

## Post-Election Survey

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These results are based on a nationally representative sample of 17,704 people. Field period: 11/8/-11/15/2000. Some row and/or column totals may not sum due to rounding.

#### Vote Choice:

##### When did you decide who to vote for?

	Bush	Buchanan	Gore	Nader	Others	Total (%)
On Election Day	41	1	51	6	2	100
A day or two before Election Day	41	1	50	6	1	100
In the last week of the campaign	45	1	47	6	1	100
Around the time of the presidential debates	49	0	48	2	0	100
Around the time of the parties' conventions	53	0	45	1	0	100
Before the conventions	50	1	48	1	0	100
More than six months ago	50	0	48	1	0	100
Don't know	42	1	53	3	1	100

##### Comparison of Stated Pre-Election Vote Intentions, with Post-Election Reported Vote:

Pre-Election	Post-Election Reported Vote					Total (%)
	Bush	Buchanan	Gore	Nader	Others	
Bush	96	0	3	0	0	100
Buchanan	51	25	17	5	1	100
Gore	3	0	96	1	0	100
Nader	13	1	28	56	2	100
Undecided	33	1	55	6	5	100

**Reasons for Vote Choices:**

**Bush voters were asked: If you had to give just ONE reason why you voted for George W. Bush what would that reason be?**

	By Time of Decision			
	All	Last Week	Debates & Conventions	Earlier
I usually vote for Republican candidates	11	10	8	14
George W. Bush's stand on important issues	47	40	51	47
George W. Bush is better qualified than the other candidates	16	12	15	18
George W. Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney	4	7	5	2
A vote for George W. Bush is a vote against Al Gore	14	16	13	13
Some other reason	8	15	8	6
Total (%)	100	100	100	100

**Gore voters were asked: If you had to give just ONE reason why you voted for Al Gore what would that reason be?**

	By Time of Decision			
	All	Last Week	Debates & Conventions	Earlier
I usually vote for Democratic candidates	15	16	11	17
Al Gore's stand on important issues	32	29	35	30
Al Gore is better qualified than the other candidates	36	27	37	40
Al Gore's running mate, Senator Lieberman	1	2	1	0
A vote for Al Gore is a vote against George W. Bush	12	16	11	9
Some other reason	4	9	4	3
Total (%)	100	100	100	100

**Strength of Preference:**

**Asked of Bush voters only: Did you ever think of voting for someone else?**

	%
Yes, Pat Buchanan (Reform)	5
Yes, Al Gore (Democrat)	13
Yes, Ralph Nader (Green)	6
Yes, one of the other candidates	5
No	71

**Asked of Gore voters only: Did you ever think of voting for someone else?**

	%
Yes, Pat Buchanan (Reform)	1
Yes, George W. Bush (Republican)	13
Yes, Ralph Nader (Green)	14
Yes, one of the other candidates	4
No	68

**Nader Voters:**

**Given that the election results are so close, do you wish you could change your vote?**

	%
Yes	11
No	89

**Did you ever think of voting for someone else?**

	%
Yes, Pat Buchanan (Reform)	1
Yes, George W. Bush (Republican)	21
Yes, Al Gore (Democrat)	40
Yes, one of the other candidates	12
No	26

**Of the candidates that you did not vote for, whom do you most prefer?**

	%
Pat Buchanan (Reform)	1
George W. Bush (Republican)	21
Al Gore (Democrat)	40
One of the other candidates	12
I wouldn't vote if these were the choices	26

## The Electoral College:

How would you rate your understanding of the Electoral College BEFORE this election?

	Never heard of the Electoral College	Had heard, but didn't understand	Could have explained it to someone	Detailed Understanding
All	11	37	40	12
Bush Voters	3	34	50	13
Gore Voters	6	38	41	14
Nader Voters	2	28	52	18
Under 30	19	37	33	11
30-49	11	40	39	10
50-64	5	32	48	15
65+	3	34	41	21
White	7	36	44	13
Black	18	45	25	13
Hispanic	26	40	25	9
High School or less	21	47	23	9
College/Post-Grad	4	28	52	16

The Electoral College makes it possible for candidate A to win MORE votes than candidate B, but still LOSE the election. When did you become aware of this possibility?

	Right now, in this survey	In the days after the election	Election Night	During the campaign	Before the campaign	Total (%)
All	13	10	10	7	59	100
Bush Voters	5	7	8	7	73	100
Gore Voters	9	11	12	7	61	100
Nader Voters	5	7	6	5	77	100
Under 30	23	12	13	9	43	100
30-49	14	11	12	7	56	100
50-64	7	7	7	5	74	100
65+	6	9	8	5	73	100
High School or Less	24	15	14	8	39	100
College/Post-Grad	5	7	7	7	74	100

**What statement comes closest to your view regarding the future of the Electoral College?**

	All	Bush Voters	Gore Voters	Nader Voters
Keep it as is	20	36	12	15
Make some minor changes	13	15	13	14
Get rid of it	46	32	59	56
Not Sure	21	18	17	15
Total (%)	100	100	100	100

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**Fraud:**

**As you may know, the election results are very close. Do you have suspicions about fraud or mistakes in voting procedures or the counting of the votes? Which statement comes closest to your view?**

	No suspicions	Innocent mistakes	Fraud	Total (%)
All	17	51	32	100
Bush Voters	20	58	22	100
Gore Voters	8	52	40	100
Nader Voters	14	51	36	100