

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adult citizens
Conducted September 6 - 8, 2020
Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	12%

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	11%
Equally positive and negative	34%
Mostly negative	43%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	12%

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

Very serious	45%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	10%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	5%

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

Very serious	23%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	19%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	14%

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	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	40%
The prices of goods and services you buy	24%
Your personal finances	14%
Don't know	15%

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%	2%
Between 5% and 6%	3%
Between 6% and 7%	4%
Between 7% and 8%	8%
Between 8% and 10%	27%
Between 10% and 12%	12%
Between 12% and 15%	10%
Greater than 15%	10%
Not sure	22%

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

Increased	21%
Stayed the same	22%
Decreased	39%
Don't know	18%

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

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

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	51%
The government numbers are accurate	23%
Fewer unemployed people	6%
Don't know	20%

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

Something the president can do a lot about	47%
Something the president can do a little about	36%
Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control	17%

11. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country?

Optimistic	40%
Pessimistic	37%
Not sure	23%

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

Better off now	40%
Better off four years ago	39%
Not sure	21%

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

Better off now	24%
Better off four years ago	56%
Not sure	20%

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

A lot	34%
Some	33%
Only a little	21%
None at all	12%

15. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	60%
Probably will vote	10%
Maybe will vote	6%
Probably will not vote	4%
Definitely will not vote	15%
Don't know	5%

16. 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	42%
Other	3%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	2%

17. How do you plan on voting in 2020?
Among registered voters

In person on election day	39%
In person before the election	19%
By mail	39%
I will not vote this year	2%

18. How important is voting for president this November?

Among registered voters

Very important	88%
Somewhat important	8%
Not very important	3%
Not important at all	1%

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

Among registered voters

Extremely enthusiastic	45%
Very enthusiastic	22%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	11%
Not at all enthusiastic	6%

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

Among registered voters

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	24%	24%	17%	31%	4%
Donald Trump	31%	11%	10%	45%	4%

21. 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	43%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	54%
Not sure	3%

22. 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	80%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	19%
Not sure	1%

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

Among registered voters

Joe Biden	36%
Donald Trump	42%
Not sure	22%

24. 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	39%
Not sure	22%

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

Among registered voters

The Democratic Party	48%
The Republican Party	30%
Not sure	22%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of voting by mail?

Strongly approve	36%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	12%

27. How much confidence do you have that your vote in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately?

Among registered voters

A great deal	32%
Quite a bit	25%
A moderate amount	22%
Only a little	11%
None at all	4%
Not sure	5%
Will not vote in 2020 presidential election	1%

28. From what you know about the presidential election process, when do you think we will know who won the presidential election this November?

The night of the election	20%
The day after the election	19%
A few days after the election	18%
A week after the election	10%
A few weeks after the election	11%
A month after the election or later	6%
Don't know	16%

29. How good of a job does the Democratic Party do in looking out for the needs of ordinary Americans?

Excellent	15%
Fair	30%
Poor	14%
Terrible	29%
Not sure	11%

30. How good of a job does the Republican Party do in looking out for the needs of ordinary Americans?

Excellent	16%
Fair	26%
Poor	16%
Terrible	32%
Not sure	11%

31. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	23%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	19%

32. Would you say that Joe Biden holds extreme political views?

Among registered voters

Yes	37%
No	49%
Not sure	14%

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

Among registered voters

Completely clear	24%
Somewhat clear	35%
Not very clear	12%
Not clear at all	23%
Not sure	5%

34. Do you think Joe Biden spends more time...

Among registered voters

Explaining what he will do if elected president	49%
Attacking Donald Trump	42%
Not sure	8%

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

A lot	23%
Some	24%
Not much	16%
Doesn't care at all	27%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	24%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	37%
Not sure	22%

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

Among registered voters

Confident	45%
Uneasy	43%
Not sure	13%

40. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with crime in the U.S., or are you uneasy about his approach?

Among registered voters

Confident	43%
Uneasy	45%
Not sure	12%

41. 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	39%
Stay the same	10%
Not sure	15%

42. How often do you support or oppose Joe Biden’s proposed policies?

Among registered voters

Always support Joe Biden’s policies	10%
Support Joe Biden’s policies most of the time, but oppose a few	27%
50/50 - Support or oppose Joe Biden’s policies about half of the time	12%
Oppose Joe Biden’s policies most of the time, but support a few	17%
Always oppose Joe Biden’s policies	23%
Not sure	11%

43. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	23%
Not sure	27%

44. Would you say that Donald Trump holds extreme political views?

Among registered voters

Yes	54%
No	37%
Not sure	9%

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

Among registered voters

Completely clear	31%
Somewhat clear	22%
Not very clear	12%
Not clear at all	30%
Not sure	5%

46. Do you think Donald Trump spends more time...

Among registered voters

Explaining what he will do if re-elected president	35%
Attacking Joe Biden	56%
Not sure	9%

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

A lot	23%
Some	18%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	6%

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

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	38%
Not sure	5%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	37%

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

Honest and trustworthy	33%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	14%

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

Among registered voters

Confident	38%
Uneasy	56%
Not sure	6%

52. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with crime in the U.S., or are you uneasy about his approach?

Among registered voters

Confident	43%
Uneasy	51%
Not sure	6%

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

Get better	40%
Get worse	38%
Stay the same	12%
Not sure	10%

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

Among registered voters

Always support President Trump's policies	13%
Support President Trump's policies most of the time, but oppose a few	24%
50/50 - Support or oppose President Trump's policies about half of the time	10%
Oppose President Trump's policies most of the time, but support a few	23%
Always oppose President Trump's policies	25%
Not sure	5%

55. How often do you think mainstream media outlets report something that could be described as "fake news"?

Most of the time	34%
Sometimes	32%
Rarely	22%
Never	5%
Not sure	7%

56. How confident are you that you can tell real news from fake news?

Very confident	20%
Somewhat confident	45%
Not very confident	17%
Not at all confident	6%
Not sure	13%

57. When people say something is "Fake News", do you think they are more likely to say that because...

People believe the information in the news isn't true	42%
People just don't like what is being reported	43%
Not sure	15%

58. When President Trump says something is "Fake News", do you think he is more likely to say that because...

President Trump believes the information in the news isn't true	36%
President Trump just doesn't like what is being reported	52%
Not sure	11%

59. Do you believe the following countries are actively trying to influence the U.S. presidential election in November?

	Yes	No	Not sure
China	52%	21%	27%
Iran	32%	29%	39%
Russia	60%	17%	23%

60. Which candidate do you think the following countries favor in U.S. presidential election in November?

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Not favoring a particular candidate	Not sure
China	44%	14%	14%	28%
Iran	32%	12%	18%	38%
Russia	19%	48%	9%	23%

61. In general, do you think the government does too much or not enough to help the country's military veterans?

Too much	5%
Right amount	19%
Not enough	65%
Not sure	11%

62. How much do you believe Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of U.S. veterans and service members?

A lot	27%
Some	25%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	19%
Not sure	15%

63. How much do you believe Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of U.S. veterans and service members?

A lot	27%
Some	16%
Not much	16%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	9%

64. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of John McCain?	
Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	12%
Not sure	26%
65. Do you consider John McCain to be a hero or not?	
Hero	47%
Not a hero	17%
Not sure	36%
66. How much have you heard in the news recently about Donald Trump's comments about U.S. service members who died during World War 1?	
Heard a lot	35%
Heard a little	36%
Heard nothing at all	28%
67. Earlier this week, a news magazine reported that President Trump referred to U.S. service members who died in Belleau Wood during World War 1 as "losers" and "suckers". Do you believe that this story is accurate?	
Yes	39%
No	40%
Not sure	21%
68. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?	
Very closely	30%
Somewhat closely	43%
Not very closely	19%
Not following at all	8%
69. 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	18%
Yes, a close friend	24%
No	52%
Prefer not to say	3%
70. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.	
Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	21%
No	61%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Yes, a family member	6%
Yes, a close friend	12%
No	79%
Prefer not to say	4%

72. 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	21%
Somewhat worried	37%
Not too worried	26%
Not worried at all	16%

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

Increasing	31%
Not changing	24%
Decreasing	25%
Not sure	19%

74. How many Americans, in total, do you think will have died this year due to complications from COVID-19?

Fewer than 100,000 Americans	20%
100,000-150,000 Americans	17%
150,000-200,000 Americans	26%
200,000-250,000 Americans	17%
250,000-1 million Americans	14%
More than 1 million Americans	6%

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

It is safe right now	16%
In about two weeks	3%
In a month or so	7%
In several months	25%
In about a year or longer	30%
Not sure	18%

76. Which one are you most concerned about?

Protecting Americans from the health effects of the COVID-19 outbreak	61%
Protecting Americans from the economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak	39%

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

Yes	36%
No	32%
Not sure	32%

78. 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	0%
Before November	6%
By the end of 2020	27%
By the summer of 2021	31%
By the end of 2021	10%
2022 or later	5%
Not sure	21%

79. How much have you heard in the news recently about the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) instructing public health officials to prepare to distribute a potential COVID-19 vaccine as soon as late October?

A lot	17%
A little	54%
Nothing at all	29%

80. If the government announced there was a COVID-19 vaccine right before the election, how much would you trust that the vaccine would be safe and effective?

Trust completely	6%
Trust somewhat	20%
Distrust somewhat	24%
Distrust completely	33%
Not sure	17%

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

Very concerned	40%
Somewhat concerned	34%
Not very concerned	12%
Not concerned at all	5%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	9%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	21%
Fair	22%
Poor	41%
Not sure	7%

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

Excellent	10%
Good	28%
Fair	28%
Poor	27%
Not sure	7%

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

Excellent	10%
Good	30%
Fair	31%
Poor	19%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly support	47%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	18%
Not sure	8%

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

Good	34%
Bad	66%

88. How big a problem is racism in our society today?

A big problem	43%
Somewhat of a problem	32%
A small problem	19%
Not a problem	6%

89. Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system, or not?

Receive equal treatment	30%
Do not receive equal treatment	54%
Don't know	16%

90. Do you think blacks and whites receive equal treatment from the police?

Yes	27%
No	58%
Not sure	15%

91. Do you think police brutality in the United States is:

A very serious problem	39%
A somewhat serious problem	26%
Not a very serious problem	22%
Not a problem at all	6%
Not sure	7%

92. How serious a problem is crime in the United States?

Very serious	40%
Somewhat serious	40%
A minor problem	12%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	6%

93. How serious a problem is crime in your local community?

Very serious	10%
Somewhat serious	29%
A minor problem	39%
Not a problem	13%
Not sure	8%

94. How much have you heard in the news recently about the shooting of Jacob Blake by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

A lot	44%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	13%

95. Have you watched the video taken by a bystander of a police officer shooting Jacob Blake?

Yes	45%
No	49%
Not sure	6%

96. In response to the shooting of Jacob Blake by police, there have been protests in and around Kenosha, Wisconsin. Do you approve or disapprove of these protests?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	14%

97. Do you believe the protesters are...?

Mostly peaceful	41%
Mostly violent	40%
Not sure	19%

98. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	13%
Somewhat more safe	23%
About the same	31%
Somewhat less safe	11%
Much less safe	10%
Not sure	12%

99. What do you think are the chances of a major terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	7%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	32%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	29%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	11%
Not sure	21%

100. Which statement do you agree with more?

No American should have his or her Constitutional rights limited, even if that makes it harder for the government to combat terrorism	68%
In order for the government to better protect the American people, some Americans might have to have their Constitutional rights limited	32%

101. What is more important to you?

Protection of your civil rights and liberties	63%
Protection from terrorist attacks	37%

102. Since September 11, 2001, the United States has fought against the threat of terrorism through military operations abroad and increased security and surveillance inside of the United States. Do you think these actions have been worth the cost?

Worth cost	49%
Not worth cost	23%
Not sure	29%

103. Do you think we are winning or losing the war in Afghanistan?

Winning	18%
Losing	29%
Not sure	53%

104. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	39%
No	28%
Not sure	33%

105. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Iraq?

Yes	45%
No	29%
Not sure	27%

106. How would you classify the fatal acts listed below?

	Terrorism	Mental illness	Violent crime	Hate crime	Not sure
Last month in Wisconsin, a teen shot and killed 2 people, who were protesting against police violence in the streets	10%	8%	36%	27%	18%
Last week in Oregon, a man shot and killed a pro-Trump protester during a clash between protesting groups	8%	5%	41%	37%	10%
In Texas, a Muslim U.S. Army psychiatrist shot and killed 13 people, wounding another 30, on an Army base in response to military deployments in the Middle East	43%	13%	16%	20%	9%
In Texas, a man intentionally crashed his plane into a building containing the local offices of the IRS, killing himself and an IRS employee	31%	20%	26%	12%	10%
In South Carolina, a white supremacist shot and killed 9 black Americans during a prayer service	12%	7%	11%	64%	6%
In Virginia, a man killed one woman when he drove his car into a crowd of people protesting a rally of white supremacists	12%	8%	25%	46%	10%
In Texas, a white man shot and killed 27 people, wounding another 20, during church services over a domestic dispute	13%	16%	42%	21%	7%
In New York, a Muslim man intentionally drove a rented truck into bike riders and pedestrians killing 8 people and injuring another 11	39%	6%	25%	22%	8%

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In Pennsylvania, an anti-Semitic man shot and killed 11 people, wounding another 7, who were attending services at a synagogue

19% 6% 12% 57% 6%

107. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	26%	4%	3%
Immigration	37%	41%	15%	6%
Climate change and the environment	42%	29%	16%	12%
National Security and foreign policy	50%	38%	9%	3%
Education	59%	31%	6%	4%
Health care	66%	28%	3%	2%
Taxes and government spending	47%	42%	8%	3%
Civil rights and civil liberties	58%	31%	7%	3%
Gun control	46%	30%	14%	10%
Crime and criminal justice reform	51%	39%	8%	3%

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

Jobs and the economy	20%
Immigration	4%
Climate change and the environment	11%
National Security and foreign policy	7%
Education	5%
Health care	23%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil rights and civil liberties	14%
Gun control	5%
Crime and criminal justice reform	5%

109. 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	26%	14%	10%	44%	6%
Joe Biden	22%	23%	13%	32%	10%
Mike Pence	22%	17%	13%	35%	14%
Kamala Harris	21%	17%	13%	33%	15%
Nancy Pelosi	14%	20%	12%	41%	12%
Mitch McConnell	6%	19%	15%	36%	24%

110. 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%	13%	36%	10%
The Republican Party	17%	21%	15%	37%	11%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	5%

112. 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%	19%	12%	31%	11%
Immigration	26%	16%	10%	38%	11%
Climate change and the environment	16%	19%	10%	39%	16%
Terrorism	27%	18%	10%	33%	12%
Education	17%	20%	13%	33%	16%
Health care	18%	20%	11%	38%	12%
Taxes and government spending	18%	21%	13%	34%	14%
Civil rights and civil liberties	20%	18%	10%	38%	14%
Gun control	22%	16%	11%	35%	16%
Crime and criminal justice reform	23%	16%	13%	35%	14%

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

Appropriate	23%
Inappropriate	59%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	13%

116. 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	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	24%

118. 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	4%
Somewhat more than usual	6%
About the same	18%
Somewhat less than usual	18%
A lot less than usual	32%
Not sure	22%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	32%
Republicans in Congress	34%
Both equally	29%
Neither	1%
Not sure	4%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	8%
Not sure	27%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	7%
Not sure	29%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	42%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	25%
Lower	17%
Not sure	29%

124. 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	37%
No	63%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	21%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	28%
Not sure	7%

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

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	25%
Fewer jobs	21%
Not sure	22%

127. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	56%

128. 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.	31%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	14%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	3%

130. 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	26%
Some of the time	37%
Only now and then	23%
Hardly at all	13%
Don't know	1%

131. Which cable news network do you watch the most?

CNN	15%
Fox News	22%
MSNBC	9%
Other cable news network	6%
I don't watch any cable news	49%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	30%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	13%

134. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	71%
Not registered	29%

135. 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	46%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	3%

136. 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	37%
Yes, I voted in the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	31%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	24%
I don't remember	8%

137. 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	67%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Bernie Sanders	29%
Someone else	1%

138. 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	62%
Someone else	38%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes	64%
No	36%

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

Hillary Clinton	30%
Donald Trump	28%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	38%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	27%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

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

Strong Democrat	18%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	4%

143. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

144. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

145. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	11%
Hispanic	11%
Other	10%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	33%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	11%

147. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	7%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

149. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

A large city	20%
A suburb near a large city	34%
A small city or town	27%
A rural area	19%

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

Excellent	14%
Very good	30%
Good	39%
Only fair	13%
Poor	3%

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

Full-time employed	31%
Part-time employed	9%
Self-employed	4%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	13%
Retired	25%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	46%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	16%
Prefer not to say	11%

154. 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	6%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	35%
Military Household - None	52%

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

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	85%

156. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	23%

157. 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	8%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	32%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

159. 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%

160. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 6 - 8, 2020
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 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.103 to 5.141, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.887.
Number of respondents	1500 1183 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.7% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	31 questions not reported.