- 2
Verdugos ---------- 4
Antelope Valley ---------- 3

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
1 (Solis) ---------- 4
2 (Ridley-Thomas) ---------- 73
3 (Kuehl) ---------- 5
4 (Hahn) ---------- 10
5 (Barger) ---------- 8

CITY
City of LA ---------- 50
Other ---------- 37
Unincorporated ---------- 14

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT PERCENTAGE OF CITY OF LA SAMPLE
1 (Cedillo) ---------- 2
2 (Krekorian) ---------- 1
3 (Blumenfield) ---------- 1
4 (Ryu) ---------- 2
5 (Koretz) ---------- 2
6 (Martinez) ---------- 2
7 (Rodriguez) ---------- 2
8 (Harris-Dawson) ---------- 36
9 (Price) ---------- 9
10 (Wesson) ---------- 26
11 (Bonin) ---------- 4
12 (Smith) ---------- 2
13 (O'Farrell) ---------- 2
14 (Huizar) ---------- 4
15 (Buscaino) ---------- 7

LAUSD BOARD DISTRICT PERCENTAGE OF LAUSD SAMPLE
District 1 (McKenna) ---------- 63
District 2 (Garcia) ---------- 6
District 3 (Schmerelson) ---------- 3
District 4 (Melvoin) ---------- 5
District 5 (Goldberg) ---------- 1
District 6 (Gonez) ---------- 3
District 7 (Vladovic) ---------- 19