

**The Economist/YouGov Poll**  
**February 13 - 16, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens**



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted February 13 - 16, 2021  
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 31%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 51%  
 Not sure ..... 17%

**2. Which comes closest to your view?**

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. .... 34%  
 It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated. .... 49%  
 Not sure ..... 17%

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

Biden legitimately won the election ..... 64%  
 Biden did NOT legitimately win the election ..... 36%

**4. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Joe Biden as president?**

Enthusiastic ..... 30%  
 Satisfied but not enthusiastic ..... 21%  
 Dissatisfied but not upset ..... 19%  
 Upset ..... 22%  
 Not sure ..... 8%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	20%	17%	7%	32%	24%
Bernie Sanders	25%	23%	12%	29%	11%
Joe Manchin	4%	19%	17%	13%	46%
Ted Cruz	17%	17%	9%	37%	20%
Josh Hawley	12%	10%	7%	29%	42%
Liz Cheney	8%	19%	18%	19%	36%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	10%	10%	7%	34%	39%

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

Very closely	38%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	16%
Not following at all	7%

7. 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	17%
Yes, a close friend	18%
No	56%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	31%
Yes, a close friend	33%
No	38%
Prefer not to say	3%

9. 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	17%
No	69%
Prefer not to say	4%

10. 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	24%
Somewhat worried	37%
Not too worried	24%
Not worried at all	16%

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

Always	65%
Most of the time	17%
Some of the time	12%
Never	6%

12. When a coronavirus vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

Yes	41%
No	26%
Not sure	23%
I have already been vaccinated	10%

13. Do you believe there will be enough doses to vaccinate everyone in the U.S. who needs it?

Yes	47%
No	22%
Not sure	31%

14. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available for you?  
*Among those who definitely will, or might get vaccinated*

By the end of February 2021	14%
By the spring of 2021	22%
By the summer of 2021	28%
By the end of 2021	15%
2022 or later	4%
Not sure	17%

15. Do you think the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine has been...

Too slow	47%
About right	23%
Too fast	12%
Not sure	18%

16. How well do you think you understand which groups of people are prioritized COVID-19 vaccine distribution?

Very well	27%
Fairly well	45%
Not very well	18%
Not at all	10%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the groups of people prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution?  
*Among those with at least some understanding of vaccine priority*

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	15%

18. Do you think people like you should be prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts?

Yes, should be prioritized .....	40%
No, should not be prioritized .....	38%
Not sure .....	22%

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

Very concerned .....	27%
Somewhat concerned .....	31%
Not very concerned .....	21%
Not concerned at all .....	12%
Not sure .....	8%

20. Are you confident in the Biden administration's ability to effectively distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, or are you uneasy about their approach?

Confident .....	43%
Uneasy .....	37%
Not sure .....	19%

21. 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 .....	20%
Not sure .....	14%

22. How much have you heard in the news recently about the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package currently being passed through Congress?

A lot .....	41%
A little .....	46%
Nothing at all .....	14%

23. Do you support or oppose the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package currently being passed through Congress?  
*Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill*

Strongly support .....	43%
Somewhat support .....	22%
Somewhat oppose .....	11%
Strongly oppose .....	15%
Not sure .....	8%

24. Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals for the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package?

*Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill*

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
\$1400 relief checks to every individual making less than \$75,000	61%	18%	9%	7%	5%
Minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour	41%	15%	11%	29%	4%
\$160 billion nationwide vaccine program	56%	22%	6%	9%	8%
Additional \$400 unemployment benefits	48%	23%	12%	12%	6%
Additional funding to create state and local government jobs	41%	25%	10%	17%	8%
Extending eviction ban through September	50%	23%	10%	9%	9%
Expansion of the child tax credit for up to \$3,600 per child this year	42%	26%	12%	10%	10%

25. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the people who took over the Capitol on January 6th?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	63%
Don't know	13%

26. Do you feel like the people who took over the Capitol on January 6th were mostly supporters of Donald Trump or not?

They were mostly Trump supporters	59%
They were NOT mostly Trump supporters	24%
Not sure	17%

27. Do you believe that members of the U.S. Congress were truly in danger during the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

They were truly in danger	54%
They were NOT truly in danger	31%
Not sure	15%

28. How much responsibility does former President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot	45%
Some	10%
A little	10%
None	27%
Not sure	8%

29. Do you believe that former President Trump did anything wrong during the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

Yes .....	51%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	12%

30. Do you think former President Trump should be allowed to run for President again?

Yes .....	38%
No .....	53%
Not sure .....	9%

31. Do you believe that Congress's decision to impeach former President Trump over his actions during the takeover of the Capitol was the right decision, or do you believe that impeachment was not warranted?

Impeachment was the right decision .....	48%
Impeachment was NOT the right decision .....	42%
Not sure .....	10%

32. How much of the impeachment hearings did you watch?

I watched almost all of the impeachment hearings .....	15%
I only watched some of the impeachment hearings .....	20%
I only watched clips or highlights .....	19%
I only read or watched news stories analyzing the impeachment hearings .....	13%
I didn't watch any of the impeachment hearings .....	34%

33. How much have you heard in the news recently about the decision to not call witnesses for the Senate impeachment trial of former President Trump?

A lot .....	22%
A little .....	44%
Nothing at all .....	33%

34. On Saturday, February 13th, the Senate announced that a deal had been reached to skip witnesses in the impeachment trial of former President Trump. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

*Among those who heard at least a little about the decision to skip witnesses*

Strongly approve .....	18%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	22%
Strongly disapprove .....	25%
Not sure .....	15%

35. Later on Saturday, February 13th, the U.S. Senate voted to acquit former President Trump over his role in the takeover of the Capitol. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve .....	35%
Somewhat approve .....	7%
Somewhat disapprove .....	7%
Strongly disapprove .....	38%
Not sure .....	12%

36. How did your Senators vote in the Senate impeachment trial of former President Trump?

Both of my Senators voted to convict former President Trump .....	26%
One of my Senators voted to convict former President Trump, and one voted to acquit ...	13%
Both of my Senators voted to acquit former President Trump .....	19%
I'm not sure how my Senators voted .....	43%

37. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?

Outstanding .....	18%
Above Average .....	13%
Average .....	8%
Below Average .....	9%
Poor .....	43%
Not Sure .....	10%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	23%	3%	1%
Immigration	45%	34%	15%	6%
Climate change and the environment	44%	26%	15%	15%
National Security and foreign policy	57%	33%	7%	3%
Education	62%	28%	8%	2%
Health care	69%	24%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	57%	34%	6%	3%
Abortion	41%	27%	20%	12%
Civil rights	54%	31%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	57%	30%	10%	4%
Guns	50%	28%	15%	7%
Crime and criminal justice reform	53%	35%	9%	3%

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

Jobs and the economy	24%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security and foreign policy	5%
Education	5%
Health care	21%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime and criminal justice reform	4%

40. 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	35%	18%	11%	31%	5%
Kamala Harris	32%	16%	8%	35%	8%
Nancy Pelosi	22%	18%	12%	39%	10%
Mitch McConnell	5%	14%	20%	44%	17%
Chuck Schumer	17%	18%	10%	33%	22%

41. 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	23%	22%	12%	35%	8%
The Republican Party	10%	20%	20%	40%	9%

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

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	10%



43. 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	28%	21%	7%	29%	15%
Education	24%	22%	9%	23%	21%
Health care	29%	21%	10%	23%	17%
Abortion	19%	14%	6%	29%	31%

44. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	34%
Some	20%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	7%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	7%

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

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	31%

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

Honest and trustworthy	47%
Not honest and trustworthy	38%
Not sure	15%

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

Confident .....	47%
Uneasy .....	40%
Not sure .....	13%

50. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes .....	44%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	42%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	46%
Not sure .....	24%

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

Optimistic .....	46%
Pessimistic .....	37%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Strongly approve .....	7%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	33%
Not sure .....	10%

54. 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 .....	21%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	37%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Strongly approve .....	16%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	10%
Strongly disapprove .....	32%
Not sure .....	24%

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

Strongly approve .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	13%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	44%
Not sure .....	19%

57. 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 .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	13%
Not sure .....	26%

58. 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 .....	25%
Very conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	26%

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

Getting better .....	13%
About the same .....	35%
Getting worse .....	38%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Higher .....	22%
About the same .....	22%
Lower .....	27%
Not sure .....	29%

61. 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 .....	41%
No .....	59%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	28%
Not sure .....	8%

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

More jobs .....	29%
The same amount of jobs .....	20%
Fewer jobs .....	31%
Not sure .....	20%

64. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	14%
Somewhat worried .....	28%
Not very worried .....	58%

65. 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. ....	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	34%
Not very hard .....	24%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very happy .....	24%
Happy .....	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	17%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	13%

<b>68. Are you registered to vote?</b>	
Registered .....	79%
Not registered .....	21%
<b>69. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?</b>	
Joe Biden .....	34%
Donald Trump .....	31%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	34%
<b>70. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?</b>	
Democrat .....	34%
Republican .....	24%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	10%
<b>71. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?</b>	
Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	16%
Not sure .....	6%
<b>72. Are you... ?</b>	
Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%
<b>73. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	23%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	22%
<b>74. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	7%

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

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

**76. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	43%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	25%
No .....	75%

**78. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

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

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

Under \$50K .....	47%
\$50-100K .....	24%
\$100K or more .....	18%
Prefer not to say .....	11%

**80. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	35%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	22%

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

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	23%
Never	32%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

83. 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	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	7%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	February 13 - 16, 2021
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.103 to 5.276, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.529.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1259 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	46 questions not reported.