

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 30 - November 2, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted October 30 - November 2, 2021
Margin of Error $\pm 3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	19%
Fair	33%
Poor	40%
Don't know	6%

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

Unemployment	15%
Inflation	34%
Both equal	43%
Not sure	8%

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

Very closely	28%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	22%
Not following at all	8%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	10%
Yes, a close friend	14%
No	66%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	36%
Yes, a close friend	34%
No	37%
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	13%
Yes, a close friend	22%
No	66%
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	15%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	21%

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

Always	33%
Most of the time	22%
Some of the time	25%
Never	20%

10. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...

Increasing	17%
Not changing	18%
Decreasing	47%
Not sure	18%

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

Increasing	15%
Not changing	20%
Decreasing	44%
Not sure	22%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	18%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	45%
Not sure	26%

13. 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	61%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	4%
I will not get vaccinated	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	11%

14. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	50%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	9%

15. To combat variants, some countries — including the U.S. — are now offering boosters to adults. Would you get a booster shot if it were available to you?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19

Yes	52%
No	12%
Not sure	16%
I have already received a booster	20%

16. Are you currently eligible to receive a booster shot?

Asked of those willing to get a booster

Yes, I am eligible	37%
No, I am not eligible	23%
I'm not sure	17%
Already gotten a booster	23%

17. You indicated you received a [vaccine manufacturer] vaccine. Would you want to get the same manufacturer's booster shot?

Asked of those who might be eligible for a booster

Yes, I would only get a [vaccine manufacturer] booster shot	55%
I would prefer a \$cor_vacc_manu booster shot, but if it's more convenient I'd take a different one	24%
I would take any booster shot, regardless of manufacturer	8%
I would prefer a booster shot from a different manufacturer than [vaccine manufacturer] ...	4%
Not sure	10%

18. Do you think students in K-12 schools should be required to wear masks in school?

Should	53%
Should not	32%
Not sure	15%

19. 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
Police officers	55%	34%	11%
Firefighters	53%	35%	12%

20. Which one are you most concerned about?

Protecting Americans from the health effects of the coronavirus outbreak	56%
Protecting Americans from the economic effects of the coronavirus outbreak	44%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	9%

22. President Joe Biden announced that federal agencies and businesses with 100 or more employees will need to ensure all their employees are fully vaccinated or tested for COVID-19 weekly. Do you approve or disapprove of this mandate?

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	8%

23. Do you believe K-12 schools should be allowed to mandate masks for their students?

Yes	53%
No	32%
Not sure	15%

24. Do you believe colleges and universities should be allowed to mandate masks for their students?

Yes	57%
No	31%
Not sure	12%

25. Thinking about yesterday, about how many times would you say you washed your hands with soap or used hand sanitizer?

Less than 3 times	16%
3-5 times	37%
6-10 times	30%
More than 10 times	18%

26. In the last 24 hours, other than the people in your household, how many different individuals have you been within 6 feet of?

Computed from numeric responses

0-3	52%
4-7	18%
8-20	17%
More than 20	13%

27. How often do you see signs put up in public places requesting that people take the following precautions against the spread of COVID-19?

	Always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never
Stay six feet apart / social distance	21%	34%	36%	9%
Wash your hands	28%	27%	33%	13%
Wear a mask	26%	33%	33%	8%

28. Compared to the first few months of the pandemic, have you done each of the following more or less often in the last few months than you did back then?

	More often than at the start of the pandemic	About the same as at the start of the pandemic	Less often than at the start of the pandemic	Not sure
Social distancing	20%	43%	32%	5%
Washing your hands	26%	58%	12%	4%
Wearing a mask	25%	38%	32%	5%

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

The pandemic has already ended	10%
Before the end of 2021	5%
In 2022	28%
After 2022	31%
Never	26%

30. Would you support or oppose each of the following policy measures?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Government funding for universal Pre-K education	37%	20%	11%	20%	13%
Requiring employers to guarantee 4 weeks paid family leave	37%	21%	13%	16%	13%
Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with pharmaceutical companies	44%	23%	6%	6%	22%
Government funding for free community college tuition	33%	21%	10%	25%	11%
Adding a surcharge to the taxes paid by about 700 of the richest individuals in the country	42%	15%	9%	20%	14%
Government funding to reduce energy costs and create clean energy jobs	39%	20%	11%	18%	12%

31. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a bipartisan infrastructure bill currently being negotiated in Congress?

A lot	37%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	25%

32. How do you feel about the end of Daylight Saving Time coming up?

I'm looking forward to it	21%
I'm not looking forward to it	34%
I don't really care	38%
Not sure	8%

33. Would you like to see Daylight Saving Time extended to all year round, or not?

Yes, I would	41%
No, I would not	27%
Not sure	32%

34. Would you like to see the changing of the clocks eliminated, so people no longer change their clocks twice per year?

Yes, I would	63%
No, I would not	16%
Not sure	21%

35. You indicated that you would like to eliminate Daylight Saving Time. Which time would you like to make permanent?

Asked of those who want to eliminate Daylight Saving Time

Permanent Daylight Saving Time (stay "sprung forward" an hour for later sunset)	48%
Permanent Standard time (stay "fallen back" for earlier sunrise)	29%
No preference	21%
Not sure	3%

36. Do you believe that each of the following historical figures should or should not have statues or memorials of them in public places?

	Should	Should not	Not sure	Don't know enough about this person
Thomas Jefferson	59%	16%	18%	7%
George Washington	72%	10%	12%	5%
Alexander Hamilton	47%	16%	24%	13%
Andrew Jackson	40%	27%	20%	12%

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Robert E. Lee	36%	35%	17%	11%
Jefferson Davis	27%	31%	21%	21%
Martin Luther King	75%	11%	10%	5%
Abraham Lincoln	76%	9%	10%	5%
Woodrow Wilson	34%	21%	26%	18%
Rosa Parks	65%	14%	14%	6%
Susan B. Anthony	57%	14%	17%	12%
Muhammad Ali	42%	28%	23%	7%
Christopher Columbus	42%	36%	15%	7%
Eleanor Roosevelt	52%	17%	21%	11%
Ella Fitzgerald	39%	21%	21%	19%
Johnny Cash	34%	28%	27%	11%

37. Do you think race relations in the United States are generally...

Good	36%
Bad	64%

38. Since Joe Biden has been president, do you think race relations in the United States have...

Gotten better	14%
Stayed about the same	48%
Gotten worse	38%

39. In many cities around the country over the past several years, citizens started non-violent protests in response to the deaths of black citizens such as George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Jacob Blake. Do you approve or disapprove of these non-violent protests?

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	15%

40. Would you say that these citizens were mostly protesters, or mostly looters?

Mostly protesters	46%
Mostly looters	33%
Not sure	21%

41. Do you believe the protesters were...?

Mostly peaceful	44%
Mostly violent	36%
Not sure	20%

42. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	33%
Don't know	12%

43. Has your opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement changed over the past year?

Become more favorable	16%
Become less favorable	29%
No change	55%

44. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the trials of each of the following people?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all
Derek Chauvin	54%	28%	18%
Gregory and Travis McMichael	22%	37%	41%
Kyle Rittenhouse	29%	36%	35%

45. Former police officer Derek Chauvin was tried and found guilty of second-degree murder for the killing of George Floyd. Do you agree or disagree with the verdict?

Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	10%
Not sure	12%

46. Recently, a judge granted a request to release the names of all jury members in the Derek Chauvin murder trial to the public on November 1. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Strongly agree	11%
Somewhat agree	11%
Somewhat disagree	16%
Strongly disagree	43%
Not sure	20%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	25%	3%	2%
Immigration	48%	34%	13%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	24%	16%	17%

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Foreign policy	37%	44%	13%	6%
National Security	62%	27%	7%	4%
Education	59%	31%	7%	3%
Health care	68%	24%	5%	3%
Taxes and government spending	62%	31%	5%	2%
Abortion	43%	26%	19%	12%
Civil rights	56%	30%	10%	4%
Civil liberties	57%	31%	8%	4%
Guns	49%	28%	16%	8%
Crime	60%	31%	6%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	33%	12%	7%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	14%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	7%
Education	4%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%

49. 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	23%	19%	12%	40%	6%
Kamala Harris	18%	20%	10%	39%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	16%	12%	42%	12%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	15%	13%	31%	35%
Mitch McConnell	5%	15%	19%	42%	19%
Chuck Schumer	13%	18%	11%	34%	25%
Donald Trump	23%	16%	9%	46%	5%
Barack Obama	33%	17%	13%	31%	6%

50. 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	17%	23%	12%	36%	11%
The Republican Party	10%	20%	18%	40%	12%

51. 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	10%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	40%
Not sure	23%

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

Democrats in Congress	48%
Republicans in Congress	19%
Both equally	28%
Neither	2%
Not sure	2%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	9%

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	17%	23%	11%	36%	13%
Climate change and the environment	16%	22%	11%	31%	19%
Health care	16%	23%	12%	33%	15%
Abortion	12%	19%	9%	33%	27%

55. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	22%
Some	19%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	24%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	24%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	13%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	41%

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

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	45%
Not sure	16%

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

Confident	34%
Uneasy	50%
Not sure	16%

61. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	18%
No	58%
Not sure	24%

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

Optimistic	34%
Pessimistic	47%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	10%

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	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	15%

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	11%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	23%

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	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	22%

68. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	26%

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

Getting better	14%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	48%
Not sure	10%

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

Higher	20%
About the same	23%
Lower	25%
Not sure	32%

73. 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%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago 16%
 About the same financially as you were a year ago 46%
 Worse off financially than you were a year ago 30%
 Not sure 8%

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

More jobs 26%
 The same amount of jobs 33%
 Fewer jobs 20%
 Not sure 20%

76. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried 9%
 Somewhat worried 24%
 Not very worried 67%

77. 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 14%

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

Very happy 27%
 Happy 36%
 Neither happy nor unhappy 26%
 Unhappy 6%
 Very unhappy 4%

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

Very liberal 11%
 Liberal 16%
 Moderate 31%
 Conservative 17%
 Very conservative 13%
 Not sure 12%

80. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	80%
Not registered	20%

81. 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%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	44%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	2%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	5%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	23%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%

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

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	6%

85. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Democrat?

Asked of Independents and Republicans

Yes	24%
No	59%
Not sure	16%

86. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Republican?

Asked of Independents and Democrats

Yes	21%
No	66%
Not sure	13%

87. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	61%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	39%

88. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be re-instated as President before the end of 2021?

Very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	8%
Not very likely	13%
Not likely at all	61%
Not sure	12%

89. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

90. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	22%

91. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

93. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

94. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

95. How would you describe the place where you live?

Urban	29%
Suburb	35%
Rural/Other	36%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	13%

98. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	24%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	32%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	5%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	8%

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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 0.318 to 6.027, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.606.
Number of respondents	1500 1303 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.