

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 13 - 15, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 13 - 15, 2021
 Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
Off on the wrong track	49%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	23%
Fair	35%
Poor	31%
Don't know	7%

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

Unemployment	24%
Inflation	24%
Both equal	42%
Not sure	10%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Boris Johnson	5%	25%	20%	14%	36%
Justin Trudeau	14%	23%	13%	17%	33%
Xi Jinping	2%	4%	16%	33%	46%
Emmanuel Macron	7%	22%	14%	11%	46%
Angela Merkel	15%	21%	12%	12%	39%
Recep Tayyip Erdogan	2%	4%	9%	23%	61%

5. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	46%
Don't know	18%

6. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Alexei Navalny?

Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable	5%
Don't know	60%

7. Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance when people in other countries need help, or don't you think the U.S. has that responsibility?

U.S. has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	45%
U.S. does not have a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	35%
Not sure	20%

8. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance	49%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance	30%
Not sure	21%

9. Compared to 2017, do you think the United States plays...

A more important and more powerful role now as a world leader today	22%
A less important and less powerful role now as a world leader today	37%
About as important a role as a world leader as it did in 2017 years ago	21%
Not sure	20%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of NATO?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	30%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	12%
Don't know	27%

11. What country do you think poses the greatest threat to the United States?

China	44%
Iran	4%
North Korea	10%
Russia	20%
Some other country	5%
Not sure	17%

12. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the US government to prevent a major cyber-attack on computer systems in the United States?

Very confident	5%
Somewhat confident	20%
Not very confident	39%
Not at all confident	26%
Not sure	11%

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

Very closely	29%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	21%
Not following at all	9%

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

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	16%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	62%
Prefer not to say	3%

15. 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	33%
No	42%
Prefer not to say	2%

16. 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	15%
No	72%
Prefer not to say	3%

17. 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	10%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	36%
Not worried at all	24%

18. 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	23%
Some of the time	27%
Never	20%

19. 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	56%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	7%
I will not get vaccinated	20%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	13%

20. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	49%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	9%

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

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	22%
No	75%
Not sure	2%

22. How many of your friends have been vaccinated?

All of them	13%
Most of them	37%
A few of them	26%
None of them	6%
Not sure	18%

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

All of them	25%
Most of them	27%
A few of them	24%
None of them	10%
Not sure	14%

24. 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%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	13%

26. The Biden administration will ship the first batch of 500 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to 92 countries in August. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	16%

27. 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	11%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not very likely	28%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	16%

28. Do you plan on traveling anywhere this summer?

Yes	34%
No	47%
Not sure	20%

29. 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	44%
Driving in a car	80%
Taking a train	10%
Taking a bus	5%
Going on a cruise ship	5%
None of the above	1%

30. 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.	85%
Outside the U.S.	4%
Both	10%
Neither	0%

31. Compared to this point last year, are you spending more or less time...

	More time	Less time	About the same amount of time
Gardening	21%	20%	59%
Reading	32%	13%	54%
Playing sports	7%	26%	67%
Exercising outside	21%	21%	58%
Exercising inside	23%	18%	59%
Playing music	29%	12%	60%
Crafting	13%	21%	65%
Baking	20%	19%	61%

32. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in the United States today?

Completely satisfied	6%
Somewhat satisfied	21%
Somewhat dissatisfied	32%
Completely dissatisfied	28%
Not sure	14%

33. Do you think that America's democracy works better or worse than other countries?

Better	34%
Worse	21%
About the same	22%
Not sure	24%

34. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Democracy is best form of government.

Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree	26%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	8%
Not sure	18%

35. How important are each of the following to the United States maintaining a strong democracy?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important
That national elections are open and fair	81%	13%	4%	3%
That there is a system of checks and balances dividing power between the President, Congress, and the courts	75%	20%	4%	2%
That news organizations are free to criticize political leaders	58%	25%	10%	7%
That the rights of people with unpopular views are protected	59%	31%	6%	3%
That people have the right to non-violent protest	67%	23%	7%	3%

36. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of democracy in America?

Optimistic	31%
Pessimistic	41%
Not sure	28%

37. Do you personally know someone who identifies as LGBTQ+?

Yes	62%
No	31%
Not sure	7%

38. Do you personally know someone who identifies as transgender?

Yes	27%
No	66%
Not sure	6%

39. Since Joe Biden took office in January 2021, do you think things have gotten better or worse for transgender people, or have things stayed about the same?

Better	26%
Stayed about the same	58%
Worse	15%

40. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of LGBTQ+ people?

A lot	20%
Some	37%
Not much	21%
Not at all	22%

41. Do you think transgender people should use the bathrooms that correspond with their assigned sex at birth or with their current gender identity?

Assigned sex at birth	40%
Current gender identity	33%
Not sure	27%

42. Do you think transgender student athletes should be...

Only allowed to play on the team that matches their assigned at birth	55%
Allowed to play on the team that matches their current gender identity	45%

43. Do you think transgender people should be required to use their assigned sex at birth on official documents or allowed to use their current gender identity?

Assigned at birth	40%
Current gender identity	34%
Not sure	26%

44. How much discrimination do the following people face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Arab Americans	29%	41%	22%	7%
Asian Americans	30%	40%	24%	7%
African Americans	37%	32%	23%	8%
Hispanic Americans	22%	41%	29%	8%
Immigrants	32%	40%	21%	7%
Native born citizens	19%	32%	33%	16%
Gay, lesbian, and bisexual people	30%	38%	23%	8%
Transgender people	41%	32%	21%	7%
Christians	17%	26%	35%	23%

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

A big problem	45%
Somewhat of a problem	26%
A small problem	18%
Not a problem	10%

46. Do you think racism is only a problem with individuals who are racist, or is it a broader problem that exists within the country's organizational, societal and legal structure?

Asked of those who believe racism is a problem in our society today

Individual problem	31%
Signs of a broader, structural problem	57%
Don't know	13%

47. Do you believe the following institutions in American society ever operate in racist ways?

	Yes	No	Not sure
The police	62%	25%	13%
The criminal justice system	63%	23%	14%
The President	46%	31%	23%
The Congress	56%	21%	22%
The U.S. Supreme Court	41%	35%	25%
Television News	60%	20%	19%
Banks and other financial institutions	48%	29%	23%
Corporations	58%	22%	20%

48. How much have you heard about critical race theory?

A lot	26%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	35%

49. Do you have a good idea of what critical race theory is?

Asked of those who have heard at least a little about critical race theory

Yes	54%
No	23%
Not sure	23%

50. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of critical race theory?

Asked of those who say they know what critical race theory is

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%
Very unfavorable	53%
Don't know	4%

51. Do you believe teaching critical race theory is...

Asked of those who say they know what critical race theory is

Good for America	37%
Bad for America	55%
Neither good nor bad for America	8%

52. How much have you heard about Juneteenth?

A lot	25%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	27%

53. Do you know what Juneteenth is?

Asked of those who have heard at least a little about Juneteenth

Yes	69%
No	14%
Not sure	17%

54. Do you know what date Juneteenth is celebrated on?

Asked of those who say they know what Juneteenth is

June 13th	7%
June 14th	3%
June 15th	2%
June 16th	3%
June 17th	2%
June 18th	2%
June 19th	68%
Not sure	14%

55. When did you first learn about Juneteenth?

Asked of those who say they know what Juneteenth is

Many years ago	34%
Just a few years ago	43%
Just this year	15%
Never	1%
I don't remember	7%

56. How often have you celebrated Juneteenth?

Every year	5%
Several times	9%
This is the first year	5%
Never	51%
Not sure what Juneteenth is	31%

57. Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S., celebrated on June 19th. Would you support or oppose making it a national holiday?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	17%

58. Should America eliminate any of the following national holidays to allow for Juneteenth to become a national holiday? Select all that apply.

New Year's Day	2%
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	8%
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)	8%
Memorial Day	3%
Independence Day	2%
Labor Day	3%
Columbus Day	27%
Veterans' Day	2%
Thanksgiving Day	2%
Christmas Day	2%
None of these	50%
Not sure	10%

59. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	36%	13%	5%
Climate change and the environment	46%	25%	14%	15%
Foreign policy	39%	45%	11%	5%
National Security	63%	29%	6%	2%
Education	63%	28%	5%	4%
Health care	71%	22%	5%	3%
Taxes and government spending	59%	33%	6%	2%
Abortion	42%	29%	18%	11%
Civil rights	59%	27%	9%	5%
Civil liberties	60%	29%	7%	4%
Guns	52%	25%	14%	9%
Crime	61%	31%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	52%	30%	11%	6%

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

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

61. 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	29%	20%	11%	33%	7%
Kamala Harris	24%	18%	9%	37%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	17%	11%	41%	14%
Kevin McCarthy	5%	15%	13%	29%	37%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	16%	43%	20%
Chuck Schumer	12%	19%	9%	34%	26%
Donald Trump	24%	13%	9%	47%	7%

62. 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	16%	23%	14%	35%	11%
The Republican Party	11%	21%	19%	38%	11%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	10%

64. 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	23%	22%	13%	28%	14%
Climate change and the environment	20%	23%	11%	26%	20%
National Security	18%	24%	11%	27%	20%
Taxes and government spending	19%	21%	11%	33%	16%

65. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	25%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	25%
Some	22%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Like a lot	27%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	20%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	34%

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

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	41%
Not sure	18%

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

Confident	38%
Uneasy	45%
Not sure	17%

71. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	47%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	22%
No	52%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	38%
Pessimistic	41%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	13%

75. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	17%

76. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	25%

77. 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	15%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	27%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	27%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	22%
Lower	23%
Not sure	30%

82. 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	40%
No	60%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	25%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	37%
The same amount of jobs	27%
Fewer jobs	16%
Not sure	21%

85. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	67%

86. 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.	23%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	32%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	18%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	10%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	13%

89. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	80%
Not registered	20%
90. 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%
91. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	32%
Republican	21%
Independent	32%
Other	4%
Not sure	11%
92. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	7%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	6%
93. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
94. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
95. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

97. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

98. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

99. Which of the following activities did you do last weekend? Please select all that apply.

Visited McGrath, Alaska	0%
Flew in a helicopter	0%
Went skiing	1%
Played poker	4%
Visited a flea market	7%
Went Geocaching	1%
Went bungee jumping	0%
Watched TV	75%
None of the above	23%

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

Under \$50K	46%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	12%

101. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	25%

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

More than once a week	5%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	35%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

105. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Interviewing Dates	June 13 - 15, 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 0.166 to 6.014, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.618.
Number of respondents	1500 1305 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	39 questions not reported.