

**The Economist/YouGov Poll**  
**July 31 - August 3, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens**



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted July 31 - August 3, 2021  
 Margin of Error ±2.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	25%
Fair	36%
Poor	30%
Don't know	5%

**3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?**

Unemployment	19%
Inflation	29%
Both equal	45%
Not sure	7%

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

Very closely	34%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	17%
Not following at all	5%

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

Yes, me	11%
Yes, a family member	17%
Yes, a close friend	18%
No	60%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	31%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	41%
Prefer not to say	2%

7. 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 .....  | 18% |
| No .....                   | 71% |
| Prefer not to say .....    | 2%  |
8. 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 .....   | 36% |
| Not too worried .....    | 27% |
| Not worried at all ..... | 19% |
9. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?
- |                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Always .....           | 30% |
| Most of the time ..... | 18% |
| Some of the time ..... | 25% |
| Never .....            | 27% |
10. In the NEXT seven days, how often do you think you will wear a mask on your face when outside your home?
- |                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Always .....           | 32% |
| Most of the time ..... | 20% |
| Some of the time ..... | 23% |
| Never .....            | 24% |
11. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...
- |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Increasing .....   | 61% |
| Not changing ..... | 11% |
| Decreasing .....   | 12% |
| Not sure .....     | 15% |
12. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the community where you live is...
- |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Increasing .....   | 42% |
| Not changing ..... | 20% |
| Decreasing .....   | 16% |
| Not sure .....     | 22% |
13. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| The pandemic is going to get worse .....                 | 38% |
| We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic ..... | 11% |
| The worst part of the pandemic is behind us .....        | 32% |
| Not sure .....   | 19% |

14. 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	60%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	6%
I plan to get vaccinated	7%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	9%

15. Which vaccine did you receive?

*Among people who have been vaccinated*

Pfizer-BioNtech	46%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	12%

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

*Among people who have been vaccinated*

Yes	19%
No	77%
Not sure	4%

17. Would you get the vaccine if...

*Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19 and do not plan to*

	Yes	No	Not sure
Your doctor urged you to be vaccinated	6%	74%	20%
Your employer required you to be vaccinated	8%	75%	17%
Your state's Governor urged you to get vaccinated	4%	81%	15%
Your priest, minister or other religious leader urged you to get vaccinated	3%	84%	13%
Donald Trump urged you to be vaccinated	3%	84%	14%
You received \$100 for getting the vaccine	9%	78%	13%
The vaccine received full FDA authorization	13%	58%	30%
Someone close to you contracted COVID-19	8%	72%	20%
The vaccine could protect your family from COVID-19	16%	60%	24%
You needed to be vaccinated to be able to travel	9%	75%	16%

18. 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	62%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	38%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden’s plan to require all federal employees and federal contractors to follow more strict rules about mask wearing and social distancing and to also be subject to more rigorous COVID-19 testing procedures unless they can show proof of vaccination?

Strongly approve .....	41%
Somewhat approve .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	24%
Not sure .....	9%

20. Do you think the following groups of people should or should not be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Convicted prisoners	56%	27%	17%
People in jail awaiting trial	53%	29%	18%
Prison Guards	62%	24%	14%
Police officers	61%	26%	13%
Members of the U.S. military	60%	26%	14%
College students	56%	29%	15%
Teachers	62%	25%	13%
Medical providers (e.g. doctors, nurses, phlebotomists, lab techs, etc)	66%	23%	11%
Federal employees	59%	26%	15%
Members of the U.S. Congress	62%	26%	13%

21. Do you think members of the U.S. Congress should or should not be required to wear masks in public spaces in the U.S. Capitol?

Should .....	61%
Should not .....	25%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Strongly approve .....	24%
Somewhat approve .....	27%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	10%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve .....	20%
Somewhat approve .....	31%
Somewhat disapprove .....	16%
Strongly disapprove .....	24%
Not sure .....	10%

24. Are most new cases of COVID-19 among people who are...

Vaccinated .....	10%
Unvaccinated .....	53%
Equally split between vaccinated and unvaccinated .....	20%
Not sure .....	16%

25. Do you believe that most unvaccinated Americans have a good reason for not being vaccinated?

*Asked of those who have been vaccinated or plan on getting vaccinated*

Yes .....	22%
No .....	64%
Not sure .....	14%

26. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot .....	52%
A little .....	41%
Nothing at all .....	8%

27. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions, and now makes up the majority of COVID-19 cases in the United States. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing this new variant?

Very worried .....	23%
Somewhat worried .....	36%
Not too worried .....	24%
Not worried at all .....	17%

28. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced last Tuesday that all adults, including the fully vaccinated, living in areas with high rates of coronavirus transmission should wear masks when they are indoors in public places. Additionally, face masks should be worn by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors in all K-12 schools. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve .....	43%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	21%
Not sure .....	8%

29. Do you think these new CDC guidelines are...

Too strict .....	27%
About right .....	39%
Not strict enough .....	20%
Not sure .....	13%

**30. How long do you think it will take until the economy has recovered all the ground lost during the pandemic?**

Has already recovered	5%
Less than a year	6%
About a year	18%
Two years	24%
More than two years	47%

**31. In your opinion, when do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will finally end?**

The pandemic has already ended	8%
Before the end of the summer 2021	3%
Before the end of 2021	8%
In 2022	26%
After 2022	34%
Never	21%

**32. Thinking about the Summer Olympics this year in Tokyo, Japan, how much time have you spent watching the games?**

I havent watched the Olympics at all	54%
Less than an hour a day	21%
1 to 2 hours daily	13%
3 or more hours daily	7%
Not sure	5%

**33. So far, how well do you think the U.S. Olympic team is performing at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo?**

Excellent	8%
Very good	27%
Average	17%
Below average	7%
Poor	3%
Not sure	38%

**34. Compared to previous Summer Olympics, do you think the U.S. Olympic team is performing...**

Better than it usually does	6%
About the same level as it usually does	32%
Worse than it usually does	19%
Not sure	43%

**35. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to not allow spectators at any events in the Summer Olympics this year?**

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you believe that Olympics athletes should be required to get vaccinated in order to participate in the Summer Olympic Games?

They should be required to get vaccinated .....	55%
They should not be required to get vaccinated .....	28%
Not sure .....	17%

37. How would you rate the International Olympic Committee's efforts to protect athlete safety during the games?

Very good .....	13%
Somewhat good .....	26%
Somewhat poor .....	12%
Very poor .....	7%
Not sure .....	42%

38. How would you rate the U.S. Olympic Committee's efforts to protect athlete safety in general?

Very good .....	15%
Somewhat good .....	28%
Somewhat poor .....	11%
Very poor .....	7%
Not sure .....	40%

39. Do you think U.S. Olympic team athletes have a responsibility to compete if they are physically injured but still able to perform at a world class level?

Yes .....	17%
No .....	54%
Not sure .....	29%

40. Do you approve or disapprove of U.S. Olympic team athletes withdrawing from competition if they have a physical injury?

Approve .....	77%
Disapprove .....	5%
Not sure .....	18%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of U.S. Olympic team athletes withdrawing from competition if there are personal reasons (e.g. death or severe illness of a family member)?

Approve .....	75%
Disapprove .....	7%
Not sure .....	17%

42. Do you approve or disapprove of U.S. Olympic team athletes withdrawing from competition for mental health reasons?

Approve .....	70%
Disapprove .....	10%
Not sure .....	20%

43. How much have you heard about U.S. Olympic gymnast Simone Biles' decision to withdraw from the women's team all-around finals and the women's individual all-around finals?

A lot .....	41%
A little .....	42%
Nothing at all .....	17%

44. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the people who took over the Capitol on January 6th?

Very favorable .....	5%
Somewhat favorable .....	9%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14%
Very unfavorable .....	54%
Don't know .....	17%

45. 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 .....	38%
Not sure .....	17%

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

A lot .....	41%
Some .....	11%
A little .....	10%
None .....	31%
Not sure .....	8%

47. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the House Select Committee to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot .....	35%
A little .....	47%
Nothing at all .....	18%

48. Do you believe the House Select Committee to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th will conduct their investigation fairly?

Yes .....	33%
No .....	42%
Not sure .....	25%

49. Did you watch any of the hearings held by the House Select Committee to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

Yes .....	28%
No .....	62%
Not sure .....	10%



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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Mitt Romney	4%	25%	22%	27%	22%
Lindsey Graham	9%	19%	12%	29%	31%
Susan Collins	4%	16%	19%	17%	44%
Lisa Murkowski	3%	15%	17%	15%	51%
Joe Manchin	4%	19%	18%	15%	44%
Kyrsten Sinema	4%	13%	14%	13%	56%

51. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about President Biden's infrastructure proposal?

A lot	28%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	23%

52. A group of 10 Republican and Democratic senators recently put forward a compromise infrastructure plan that would solely rebuild roads, bridges and other traditional infrastructure and cost \$1.2 trillion. Do you favor or oppose this plan?

Favor	51%
Oppose	19%
Not sure	30%

53. Do you think that President Biden's infrastructure plan would help you or harm you?

Help me	29%
Harm me	21%
Not really affect me	28%
Not sure	22%

54. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	27%	4%	2%
Immigration	51%	32%	13%	5%
Climate change and the environment	46%	25%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	36%	45%	14%	5%
National Security	60%	31%	7%	2%
Education	62%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	67%	24%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	57%	34%	7%	2%
Abortion	39%	29%	20%	12%
Civil rights	57%	27%	10%	6%

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Civil liberties	57%	30%	8%	5%
Guns	52%	27%	12%	9%
Crime	62%	30%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	52%	31%	12%	6%

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

Jobs and the economy	16%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	14%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	6%
Education	5%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%

**56. 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	28%	22%	9%	35%	6%
Kamala Harris	22%	22%	10%	38%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	22%	11%	41%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	16%	13%	28%	36%
Mitch McConnell	5%	19%	16%	40%	20%
Chuck Schumer	11%	21%	11%	32%	24%
Donald Trump	24%	17%	9%	45%	6%

**57. 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	18%	25%	13%	34%	10%
The Republican Party	10%	24%	18%	37%	11%

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

More than usual .....	11%
About the same .....	28%
Less than usual .....	36%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Democrats in Congress .....	45%
Republicans in Congress .....	18%
Both equally .....	32%
Neither .....	2%
Not sure .....	2%

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

Strongly approve .....	23%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	32%
Not sure .....	9%

61. 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	19%	26%	13%	30%	12%
Climate change and the environment	17%	27%	12%	25%	20%
Health care	18%	26%	14%	25%	17%
Abortion	12%	18%	9%	28%	32%

62. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	27%
Liberal .....	23%
Moderate .....	26%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	16%

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

A lot .....	24%
Some .....	24%
Not much .....	14%
Doesn't care at all .....	32%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Like a lot .....	24%
Like somewhat .....	18%
Neither like nor dislike .....	20%
Dislike somewhat .....	9%
Dislike a lot .....	22%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Very strong .....	19%
Somewhat strong .....	30%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	34%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	43%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	40%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Confident .....	39%
Uneasy .....	45%
Not sure .....	16%

68. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes .....	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	44%
Not sure .....	17%

69. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?

Yes .....	24%
No .....	51%
Not sure .....	25%

70. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic .....	41%
Pessimistic .....	41%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Strongly approve .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	11%

72. 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 .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	38%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Strongly approve .....	11%
Somewhat approve .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	32%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	37%
Not sure .....	23%

75. 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 .....	23%
Strongly disapprove .....	13%
Not sure .....	23%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	10%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	23%
Very conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	24%

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

Getting better .....	21%
About the same .....	29%
Getting worse .....	40%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Higher .....	24%
About the same .....	26%
Lower .....	23%
Not sure .....	27%

79. 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 .....	38%
No .....	62%

80. 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 .....	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	30%
Not sure .....	7%

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

More jobs .....	31%
The same amount of jobs .....	30%
Fewer jobs .....	20%
Not sure .....	19%

82. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	28%
Not very worried .....	63%

**83. 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. ....	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	33%
Not very hard .....	28%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very happy .....	23%
Happy .....	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	3%

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

Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	20%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Registered .....	78%
Not registered .....	22%

**87. 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%

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

Democrat .....	33%
Republican .....	25%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	8%

<b>89. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?</b>	
Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	19%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	16%
Not sure .....	5%
<b>90. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?</b>	
Biden legitimately won the election .....	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	37%
<b>91. Are you...?</b>	
Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%
<b>92. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	23%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	22%
<b>93. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	7%
<b>94. What is the highest level of education you have completed?</b>	
HS or less .....	37%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%
<b>95. What is your marital status?</b>	
Married .....	45%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	28%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%



96. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

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

Under \$50K .....	44%
\$50-100K .....	26%
\$100K or more .....	19%
Prefer not to say .....	12%

98. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	25%
Not too important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	22%

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

More than once a week .....	7%
Once a week .....	17%
Once or twice a month .....	5%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	34%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

101. 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 .....	14%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	17%
Never .....	18%
Don't know .....	5%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	2%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	24%
Something else .....	9%

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 31 - August 3, 2021
<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 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.51 to 2.64, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.295.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1233 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	40 questions not reported.