

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adult citizens  
Conducted August 9 - 11, 2020  
Margin of Error ±3.5%

## 1. Would you say things in this country today are...

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Generally headed in the right direction | 24% |
| Off on the wrong track                  | 66% |
| Not sure                                | 9%  |

## 2. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Mostly positive                              | 9%  |
| Equally positive and negative                | 29% |
| Mostly negative                              | 53% |
| Not heard much news about the economy at all | 10% |

## 3. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Very serious     | 54% |
| Somewhat serious | 32% |
| A minor problem  | 8%  |
| Not a problem    | 2%  |
| Not sure         | 3%  |

## 4. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Very serious     | 27% |
| Somewhat serious | 39% |
| A minor problem  | 18% |
| Not a problem    | 5%  |
| Not sure         | 11% |

## 5. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| The stock market index                   | 8%  |
| The unemployment rate and job reports    | 44% |
| The prices of goods and services you buy | 25% |
| Your personal finances                   | 11% |
| Don't know                               | 12% |

6. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Less than 4%        | 1%  |
| Between 4% and 5%   | 3%  |
| Between 5% and 6%   | 3%  |
| Between 6% and 7%   | 3%  |
| Between 7% and 8%   | 5%  |
| Between 8% and 10%  | 10% |
| Between 10% and 12% | 24% |
| Between 12% and 15% | 15% |
| Greater than 15%    | 16% |
| Not sure            | 20% |

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Increased       | 36% |
| Stayed the same | 20% |
| Decreased       | 31% |
| Don't know      | 14% |

8. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate explains the actual health of the national economy?

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Very good  | 8%  |
| Good       | 23% |
| Fair       | 32% |
| Poor       | 15% |
| Very poor  | 7%  |
| Don't know | 14% |

9. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| More unemployed people              | 53% |
| The government numbers are accurate | 20% |
| Fewer unemployed people             | 9%  |
| Don't know                          | 18% |

10. Do you think improving the economy is...

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Something the president can do a lot about                   | 42% |
| Something the president can do a little about                | 37% |
| Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control | 21% |

**11. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very closely         | 34% |
| Somewhat closely     | 46% |
| Not very closely     | 14% |
| Not following at all | 6%  |

**12. Do you personally know anyone who... [worn a face mask in public]? Check all that apply.**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, me              | 87% |
| Yes, a family member | 58% |
| Yes, a close friend  | 48% |
| No                   | 4%  |
| Prefer not to say    | 1%  |

**13. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, me              | 15% |
| Yes, a family member | 20% |
| Yes, a close friend  | 23% |
| No                   | 50% |
| Prefer not to say    | 2%  |

**14. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, me              | 4%  |
| Yes, a family member | 13% |
| Yes, a close friend  | 18% |
| No                   | 65% |
| Prefer not to say    | 2%  |

**15. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, a family member | 5%  |
| Yes, a close friend  | 11% |
| No                   | 80% |
| Prefer not to say    | 4%  |

**16. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Very worried       | 28% |
| Somewhat worried   | 40% |
| Not too worried    | 21% |
| Not worried at all | 12% |

**17. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| The pandemic is going to get worse .....                 | 43% |
| We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic ..... | 23% |
| The worst part of the pandemic is behind us .....        | 17% |
| Not sure .....   | 17% |

**18. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the community where you live is...**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Increasing .....   | 39% |
| Not changing ..... | 24% |
| Decreasing .....   | 19% |
| Not sure .....     | 17% |

**19. When do you think it will be safe to end social distancing measures and reopen businesses as normal?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| It is safe right now .....      | 13% |
| In about two weeks .....        | 5%  |
| In a month or so .....          | 7%  |
| In several months .....         | 27% |
| In about a year or longer ..... | 31% |
| Not sure .....                  | 17% |

**20. Which one are you most concerned about?**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Protecting Americans from the health effects of the COVID-19 outbreak .....   | 63% |
| Protecting Americans from the economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak ..... | 37% |

**21. Has the COVID-19 outbreak caused you to have any trouble paying rent, utilities, mortgage payments, or any other housing cost?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 24% |
| No .....       | 70% |
| Not sure ..... | 6%  |

**22. Has the COVID-19 outbreak caused you to have any trouble buying enough food for your household?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 23% |
| No .....       | 72% |
| Not sure ..... | 5%  |

**23. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available to the public?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Before the end of the summer ..... | 4%  |
| By the end of 2020 .....           | 27% |
| By the summer of 2021 .....        | 27% |
| By the end of 2021 .....           | 13% |
| 2022 or later .....                | 6%  |
| Not sure .....                     | 23% |

24. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very concerned       | 39% |
| Somewhat concerned   | 34% |
| Not very concerned   | 13% |
| Not concerned at all | 7%  |
| Not sure             | 7%  |

25. Do you believe it would be safe for the country to fully reopen, with no restrictions, before a vaccine became available?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 19% |
| No       | 65% |
| Not sure | 16% |

26. If and when a coronavirus vaccine becomes available, will you get vaccinated?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 45% |
| No       | 25% |
| Not sure | 30% |

27. Do you think parents should be required to have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 73% |
| No       | 16% |
| Not sure | 11% |

28. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's handling of COVID-19 outbreak?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve    | 21% |
| Somewhat approve    | 19% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove | 41% |
| Not sure            | 6%  |

29. How well do you think the federal government has handled COVID-19 so far?

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Excellent | 6%  |
| Good      | 22% |
| Fair      | 21% |
| Poor      | 44% |
| Not sure  | 6%  |

**30. How well do you think your state government has handled COVID-19 so far?**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Excellent ..... | 11% |
| Good .....      | 33% |
| Fair .....      | 26% |
| Poor .....      | 25% |
| Not sure .....  | 6%  |

**31. How well do you think your local government has handled COVID-19 so far?**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Excellent ..... | 9%  |
| Good .....      | 36% |
| Fair .....      | 27% |
| Poor .....      | 21% |
| Not sure .....  | 7%  |

**32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or organizations?**

|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Deborah Birx                                     | 10%            | 25%                | 12%                  | 9%               | 44%        |
| Anthony Fauci                                    | 35%            | 23%                | 13%                  | 13%              | 16%        |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | 25%            | 40%                | 18%                  | 9%               | 8%         |

**33. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following officials?**

|  | Trust a lot | Trust somewhat | Neither trust nor distrust | Distrust somewhat | Distrust a lot | Not sure |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Joe Biden  | 16%         | 20%            | 17%                        | 10%               | 30%            | 8%       |
| Donald Trump                                     | 15%         | 17%            | 12%                        | 10%               | 42%            | 5%       |
| Anthony Fauci                                    | 33%         | 22%            | 11%                        | 9%                | 12%            | 13%      |
| Deborah Birx                                     | 9%          | 21%            | 15%                        | 10%               | 6%             | 38%      |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | 26%         | 34%            | 14%                        | 11%               | 8%             | 7%       |
| Most medical professionals                       | 30%         | 44%            | 13%                        | 5%                | 3%             | 5%       |
| Your doctor                                      | 48%         | 30%            | 10%                        | 4%                | 2%             | 7%       |

**34. Would you support or oppose a policy that made it mandatory to wear masks in public places?**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Strongly support ..... | 56% |
| Somewhat support ..... | 19% |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 8%  |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 13% |
| Not sure .....         | 4%  |

35. Should each of the following be reopened, or remain closed out of concern for coronavirus?

|                | Definitely re-open | Probably re-open | Probably remain closed | Definitely remain closed | Not sure |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Bars           | 11%                | 15%              | 24%                    | 43%                      | 7%       |
| Churches       | 22%                | 18%              | 26%                    | 27%                      | 7%       |
| Indoor dining  | 16%                | 23%              | 28%                    | 28%                      | 6%       |
| Outdoor dining | 30%                | 38%              | 16%                    | 10%                      | 7%       |
| Beaches        | 21%                | 25%              | 25%                    | 23%                      | 7%       |

36. When do you think congress will pass a bill for a second round of stimulus spending to combat the economic effects of COVID-19?

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Within the next week       | 9%  |
| Within the next two weeks  | 18% |
| Within the next month      | 28% |
| Within the next two months | 19% |
| Within the next year       | 9%  |
| Never                      | 17% |

37. How much have you heard in the news about the executive order President Trump signed on Saturday which he says will extend unemployment benefits and defer payroll taxes?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| A lot          | 27% |
| A little       | 54% |
| Nothing at all | 19% |

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the executive order President Trump signed on Saturday which he says will extend unemployment benefits and defer payroll taxes?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve    | 26% |
| Somewhat approve    | 29% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12% |
| Strongly disapprove | 15% |
| Not sure            | 18% |

39. Do you think President Trump will be able to implement the executive order which he says will extend unemployment benefits and defer payroll taxes?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 31% |
| No       | 30% |
| Not sure | 39% |

40. How much have you heard about Joe Biden's proposals for containing the COVID-19 outbreak?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| A lot          | 14% |
| A little       | 37% |
| Nothing at all | 50% |

**41. Are you better off now than you were four years ago?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Better off now .....            | 41% |
| Better off four years ago ..... | 39% |
| Not sure .....                  | 20% |

**42. Is the country better off now than it was four years ago?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Better off now .....            | 25% |
| Better off four years ago ..... | 57% |
| Not sure .....                  | 18% |

**43. How much attention have you been paying to the 2020 election campaign for president?**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| A lot .....         | 31% |
| Some .....          | 36% |
| Only a little ..... | 22% |
| None at all .....   | 12% |

**44. Did you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2020?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democratic primary/caucus ..... | 44% |
| Republican primary/caucus ..... | 33% |
| Neither one .....               | 19% |
| Not sure .....                  | 3%  |

**45. Between Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, who would you have preferred to be the Democratic nominee?**

*Asked of those who voted in the Democratic presidential primary in their state*

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden .....      | 59% |
| Bernie Sanders ..... | 33% |
| Not sure .....       | 8%  |

**46. How important is voting for President this November?**

*Among registered voters*

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 84% |
| Somewhat important .....   | 10% |
| Not very important .....   | 4%  |
| Not important at all ..... | 2%  |

**47. How enthusiastic are you about voting for President in the upcoming presidential election in November?**

*Among registered voters*

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Extremely enthusiastic .....  | 48% |
| Very enthusiastic .....       | 17% |
| Somewhat enthusiastic .....   | 19% |
| Not too enthusiastic .....    | 8%  |
| Not at all enthusiastic ..... | 8%  |



48. Compared to voting in previous Presidential election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's Presidential election?

*Among registered voters*

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| More enthusiastic ..... | 52% |
| Less enthusiastic ..... | 17% |
| About the same .....    | 28% |
| Not sure .....          | 3%  |

49. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

*Among registered voters*

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden .....        | 49% |
| Donald Trump .....     | 39% |
| Other .....            | 5%  |
| Not sure .....         | 5%  |
| I would not vote ..... | 1%  |

50. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

*Among registered voters*

|              | Enthusias-<br>tic | Satisfied<br>but not en-<br>thusiastic | Dissatis-<br>fied but not<br>upset | Upset | Not sure |
|--------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Joe Biden    | 21%               | 28%                                    | 18%                                | 31%   | 2%       |
| Donald Trump | 29%               | 13%                                    | 11%                                | 45%   | 2%       |

51. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?

*Asked of those who would vote for Joe Biden*

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden .....        | 37% |
| I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump ..... | 60% |
| Not sure .....                               | 3%  |

52. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?

*Asked of those who would vote for Donald Trump*

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump .....  | 81% |
| I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden ..... | 17% |
| Not sure .....                            | 2%  |

53. Who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election?

*Among registered voters*

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden .....    | 37% |
| Donald Trump ..... | 38% |
| Not sure .....     | 25% |

**54. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. Senate in 2020?**

*Among registered voters*

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party ..... | 39% |
| The Republican Party ..... | 37% |
| Not sure .....             | 24% |

**55. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2020?**

*Among registered voters*

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party ..... | 47% |
| The Republican Party ..... | 30% |
| Not sure .....             | 22% |

**56. How important are a presidential candidate's religious beliefs and practices when deciding who to vote for?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 20% |
| Important .....            | 28% |
| Not very important .....   | 27% |
| Not at all important ..... | 25% |

**57. This week, it was announced that the Democratic National Convention (DNC) will be held entirely virtually, with no in-person events. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 47% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 19% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 8%  |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 9%  |
| Not sure .....            | 17% |

**58. How much of the Democratic National Convention do you plan to watch in August?**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| I'll watch a lot of it .....                          | 9%  |
| I'll watch some of it .....                           | 31% |
| I'll watch Joe Biden's speech, but nothing else ..... | 10% |
| I probably won't watch it .....                       | 49% |

**59. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden delivering his acceptance speech for the Democratic National Convention (DNC) from his home in Delaware?**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 39% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 17% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 8%  |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 14% |
| Not sure .....            | 21% |

60. Do you think it is appropriate or not appropriate for any President, Democrat or Republican, to use the White House as a location for delivering a campaign speech?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Appropriate .....   | 34% |
| Inappropriate ..... | 37% |
| Not sure .....      | 28% |

61. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump delivering his acceptance speech for the Republican National Convention (RNC) from the White House?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 25% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 18% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 27% |
| Not sure .....            | 17% |

62. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Make gun laws more strict ..... | 55% |
| No change .....                 | 25% |
| Make gun laws less strict ..... | 13% |
| Not sure .....                  | 7%  |

63. From what you know, does the presidential candidate listed below feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

|              | Made gun laws more strict | No change | Made gun laws less strict | Not sure |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Joe Biden    | 52%                       | 14%       | 5%                        | 29%      |
| Donald Trump | 11%                       | 33%       | 36%                       | 20%      |

64. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the NRA, the National Rifle Association?

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very favorable .....       | 20% |
| Somewhat favorable .....   | 17% |
| Somewhat unfavorable ..... | 14% |
| Very unfavorable .....     | 31% |
| Don't know .....           | 18% |

65. How much have you heard about a lawsuit attempting to dissolve the National Rifle Association (NRA)?

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| A lot .....          | 17% |
| A little .....       | 46% |
| Nothing at all ..... | 36% |

66. This week, the New York state Attorney General filed suit against the National Rifle Association (NRA), alleging fraud and seeking to dissolve the organization. Do you approve or disapprove of this lawsuit?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve    | 26% |
| Somewhat approve    | 19% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 9%  |
| Strongly disapprove | 25% |
| Not sure            | 21% |

67. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Legal in all cases    | 23% |
| Legal in most cases   | 34% |
| Illegal in most cases | 28% |
| Illegal in all cases  | 15% |

68. Which comes closest to each candidate's position on abortion? Does the presidential candidate listed below think abortion should be...

|              | Legal in all cases | Legal in most cases | Illegal in most cases | Illegal in all cases | Not sure |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Joe Biden    | 27%                | 25%                 | 10%                   | 5%                   | 32%      |
| Donald Trump | 5%                 | 11%                 | 31%                   | 26%                  | 27%      |

69. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Planned Parenthood?

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very favorable       | 33% |
| Somewhat favorable   | 24% |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 10% |
| Very unfavorable     | 20% |
| Don't know           | 14% |

70. Do you believe that a practicing Catholic can have a pro-choice stance on abortion?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 38% |
| No       | 30% |
| Not sure | 32% |

**71. How important are the following issues to you?**

|                                      | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not very Important | Unimportant |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Jobs and the economy                 | 70%            | 24%                | 4%                 | 2%          |
| Immigration                          | 47%            | 36%                | 13%                | 4%          |
| Climate change and the environment   | 45%            | 27%                | 16%                | 11%         |
| National Security and foreign policy | 53%            | 35%                | 9%                 | 3%          |
| Education                            | 60%            | 30%                | 7%                 | 3%          |
| Health care                          | 71%            | 21%                | 5%                 | 3%          |
| Taxes and government spending        | 58%            | 35%                | 6%                 | 1%          |
| Civil rights and civil liberties     | 55%            | 31%                | 9%                 | 4%          |
| Gun control                          | 50%            | 31%                | 12%                | 7%          |
| Crime and criminal justice reform    | 57%            | 32%                | 8%                 | 3%          |

**72. Which of these is the most important issue for you?**

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Jobs and the economy                 | 23% |
| Immigration                          | 8%  |
| Climate change and the environment   | 9%  |
| National Security and foreign policy | 7%  |
| Education                            | 7%  |
| Health care                          | 25% |
| Taxes and government spending        | 6%  |
| Civil rights and civil liberties     | 7%  |
| Gun control                          | 5%  |
| Crime and criminal justice reform    | 3%  |

**73. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?**

|                 | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Donald Trump    | 25%            | 17%                | 10%                  | 45%              | 4%         |
| Joe Biden       | 18%            | 26%                | 13%                  | 35%              | 7%         |
| Mike Pence      | 21%            | 19%                | 12%                  | 33%              | 14%        |
| Nancy Pelosi    | 16%            | 24%                | 10%                  | 39%              | 11%        |
| Mitch McConnell | 5%             | 24%                | 13%                  | 35%              | 23%        |

**74. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?**

|                      | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| The Democratic Party | 19%            | 27%                | 13%                  | 34%              | 8%         |
| The Republican Party | 18%            | 21%                | 16%                  | 36%              | 8%         |

**75. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 23% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 20% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 12% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 41% |
| Not sure .....            | 5%  |

**76. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?**

|                                    | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | No opinion |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Jobs and the economy               | 27%              | 22%              | 14%                 | 29%                 | 8%         |
| Immigration                        | 29%              | 17%              | 10%                 | 37%                 | 8%         |
| Climate change and the environment | 18%              | 18%              | 11%                 | 38%                 | 15%        |
| Terrorism                          | 28%              | 18%              | 12%                 | 33%                 | 9%         |
| Education                          | 19%              | 21%              | 12%                 | 33%                 | 15%        |
| Health care                        | 19%              | 22%              | 11%                 | 37%                 | 10%        |
| Taxes and government spending      | 20%              | 22%              | 13%                 | 35%                 | 10%        |
| Civil rights and civil liberties   | 22%              | 19%              | 9%                  | 39%                 | 12%        |
| Gun control                        | 24%              | 17%              | 12%                 | 32%                 | 15%        |
| Crime and criminal justice reform  | 23%              | 18%              | 11%                 | 33%                 | 14%        |

**77. Would you say Donald Trump is...**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal .....      | 5%  |
| Liberal .....           | 5%  |
| Moderate .....          | 16% |
| Conservative .....      | 30% |
| Very conservative ..... | 22% |
| Not sure .....          | 23% |

**78. Has President Trump given you a clear idea of what policies he will enact if re-elected president?**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Completely clear ..... | 19% |
| Somewhat clear .....   | 20% |
| Not very clear .....   | 18% |
| Not clear at all ..... | 28% |
| Not sure .....         | 15% |

**79. How important do you think religion is to Donald Trump?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 14% |
| Somewhat important .....   | 25% |
| Not too important .....    | 23% |
| Not at all important ..... | 38% |

80. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| A lot .....               | 22% |
| Some .....                | 18% |
| Not much .....            | 14% |
| Doesn't care at all ..... | 42% |
| Not sure .....            | 4%  |

81. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Like a lot .....               | 15% |
| Like somewhat .....            | 15% |
| Neither like nor dislike ..... | 15% |
| Dislike somewhat .....         | 13% |
| Dislike a lot .....            | 37% |
| Not sure .....                 | 4%  |

82. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Very strong .....     | 29% |
| Somewhat strong ..... | 21% |
| Somewhat weak .....   | 15% |
| Very weak .....       | 36% |

83. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Honest and trustworthy .....     | 33% |
| Not honest and trustworthy ..... | 53% |
| Not sure .....                   | 13% |

84. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Confident ..... | 37% |
| Uneasy .....    | 54% |
| Not sure .....  | 9%  |

85. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with the coronavirus outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Confident ..... | 35% |
| Uneasy .....    | 54% |
| Not sure .....  | 10% |

86. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Donald Trump is reelected President in 2020?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Get better .....    | 37% |
| Get worse .....     | 42% |
| Stay the same ..... | 11% |
| Not sure .....      | 10% |

87. How often do you support or oppose President Trump's policies?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Always support President Trump's policies .....                                   | 10% |
| Support President Trump's policies most of the time, but oppose a few .....       | 23% |
| 50/50 - Support or oppose President Trump's policies about half of the time ..... | 15% |
| Oppose President Trump's policies most of the time, but support a few .....       | 22% |
| Always oppose President Trump's policies .....                                    | 22% |
| Not sure .....  | 7%  |

88. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Appropriate .....   | 28% |
| Inappropriate ..... | 59% |
| Not sure .....      | 14% |

89. Do you approve or disapprove of the way of the way Mike Pence is handling his job as Vice President?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 24% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 18% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 26% |
| Not sure .....            | 19% |

90. Would you say Joe Biden is...

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal .....      | 22% |
| Liberal .....           | 22% |
| Moderate .....          | 28% |
| Conservative .....      | 6%  |
| Very conservative ..... | 3%  |
| Not sure .....          | 19% |

91. Has Joe Biden given you a clear idea of what policies he will enact if elected president?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Completely clear ..... | 15% |
| Somewhat clear .....   | 29% |
| Not very clear .....   | 16% |
| Not clear at all ..... | 21% |
| Not sure .....         | 18% |



**92. How important do you think religion is to Joe Biden?**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very important       | 19% |
| Somewhat important   | 32% |
| Not too important    | 26% |
| Not at all important | 23% |

**93. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| A lot               | 23% |
| Some                | 26% |
| Not much            | 17% |
| Doesn't care at all | 27% |
| Not sure            | 8%  |

**94. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?**

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Like a lot               | 16% |
| Like somewhat            | 22% |
| Neither like nor dislike | 22% |
| Dislike somewhat         | 11% |
| Dislike a lot            | 20% |
| Not sure                 | 8%  |

**95. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Very strong     | 16% |
| Somewhat strong | 34% |
| Somewhat weak   | 19% |
| Very weak       | 31% |

**96. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Honest and trustworthy     | 41% |
| Not honest and trustworthy | 36% |
| Not sure                   | 22% |

**97. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?**

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Confident | 41% |
| Uneasy    | 42% |
| Not sure  | 17% |

**98. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, or are you uneasy about his approach?**

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Confident | 38% |
| Uneasy    | 42% |
| Not sure  | 20% |

99. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or will it stay the same if Joe Biden is elected President in 2020?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Get better .....    | 36% |
| Get worse .....     | 35% |
| Stay the same ..... | 11% |
| Not sure .....      | 18% |

100. How often do you support or oppose Joe Biden's proposed policies?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Always support Joe Biden's policies .....                                   | 8%  |
| Support Joe Biden's policies most of the time, but oppose a few .....       | 23% |
| 50/50 - Support or oppose Joe Biden's policies about half of the time ..... | 15% |
| Oppose Joe Biden's policies most of the time, but support a few .....       | 15% |
| Always oppose Joe Biden's policies .....                                    | 21% |
| Not sure .....  | 19% |

101. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....               | 5%  |
| Somewhat approve .....               | 15% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove ..... | 21% |
| Somewhat disapprove .....            | 25% |
| Strongly disapprove .....            | 26% |
| Not sure .....                       | 9%  |

102. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 17% |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 25% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 11% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 35% |
| Not sure .....            | 13% |

103. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 7%  |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 23% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 15% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 33% |
| Not sure .....            | 22% |

104. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| A lot more than usual    | 3%  |
| Somewhat more than usual | 9%  |
| About the same           | 19% |
| Somewhat less than usual | 20% |
| A lot less than usual    | 30% |
| Not sure                 | 19% |

105. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Democrats in Congress   | 31% |
| Republicans in Congress | 32% |
| Both equally            | 32% |
| Neither                 | 2%  |
| Not sure                | 3%  |

106. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve    | 11% |
| Somewhat approve    | 38% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 21% |
| Strongly disapprove | 8%  |
| Not sure            | 22% |

107. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal      | 4%  |
| Liberal           | 9%  |
| Moderate          | 36% |
| Conservative      | 20% |
| Very conservative | 6%  |
| Not sure          | 25% |

108. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Getting better | 19% |
| About the same | 23% |
| Getting worse  | 48% |
| Not sure       | 10% |

109. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Higher         | 29% |
| About the same | 22% |
| Lower          | 19% |
| Not sure       | 30% |

110. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 42% |
| No .....  | 58% |

111. Would you say that you and your family are...

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Better off financially than you were a year ago .....   | 20% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago ..... | 45% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....    | 28% |
| Not sure .....  | 7%  |

112. Six months from now do you think there will be...

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| More jobs .....               | 31% |
| The same amount of jobs ..... | 23% |
| Fewer jobs .....              | 23% |
| Not sure .....                | 22% |

113. How worried are you about losing your job?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Very worried .....     | 17% |
| Somewhat worried ..... | 33% |
| Not very worried ..... | 50% |

114. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....                          | 32% |
| Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. .... | 41% |
| Not very hard .....  | 18% |
| Not sure .....   | 9%  |

115. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Very happy .....                | 24% |
| Happy .....                     | 37% |
| Neither happy nor unhappy ..... | 30% |
| Unhappy .....                   | 6%  |
| Very unhappy .....              | 4%  |

116. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Most of the time .....  | 25% |
| Some of the time .....  | 38% |
| Only now and then ..... | 23% |
| Hardly at all .....     | 13% |
| Don't know .....        | 1%  |

**117. Which cable news network do you watch the most?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| CNN .....                          | 19% |
| Fox News .....                     | 18% |
| MSNBC .....                        | 9%  |
| Other cable news network .....     | 6%  |
| I don't watch any cable news ..... | 49% |

**118. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Liberal .....      | 24% |
| Moderate .....     | 33% |
| Conservative ..... | 32% |
| Not sure .....     | 11% |

**119. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal .....      | 9%  |
| Liberal .....           | 15% |
| Moderate .....          | 33% |
| Conservative .....      | 19% |
| Very conservative ..... | 12% |
| Not sure .....          | 11% |

**120. Are you registered to vote?**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Registered .....     | 70% |
| Not registered ..... | 30% |

**121. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party candidate ..... | 49% |
| The Republican Party candidate ..... | 39% |
| Other .....                          | 1%  |
| Not sure .....                       | 8%  |
| I would not vote .....               | 3%  |

**122. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Yes, I voted in the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus .....                            | 36% |
| Yes, I voted in the Republican Presidential primary or caucus .....                            | 32% |
| No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus ..... | 25% |
| I don't remember .....   | 7%  |

**123. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

*Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus*

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Hillary Clinton ..... | 68% |
| Martin O'Malley ..... | 2%  |
| Bernie Sanders .....  | 27% |
| Someone else .....    | 3%  |

**124. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

*Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus*

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Donald Trump ..... | 60% |
| Someone else ..... | 40% |

**125. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 64% |
| No .....  | 36% |

**126. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2016?**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Hillary Clinton .....            | 29% |
| Donald Trump .....               | 28% |
| Gary Johnson .....               | 2%  |
| Jill Stein .....                 | 1%  |
| Evan McMullin .....              | 0%  |
| Other .....                      | 1%  |
| Did not vote for President ..... | 39% |

**127. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat .....    | 34% |
| Republican .....  | 28% |
| Independent ..... | 27% |
| Other .....       | 3%  |
| Not sure .....    | 8%  |

**128. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat .....            | 21% |
| Not very strong Democrat .....   | 13% |
| Lean Democrat .....              | 9%  |
| Independent .....                | 15% |
| Lean Republican .....            | 8%  |
| Not very strong Republican ..... | 12% |
| Strong Republican .....          | 16% |
| Not sure .....                   | 6%  |

**129. Are you... ?**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 48% |
| Female ..... | 52% |

**130. Respondent age by category**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Under 30 ..... | 21% |
| 30-44 .....    | 23% |
| 45-64 .....    | 34% |
| 65+ .....      | 21% |

**131. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| White .....    | 67% |
| Black .....    | 13% |
| Hispanic ..... | 11% |
| Other .....    | 9%  |

**132. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| HS or less .....   | 38% |
| Some college ..... | 33% |
| College grad ..... | 18% |
| Postgrad .....     | 11% |

**133. What is your marital status?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married .....                      | 44% |
| Separated .....                    | 3%  |
| Divorced .....                     | 11% |
| Widowed .....                      | 5%  |
| Never married .....                | 33% |
| Domestic / civil partnership ..... | 4%  |

**134. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?**

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 22% |
| No .....  | 78% |

**135. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast ..... | 18% |
| Midwest .....   | 22% |
| South .....     | 38% |
| West .....      | 22% |

**136. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| A large city .....               | 23% |
| A suburb near a large city ..... | 36% |
| A small city or town .....       | 26% |
| A rural area .....               | 15% |

**137. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Excellent ..... | 14% |
| Very good ..... | 30% |
| Good .....      | 39% |
| Only fair ..... | 12% |
| Poor .....      | 5%  |

**138. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Full-time employed .....                  | 31% |
| Part-time employed .....                  | 8%  |
| Self-employed .....                       | 6%  |
| Unemployed or temporarily on layoff ..... | 12% |
| Retired .....                             | 27% |
| Permanently disabled .....                | 10% |
| Homemaker .....                           | 5%  |
| Other .....                               | 1%  |

**139. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K .....       | 47% |
| \$50-100K .....         | 27% |
| \$100K or more .....    | 15% |
| Prefer not to say ..... | 11% |

**140. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Military Household - I am .....                     | 2%  |
| Military Household - Family .....                   | 7%  |
| Military Household - I served previously .....      | 11% |
| Military Household - Family served previously ..... | 36% |
| Military Household - None .....                     | 48% |

**141. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, I am .....                | 9%  |
| Yes, household member is ..... | 8%  |
| No .....                       | 84% |



**142. How important is religion in your life?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 39% |
| Somewhat important .....   | 25% |
| Not too important .....    | 15% |
| Not at all important ..... | 21% |

**143. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?**

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week ..... | 9%  |
| Once a week .....           | 18% |
| Once or twice a month ..... | 8%  |
| A few times a year .....    | 13% |
| Seldom .....                | 21% |
| Never .....                 | 29% |
| Don't know .....            | 3%  |

**144. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?**

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 33% |
| No .....  | 67% |

**145. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day ..... | 28% |
| Once a day .....          | 14% |
| A few times a week .....  | 11% |
| Once a week .....         | 4%  |
| A few times a month ..... | 7%  |
| Seldom .....              | 12% |
| Never .....               | 20% |
| Don't know .....          | 3%  |

**146. What is your present religion, if any?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant .....                | 31% |
| Roman Catholic .....            | 19% |
| Mormon .....                    | 1%  |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox ..... | 1%  |
| Jewish .....                    | 2%  |
| Muslim .....                    | 2%  |
| Buddhist .....                  | 2%  |
| Hindu .....                     | 0%  |
| Atheist .....                   | 7%  |
| Agnostic .....                  | 6%  |
| Nothing in particular .....     | 22% |
| Something else .....            | 8%  |

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sponsorship</b>            | <i>The Economist</i>   |
| <b>Fieldwork</b>              | YouGov   |
| <b>Interviewing Dates</b>     | August 9 - 11, 2020  |
| <b>Target population</b>      | US Adult Population  |
| <b>Sampling method</b>        | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. |
| <b>Weighting</b>              | The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.2 to 6.515, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.925.  |
| <b>Number of respondents</b>  | 1500<br>1208 (Registered voters)   |
| <b>Margin of error</b>        | ± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)<br>± 3.6% (Registered voters)  |
| <b>Survey mode</b>            | Web-based interviews   |
| <b>Questions not reported</b> | 27 questions not reported.   |