

**Independent Sector National Survey**  
**N = 1,005 Registered Voters**  
**Conducted October 7-10 2019**

QREGISTERED: Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes, Registered	100
No, Not Registered	--

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QAGE.

18-24	7
25-34	15
35-44	16
45-54	18
55-64	18
65 or older	25

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QSEX.

Male	47
Female	52
Other	1

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QRACE.

White	71
Black	12
Hispanic / Spanish American/Latino	11
Asian	4
American Indian / Alaskan Native	1
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	*
Other / Prefer not to answer	2

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QPARTYID.

Republican	33
Democrat	38
Libertarian	2
Green Party	*
Independent	19
No Preference	6
Other / Don't Know	2

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Q2020VOTE: Thinking ahead to the 2020 election for President, if you had to vote today, would you vote for President Donald Trump, or the Democratic Candidate? Are you unsure how you would vote, or would you not cast a vote in the election for president?

Donald Trump	36
Democratic Candidate	51
Unsure	12
Won't Vote	2

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QCANDIDATE. Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate that advances policies to help charities and nonprofit groups better serve their communities?

Much More Likely	36
Somewhat More Likely	31
Somewhat Less Likely	5
Much Less Likely	4
No Impact	23
COLLAPSED	
Total More Likely	68
Total Less Likely	9
No Impact	23

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QGOVT. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who promised to work more closely with charities and non-profit groups and to include them in policy making decisions the same way unions and major corporations are included today?

Much More Likely	30
Somewhat More Likely	32
Somewhat Less Likely	10
Much Less Likely	5
No Impact	24
COLLAPSED	
Total More Likely	62
Total Less Likely	14
No Impact	24

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QUBITPRE. Recent changes to tax law have altered how nonprofits and charities calculate their taxes that they owe each year. The intent of these new requirements was to treat nonprofits and charities more similar to corporations, but as a result charities and nonprofits will now pay more in taxes.

Based on what you know now, do you think these new changes are a good thing or a bad thing?

Very Good Thing	14
Somewhat Good Thing	20
Somewhat Bad Thing	26
Very Bad thing	20
Unsure	21
COLLAPSED	
Total Good Thing	34
Total Bad Thing	45
Unsure	21

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Next I am going to read you several statements about these tax changes. For each one, please tell me if it makes you more or less supportive of these tax changes, or if it does not have an impact on your view.

QUBITSTATEMENT1. Research shows that these changes are expected to cost each impacted nonprofit \$15,000 each year – diverting desperately needed resources away from charitable missions and into government coffers.

Much More Supportive	10
Somewhat More Supportive	14
Somewhat Less Supportive	24
Much Less Supportive	28
No Impact	24
COLLAPSED	
Total More Supportive	24
Total Less Supportive	52
No Impact	24

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QUBITSTATEMENT2. These tax changes were designed to place for-profit and nonprofit enterprises on a level playing field. Unfortunately, these new provisions place a greater burden on nonprofits, because they prohibit nonprofits from using common accounting practices used by for-profit organizations.

Much More Supportive	10
Somewhat More Supportive	15
Somewhat Less Supportive	25
Much Less Supportive	29
No Impact	22
COLLAPSED	
Total More Supportive	24
Total Less Supportive	54
No Impact	22

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QUBITSTATEMENT3. Taxing trades separately discourages nonprofits from investing time and resources into new, sustainable social enterprises in their communities. This has a negative impact on the local economy and neighborhood development initiatives.

Much More Supportive	10
Somewhat More Supportive	13
Somewhat Less Supportive	23
Much Less Supportive	26
No Impact	28
COLLAPSED	
Total More Supportive	23
Total Less Supportive	49
No Impact	28

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QUBITSTATEMENT4. Tax professionals have described these changes as confusing and burdensome for nonprofits and charities to comply with. As a result of these provisions, nonprofits are shouldering an unnecessary burden and additional level of oversight which distracts leaders from focusing on their charitable missions.

Much More Supportive	11
Somewhat More Supportive	12
Somewhat Less Supportive	22
Much Less Supportive	31
No Impact	24
COLLAPSED	
Total More Supportive	23
Total Less Supportive	53
No Impact	24

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QUBITPOST. Now that you have heard more about what others are saying about these tax changes and their impact on nonprofits -- do you think these new changes are a good thing or a bad thing?

	Pre	Post
Very Good Thing	14	10
Somewhat Good Thing	20	16
Somewhat Bad Thing	26	23
Very Bad Thing	20	28
Unsure	21	22
COLLAPSED		
Total Good thing	34	27
Total Bad thing	45	51
Unsure	21	22

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QPOLITICALPRE. Many charities and nonprofit groups over the years have expressed concern that the laws regulating their involvement in politics are not clear. Would you support or oppose new legislation that would clarify and solidify the laws so that charities and nonprofits are certain of what they are legally allowed to do and not to do?

Strongly Support	41
Somewhat Support	27
Somewhat Oppose	7
Strongly Oppose	7
Unsure	18
COLLAPSED	
Total Support	68
Total Oppose	14
Unsure	18

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Next I am going to read you several statements others have said about clarifying the political involvement restrictions of nonprofits and charitable organizations. For each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

QPOLITICALSTATEMENT1. Too many nonprofit organizations are afraid of violating murky government rules about elections, so they remain quiet. Rules matter, but they need to be clarified so that these organizations can use their voices.

Strongly Agree	32
Somewhat Agree	30
Somewhat Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	9
Unsure	19
COLLAPSED	
Total Agree	62
Total Disagree	19
Unsure	19

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QPOLITICALSTATEMENT2. Clearer laws and better enforcement would protect charities and nonprofits and keep them separate and independent from partisan politics.

Strongly Agree	42
Somewhat Agree	29
Somewhat Disagree	7
Strongly Disagree	6
Unsure	18
COLLAPSED	
Total Agree	70
Total Disagree	12
Unsure	18

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QPOLITICALSTATEMENT3. Too often Politicians and political parties are using so-called charities to avoid disclosure and rules on campaign finance limits. Let's strengthen government rules for charities and nonprofits to ensure politicians can't use them to cheat the system.

Strongly Agree	55
Somewhat Agree	21
Somewhat Disagree	6
Strongly Disagree	3
Unsure	15
COLLAPSED	
Total Agree	75
Total Disagree	10
Unsure	15

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QPOLITICALPOST. Now that you've heard more of what others are saying about the political activity of charities and nonprofits, would you support or oppose new legislation that would clarify and solidify the laws so that charities and nonprofits are certain of what they are legally allowed to do and not to do?

	Pre	Post
Strongly Support	41	46
Somewhat Support	27	28
Somewhat Oppose	7	6
Strongly Oppose	7	5
Unsure	18	16
COLLAPSED		
Total Support	68	74
Total Oppose	14	11
Unsure	18	16

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QINCOME. And for statistical purposes only -- What was your household income for 2018 before taxes?

< \$35,000	21
\$35,000-\$50,000	18
\$50,000-\$75,000	19
\$75,000-\$100,000	17
\$100,000-\$200,000	19
\$200,000 +	7

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**Methodology:** The sample size for the survey is 1,005 registered voters nationwide taken from a listed sample. 705 interviews were collected using automated telephone technology and 300 were collected using mobile web interviews. The margin of error is +/- 3.1%. Interviews were conducted October 7-10, 2019 by TPC Research. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.