

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 15 - 18, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted May 15 - 18, 2021
Margin of Error $\pm 2.7\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	42%
Off on the wrong track	46%
Not sure	12%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	25%
Fair	36%
Poor	28%
Don't know	5%

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

Very closely	35%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	17%
Not following at all	7%

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

Yes, a family member	12%
Yes, a close friend	21%
No	65%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	12%
Yes, a family member	18%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	54%
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	30%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	39%
Prefer not to say	3%

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	20%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not too worried	28%
Not worried at all	22%

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

Always	47%
Most of the time	22%
Some of the time	20%
Never	11%

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	58%
Not sure	21%

10. 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	25%	18%	14%	8%	30%	6%
Donald Trump	16%	12%	14%	10%	43%	6%
Anthony Fauci	29%	15%	13%	9%	23%	11%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	26%	25%	15%	13%	15%	7%
Your doctor	42%	28%	14%	5%	2%	8%

11. 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	48%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	10%
I plan to get vaccinated	11%
I will not get vaccinated	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	12%

12. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the (MANUFACTURER) vaccine IS?

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
Pfizer-BioNtech	34%	20%	9%	11%	26%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	14%	20%	12%	12%	42%
Moderna	35%	22%	9%	11%	24%
Johnson & Johnson	17%	24%	17%	18%	24%

13. 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	57%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	43%

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

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	10%

15. When do you think it will be safe to resume normal life activities?

It is safe right now	25%
By July 2021	12%
By September 2021	15%
By December 2021	9%
2022 or later	19%
Not sure	19%

16. When do you think the world will return to normal?

The world has already returned to normal	8%
By July 2021	8%
By September 2021	8%
By December 2021	10%
2022 or later	33%
Not sure	32%

17. 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	34%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	12%
Not sure	15%

18. How safe do you believe it is for fully vaccinated people to do each of the following?

	Completely safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Completely unsafe	Not sure
Socialize outdoors without wearing a mask	39%	30%	14%	7%	10%
Socialize indoors with vaccinated people without wearing a mask	34%	32%	15%	8%	10%
Socialize indoors with unvaccinated people without wearing a mask	22%	21%	26%	20%	11%
Travel by plane	23%	31%	20%	13%	13%
Go on a cruise ship	20%	25%	22%	18%	15%

19. How safe do you believe it is for unvaccinated people to do each of the following?

	Completely safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Completely unsafe	Not sure
Socialize outdoors without wearing a mask	23%	24%	23%	22%	8%
Socialize indoors with vaccinated people without wearing a mask	19%	25%	24%	23%	9%
Socialize indoors with unvaccinated people without wearing a mask	15%	14%	23%	38%	10%
Travel by plane	14%	18%	21%	35%	11%
Go on a cruise ship	14%	14%	20%	39%	12%

20. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced last Thursday that fully vaccinated adults can safely resume activities indoors or outdoors without masks or social distancing. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	12%

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

Too strict	13%
About right	40%
Not strict enough	28%
Not sure	19%

22. Do you plan on traveling anywhere this summer?

Yes	37%
No	44%
Not sure	19%

23. Do you plan on traveling in any of the following ways? Select all that apply

Among those who plan on traveling over the summer

Flying	36%
Driving in a car	76%
Taking a train	9%
Taking a bus	9%
Going on a cruise ship	9%
None of the above	1%

24. Do you plan to travel within the U.S., or outside the U.S.?

Among those who plan on traveling over the summer

Within the U.S.	82%
Outside the U.S.	10%
Both	7%
Neither	2%

25. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a cyber attack that shut down an oil pipeline in the southeastern United States?

A lot	42%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	15%

26. Last week, a group of hackers shut down the Colonial Pipeline with a ransomware attack, causing a gas shortage across the southeastern United States. The Colonial Pipeline Company says it paid the hackers \$5 million to get the pipeline running again. Do you think paying the ransom was...

A good decision	20%
A bad decision	52%
Not sure	28%

27. Were you personally affected by the gas shortage?

Yes	20%
No	72%
Not sure	8%

28. Do you believe the United States should retaliate against the hackers that perpetuated this cyber attack?

Yes	68%
No	12%
Not sure	20%

29. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to help protect Israel?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important goal	8%
Not sure	20%

30. Which side in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict do you think the US government favors?

The Israeli side	36%
Treats both sides equally	20%
The Palestinian side	13%
Not sure	31%

31. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	33%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	15%
Not sure	26%

32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	14%
Don't know	39%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling Israel?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
No opinion	30%

34. How much, if anything, have you heard about the news about escalating violence in Israel and the Palestinian territory?

A lot	35%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	20%

35. Who do you blame for the recent escalation of violence in Israel and the Palestinian territory?

Israel	16%
The Palestinians	29%
Both	25%
Not sure	30%

36. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Israel and the Palestinian territory between Israeli forces and Hamas, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	33%
Does not have responsibility	37%
Not sure	30%

37. Do you think relations between minorities in America and the police are generally...

Good	41%
Bad	59%

38. Next week will mark one year since the death of George Floyd. In that time, do you believe relations between minorities in America and police have...

Gotten better	11%
Stayed the same	51%
Gotten worse	38%

39. 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	45%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	10%
Not sure	12%

40. The city of Minneapolis agreed to pay a \$27 million settlement to George Floyd's family. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	13%

41. In the election to represent you in Congress in your congressional district next year, who would you vote for?

The Democratic Party candidate	38%
A Republican candidate who supports Donald Trump	33%
A Republican candidate who does not support Donald Trump	7%
Someone else	6%
I would not vote	15%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	68%	23%	6%	3%
Immigration	48%	33%	14%	6%
Climate change and the environment	41%	29%	16%	14%
Foreign policy	35%	47%	13%	5%
National Security	63%	25%	9%	3%
Education	57%	31%	8%	4%
Health care	64%	26%	8%	3%
Taxes and government spending	56%	34%	8%	2%
Abortion	39%	32%	18%	11%
Civil rights	55%	29%	11%	5%
Civil liberties	54%	33%	10%	3%
Guns	52%	28%	14%	6%
Crime	59%	30%	9%	3%
Criminal justice reform	50%	32%	13%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	9%
Education	6%
Health care	16%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%

44. 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%	22%	8%	33%	7%
Kamala Harris	24%	21%	11%	33%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	18%	21%	11%	37%	14%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	19%	16%	27%	29%
Mitch McConnell	6%	20%	19%	37%	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	21%	12%	31%	22%
Donald Trump	25%	17%	10%	41%	7%

45. 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	21%	23%	14%	31%	11%
The Republican Party	10%	25%	20%	33%	11%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	8%

47. 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	25%	23%	12%	29%	11%
Civil rights	23%	24%	13%	26%	14%
Civil liberties	21%	24%	13%	27%	15%
Crime	17%	25%	13%	29%	16%
Criminal justice reform	17%	23%	14%	27%	19%

48. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	5%
Not sure	15%

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

A lot	30%
Some	21%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	45%
Not honest and trustworthy	38%
Not sure	17%

53. 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	43%
Not sure	16%

54. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	29%
No	45%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	46%
Pessimistic	37%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	12%

58. 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	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	22%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	23%
Lower	25%
Not sure	28%

65. 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	43%
No	57%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	25%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	35%
The same amount of jobs	29%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	18%

68. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	58%

69. 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.	37%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	30%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	12%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	25%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

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

Strong Democrat	25%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	5%

74. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	77%
Not registered	23%

75. 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%

76. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

77. Respondent age by category

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

78. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

80. What is your marital status?

Married	52%
Separated	2%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	6%
Never married	26%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

82. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	12%

84. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	20%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

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

Several times a day	23%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	12%
Never	18%
Don't know	5%

88. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 15 - 18, 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 0.312 to 3.434, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.413.
Number of respondents	1500 1239 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	39 questions not reported.