

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 20 - 22, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 20 - 22, 2021
 Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	40%
Off on the wrong track	45%
Not sure	15%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	25%
Fair	37%
Poor	28%
Don't know	6%

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

Unemployment	24%
Inflation	25%
Both equal	40%
Not sure	11%

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	7%	25%	21%	12%	35%
Justin Trudeau	15%	24%	14%	15%	32%
Xi Jinping	2%	8%	15%	31%	44%
Emmanuel Macron	9%	23%	15%	9%	44%
Angela Merkel	16%	24%	13%	10%	37%
Recep Tayyip Erdogan	2%	8%	12%	21%	57%

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

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	24%
Very unfavorable	44%
Don't know	19%

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

A more important and more powerful role now as a world leader today	25%
A less important and less powerful role now as a world leader today	39%
About as important a role as a world leader as it did in 2017	19%
Not sure	17%

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

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	30%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	27%

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

China	43%
Iran	5%
North Korea	12%
Russia	22%
Some other country	4%
Not sure	14%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has been handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	15%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has handled his recent trip to attend the G7 Summit in the United Kingdom, meeting with NATO leaders, and summit with Russian president Vladimir Putin?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	19%

11. How well do you feel Joe Biden understands foreign policy?

Very well	28%
Fairly well	22%
Not very well	15%
Not at all	22%
Not sure	13%

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

Very closely	30%
Somewhat closely	40%
Not very closely	22%
Not following at all	8%

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

Yes, a family member	11%
Yes, a close friend	18%
No	68%
Prefer not to say	5%

14. 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	15%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	59%
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	29%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	42%
Prefer not to say	3%

16. 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	17%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not too worried	34%
Not worried at all	23%

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

Always	29%
Most of the time	20%
Some of the time	28%
Never	23%

18. 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	22%	18%	16%	9%	29%	6%
Donald Trump	13%	14%	15%	8%	45%	5%
Anthony Fauci	28%	16%	11%	10%	24%	11%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	25%	27%	15%	14%	15%	5%

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	59%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	6%
I plan to get vaccinated	7%
I will not get vaccinated	16%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	12%

20. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	46%
Moderna	37%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	3%
Johnson & Johnson	14%

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

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	23%
No	73%
Not sure	5%

22. Would you get the vaccine if...

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Your employer required you to be vaccinated	9%	65%	26%
You received \$100 for getting the vaccine	12%	72%	16%
Donald Trump urged you to be vaccinated	4%	79%	17%
The vaccine received full FDA authorization	9%	54%	36%
Someone close to you contracted COVID-19	7%	66%	27%

23. Do you believe Donald Trump supports or opposes vaccination for COVID-19?

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	16%
Not sure	26%

24. Do you believe that Donald Trump has been vaccinated for COVID-19?

Yes	54%
No	16%
Not sure	30%

25. How many of your friends have been vaccinated?

All of them	14%
Most of them	42%
A few of them	24%
None of them	4%
Not sure	16%

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

All of them	30%
Most of them	30%
A few of them	21%
None of them	8%
Not sure	13%

27. 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	60%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	40%

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

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	13%

29. 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	30%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	15%

30. Do you plan on traveling anywhere this summer?

Yes	38%
No	44%
Not sure	18%

31. 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	35%
Driving in a car	80%
Taking a train	8%
Taking a bus	7%
Going on a cruise ship	6%
None of the above	0%

32. 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.	84%
Outside the U.S.	8%
Both	8%
Neither	1%

33. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Vice President Kamala Harris' trip to Latin America?

A lot	19%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	34%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kamala Harris has handled her recent trip to meet with leaders in Mexico and Guatemala?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	33%

35. How well do you feel Kamala Harris understands foreign policy?

Very well	16%
Fairly well	22%
Not very well	14%
Not at all	28%
Not sure	21%

36. Is there currently a crisis on the U.S. border with Mexico, or not?

Yes, there is a crisis	60%
No, there is no crisis	16%
Not sure	24%

37. What best describes the crisis on the U.S. border with Mexico?

Asked of those who believe there is currently a crisis on the U.S. border with Mexico

National security crisis	12%
Illegal immigration crisis	42%
Humanitarian crisis	18%
Drug smuggling crisis	4%
Human trafficking crisis	11%
Criminal crisis	4%
Something else	9%

38. When it comes to border security, which party do you trust most?

Republican party	32%
Democratic party	29%
Both equally	5%
Neither	23%
Not sure	11%

39. Do you believe the US is a nation of immigrants?

Yes	72%
No	15%
Not sure	13%

40. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off, or does it not make much difference?

Better off	40%
Worse off	20%
Doesn't make much difference	24%
Not sure	16%

41. During her visit to Latin America, Vice President Kamala Harris chose not to visit the U.S.-Mexico border. Do you think she made the right decision, or do you think she should have visited the border?

Made the right decision	19%
Should have visited the border	52%
Not sure	29%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Gavin Newsom	9%	18%	8%	25%	41%
Mike Pence	14%	23%	18%	29%	15%
Stacey Abrams	20%	15%	7%	22%	36%
Joe Manchin	5%	21%	19%	14%	41%

43. 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	49%	36%	12%	4%
Climate change and the environment	45%	26%	15%	13%
Foreign policy	42%	42%	12%	4%
National Security	61%	28%	9%	3%
Education	59%	29%	9%	3%
Health care	67%	25%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	56%	33%	9%	3%
Abortion	42%	29%	19%	10%
Civil rights	55%	29%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	54%	31%	10%	5%
Guns	50%	29%	14%	7%
Crime	59%	31%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	49%	32%	15%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	7%
Climate change and the environment	14%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	9%
Education	5%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	2%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%

45. 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%	21%	12%	31%	6%
Kamala Harris	23%	23%	9%	35%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	16%	21%	12%	40%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	19%	12%	27%	35%
Mitch McConnell	5%	21%	17%	39%	19%
Chuck Schumer	13%	20%	12%	32%	23%
Donald Trump	24%	17%	9%	44%	6%

46. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	18%	26%	13%	34%	9%
The Republican Party	12%	22%	19%	37%	9%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	10%

48. 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%	26%	12%	28%	12%
Education	18%	27%	12%	24%	20%
Health care	22%	28%	12%	24%	15%
Abortion	15%	22%	9%	29%	25%
Civil rights	22%	25%	10%	26%	17%
Civil liberties	19%	24%	11%	25%	21%
Crime	15%	26%	10%	30%	20%
Criminal justice reform	15%	26%	11%	27%	21%

49. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	27%
Some	21%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	19%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	45%
Not honest and trustworthy	37%
Not sure	19%

54. 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	42%
Not sure	18%

55. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	42%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	27%
No	45%
Not sure	28%

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

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	38%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	12%

59. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	24%

61. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	10%
Not sure	24%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	7%
Not sure	27%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	22%
About the same	24%
Lower	23%
Not sure	32%

66. 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%

67. 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	9%

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

More jobs	36%
The same amount of jobs	25%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	20%

69. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	60%

70. 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.	24%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	32%
Not very hard	29%
Not sure	16%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	13%

73. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	77%
Not registered	23%
74. 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%
75. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	34%
Republican	25%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	11%
76. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	25%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	7%
77. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
78. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

81. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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	43%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	16%
Prefer not to say	13%

84. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	22%

85. 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	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	32%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

87. 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	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

88. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	5%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 20 - 22, 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 0.193 to 3.96, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.413.
Number of respondents	1500 1223 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	37 questions not reported.