

The Economist/YouGov Poll
May 29 - June 1, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 29 - June 1, 2021
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	42%
Off on the wrong track	45%
Not sure	13%

2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	5%
Good	27%
Fair	35%
Poor	27%
Don't know	6%

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

Very closely	32%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	19%
Not following at all	6%

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

Yes, me	13%
Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	18%
No	56%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	28%
Yes, a close friend	29%
No	42%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, a family member	11%
Yes, a close friend	21%
No	68%
Prefer not to say	2%

7. 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	18%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	21%

8. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always	41%
Most of the time	23%
Some of the time	22%
Never	14%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	11%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	59%
Not sure	20%

10. How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19	52%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	10%
I plan to get vaccinated	9%
I will not get vaccinated	17%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	11%

11. Have you experienced any negative reactions to the vaccine?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	23%
No	73%
Not sure	4%

12. How many of your friends have been vaccinated?

All of them	9%
Most of them	40%
A few of them	27%
None of them	6%
Not sure	18%

13. How many of your vaccine-eligible family members have been vaccinated?

All of them	25%
Most of them	27%
A few of them	24%
None of them	9%
Not sure	14%

14. Which of do you think is a greater risk: possibly contracting COVID-19, or possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Possibly contracting COVID-19	55%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	45%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	12%

16. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that 70% of Americans will get at least one vaccination shot by July 4th, 2021?

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	38%
Not very likely	23%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	16%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of each of the following re-opening at full capacity?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Stores and other businesses	43%	33%	11%	7%	7%
Schools	41%	27%	14%	10%	8%
Restaurants and bars	35%	32%	15%	10%	8%
Offices	39%	33%	13%	7%	9%
Sporting and music events	30%	31%	17%	14%	9%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

19. Do you have any children under the age of 12?

Asked of parents of children under 18

Yes	71%
No	29%

20. Do you have any children currently aged 12 to 18?

Asked of parents of children under 18

Yes	59%
No	41%

21. Which of the following best describes the COVID-19 vaccination status of your children aged 12 to 18?

Asked of parents of school-age children aged 12 and over

My children have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19	28%
My children have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	20%
I plan to get my children vaccinated	17%
I will not get my children vaccinated	15%
I'm not sure about getting my children vaccinated	19%

22. When your children under 12 become eligible for vaccination, will you get them vaccinated?

Asked of parents of school-age children under 12

Yes, I will get them vaccinated	46%
No, I will not get them vaccinated	30%
Not sure	24%

23. K-12 Child Status

No school-age children	74%
Children under 12	9%
Children 12-18	6%
Both	10%

24. Has anyone warned you against getting vaccinated for COVID-19?

Yes	32%
No	63%
Not sure	6%

25. Have you warned others against getting vaccinated for COVID-19?

Yes	13%
No	81%
Not sure	6%

26. Has anyone encouraged you to get vaccinated for COVID-19?	
Yes	62%
No	32%
Not sure	5%
27. Have you encouraged others to get vaccinated for COVID-19?	
Yes	50%
No	45%
Not sure	6%
28. How do you think the virus responsible for COVID-19 emerged?	
It was a natural mutation that occurred in the wild	13%
It was a natural mutation that was released from a laboratory by accident	12%
It was created in a laboratory but was released by accident	18%
It was created in a laboratory and released on purpose	24%
Not sure	33%
29. Regardless of whether or not it was created or naturally mutated, do you believe it is true or false that a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus responsible for COVID-19?	
Definitely true	29%
Probably true	29%
Probably false	12%
Definitely false	6%
Not sure	24%
30. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the people who took over the Capitol on January 6th?	
Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	50%
Don't know	17%
31. Do you feel like the Trump supporters who took over the Capitol building to stop Congressional proceedings represent most supporters of Donald Trump or not?	
They represent most Trump supporters	45%
They do not represent most Trump supporters	37%
Not sure	18%

32. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol?

A lot	41%
Some	12%
A little	11%
None	27%
Not sure	9%

33. Do you think it is right for Trump supporters to be prosecuted over their participation in the takeover of the Capitol building?

Yes	60%
No	23%
Not sure	17%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	19%	16%	9%	32%	24%
Bernie Sanders	23%	23%	12%	29%	13%
Joe Manchin	5%	21%	20%	15%	39%
Ted Cruz	19%	16%	12%	34%	19%
Josh Hawley	11%	12%	8%	24%	45%
Mitt Romney	9%	25%	20%	26%	20%
Liz Cheney	8%	22%	19%	24%	27%
Lisa Murkowski	6%	18%	16%	17%	43%

35. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a commission to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot	36%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	21%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the proposal to establish an independent commission to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	19%

37. The U.S. Senate's filibuster rule lets a minority of Senators prevent voting on a bill unless 60 out of 100 Senators vote to end the filibuster. Is this a good or bad rule?

A good rule	36%
A bad rule	28%
Not sure	36%

38. Do you think filibusters are mostly good because they allow the minority party in the Senate to express its views and even block legislation or nominees, or do you think filibusters are mostly bad, because they can obstruct the proposals of the majority party in the Senate?

Filibusters are mostly good	50%
Filibusters are mostly bad	50%

39. The filibuster has been reformed many times in U.S. history. Would you favor or oppose further reforming the legislative filibuster in any of the following ways?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Make it harder to threaten to filibuster, so senators cannot block legislation with a threat alone	45%	22%	33%
Require Senators who want to block legislation to actually hold the floor of the Senate by speaking in person	54%	15%	31%

40. What majority do you believe should be necessary for the U.S. Senate to pass each of the following?

	A 60-vote majority should be required	A 51-vote majority should be required	Not sure
Voting rights legislation	41%	35%	24%
Tax reform	40%	36%	24%
Budget measures	41%	37%	22%
Appointments (to cabinet positions or the Supreme Court)	39%	36%	25%

41. Do you think reports of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting the earth, or do you think reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity that come from Earth?

UFOs might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting Earth	36%
Reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity from Earth	27%
Not sure	37%

42. Do you think the United States government knows more about UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) than it is telling the general public, or do you think the U.S. government has told the general public everything it knows about UFOs?

The U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it is telling the public	65%
The U.S. government has told the public everything it knows about UFOs	11%
Not sure	24%

43. Next month, U.S. intelligence agencies will present an unclassified report to Congress, detailing everything they know about UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects). Do you approve or disapprove of government agencies investigating UFOs?

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	4%
Not sure	22%

44. Do you personally believe that there is intelligent life on other planets, or not?

There definitely IS	21%
There probably IS	39%
There probably is NOT	11%
There definitely is NOT	6%
Not sure	22%

45. Have you yourself ever seen anything you thought was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)?

Yes	19%
No	68%
Not sure	13%

46. How much have you heard about the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan?

Heard a lot	15%
Heard a little	55%
Heard nothing at all	30%

47. How much of the Summer Olympic Games do you plan on watching?

Lots of events every day	7%
Lots of events when I can	19%
A few events	33%
None	42%

48. Do you think it is safe for the Summer Olympic Games to be held this year, or should they be postponed another year due to COVID-19?

The Summer Olympic Games should be played this year	37%
The Summer Olympic Games should be postponed a year	36%
Not sure	27%

49. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	23%	5%	2%

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Immigration	52%	31%	12%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	28%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	11%	5%
National Security	64%	26%	7%	3%
Education	62%	26%	8%	4%
Health care	65%	24%	8%	3%
Taxes and government spending	61%	29%	8%	2%
Abortion	43%	30%	19%	8%
Civil rights	56%	28%	12%	5%
Civil liberties	55%	29%	11%	4%
Guns	53%	28%	13%	6%
Crime	62%	28%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	32%	15%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	9%
Education	6%
Health care	16%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	2%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	30%	21%	9%	32%	8%
Kamala Harris	24%	21%	9%	34%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	19%	20%	10%	38%	13%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	20%	12%	26%	34%
Mitch McConnell	5%	20%	18%	38%	18%
Chuck Schumer	14%	20%	12%	32%	23%
Donald Trump	23%	18%	10%	43%	7%

52. 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	20%	24%	12%	32%	13%
The Republican Party	11%	23%	21%	33%	12%

53. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	10%

54. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	24%	25%	13%	26%	12%
Climate change and the environment	22%	24%	11%	24%	18%
Health care	21%	27%	13%	23%	16%
Abortion	14%	23%	10%	26%	27%

55. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	27%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	27%
Some	22%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	10%

57. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?	
Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	21%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	9%
58. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?	
Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	32%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	30%
59. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?	
Honest and trustworthy	44%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	17%
60. 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	41%
Not sure	19%
61. Do you think Joe Biden...	
Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	17%
62. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?	
Yes	26%
No	44%
Not sure	29%
63. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?	
Optimistic	44%
Pessimistic	36%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	12%

65. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	17%

66. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	28%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	23%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	29%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	22%
About the same	24%
Lower	22%
Not sure	32%

72. 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	44%
No	56%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	50%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	25%
Not sure	7%

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

More jobs	37%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	18%

75. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	58%

76. 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.	24%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	28%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	3%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	10%

79. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	79%
Not registered	21%

80. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden	34%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	34%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	26%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	10%

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

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	7%

83. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

84. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%

85. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

87. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

88. Calculated from respondent's state of residence	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%
89. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?	
Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	10%
90. How important is religion in your life?	
Very important	35%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%
91. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
More than once a week	6%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%
92. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?	
Yes	30%
No	70%
93. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?	
Several times a day	25%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	16%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

94. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	8%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 29 - June 1, 2021
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	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 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.233 to 5.986, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.511.
Number of respondents	1500 1275 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.