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ARI Questionnaire

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Now some questions about American politics.

QP1. Would you say you personally have:

A high interest in American political and policy issues

A moderate interest

Lower interest

No interest – you tune this out

[if 'no interest' in QP1 SKIP QP2-QP5 to QP6]

QP2. As you may have heard, the U.S. presidential election is scheduled for November 2020. As a result, the Democratic National Committee is going through the process of selecting its presidential nominee.

When it comes to the news coverage surrounding the Democratic candidate selection process, would you say you have been...

Following the process very closely

Following headlines and the big stories

Not really paying much attention

Not paying any attention at all

QP3. We have a few questions about the Democratic candidates. We will be focusing on five of the most prominent candidates.

First, do you have a favourable or unfavourable opinion of each of the following people. If you have not heard of them or have no opinion, please select that option.

[Each name will be accompanied by a photo. See bottom of page.]

[rows][randomize]

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders

Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren

Former Vice President Joe Biden

Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

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Favourable

Unfavourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Not sure who this person is

QP4. Now, thinking about how this election might affect Canada, which candidate do you think would be **best for Canada/US relations** if they won the election in November?

[Show only candidates that a respondent is aware of in QP3]

[Random order]

Bernie Sanders

Elizabeth Warren

Joe Biden

Pete Buttigieg

Michael Bloomberg

[Anchor] Not sure/Can't say

QP5. In terms of strategy for the Democratic Party, who do you think is **the best candidate** – the one who has the **best chance to defeat Donald Trump** in the general election? Please answer regardless of how you feel about the current President, Donald Trump.

[Show only candidates that a respondent is aware of in QP3]

[Maintain same random order from QP4]

Bernie Sanders

Elizabeth Warren

Joe Biden

Pete Buttigieg

Michael Bloomberg

[Anchor] None of these

[Anchor] Not sure/Can't say

QP6. Ultimately, do you think President Trump is going to win the 2020 election?

Yes, almost certainly

Probably

Doubtful

No chance

Not sure/Can't say

QP7 (T). Based on the Trump administration's performance since the inauguration on January 20, 2017, is your overall impression positive or negative so far?

Very positive

More positive than negative

Mixed – about equally positive and negative

More negative than positive

Very negative

Don't know/Not sure

