

# Yahoo! News COVID-19 Vaccination Survey - 20210819

Sample 1,649 U.S. Adults  
 Conducted August 16-18, 2021  
 Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	34%
Off on the wrong track .....	53%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Strongly approve .....	20%
Somewhat approve .....	27%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	8%

## 3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling each of the following issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Coronavirus	30%	21%	14%	27%	8%
The economy	21%	24%	11%	33%	11%
Foreign policy	14%	22%	13%	36%	16%
Immigration	12%	23%	15%	37%	13%
Guns	11%	22%	14%	32%	21%
Crime	12%	24%	13%	31%	19%
Race	19%	23%	11%	30%	17%
Climate change	19%	24%	12%	27%	17%

## 4. Do you believe Joe Biden has the competence to carry out the job of president?

Yes .....	46%
No .....	42%
Not sure .....	11%

## 5. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried .....	23%
Somewhat worried .....	38%
Not very worried .....	22%
Not worried at all .....	17%

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## 6. How would you describe the way most Americans are dealing with COVID-19?

Most are underestimating the risks. ....	45%
Most are behaving appropriately. ....	24%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks. ....	21%
Not sure .....	10%

## 7. In considering whether to reopen the economy, are you more concerned about lifting the restrictions too quickly or too slowly?

Concerned about lifting restrictions too quickly .....	60%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly .....	40%

## 8. 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 .....	61%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot .....	4%
I plan to get vaccinated .....	6%
I will not get vaccinated .....	17%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated .....	12%

## 9. How would you rate the job the vaccines are doing protecting vaccinated people from hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19?

Excellent .....	28%
Good .....	31%
Only fair .....	17%
Poor .....	12%
Not sure .....	12%

## 10. How would you rate the job the vaccines are doing protecting people from getting infected with COVID-19?

Excellent .....	18%
Good .....	35%
Only fair .....	20%
Poor .....	16%
Not sure .....	11%

## 11. How would you rate the job the vaccines are doing stopping vaccinated people from spreading COVID-19 to others?

Excellent .....	14%
Good .....	33%
Only fair .....	18%
Poor .....	18%
Not sure .....	18%

**12. Would you say the COVID-19 vaccines are performing...?**

Better than you expected .....	22%
Worse than you expected .....	18%
About the way you expected .....	44%
Not sure .....	16%

**13. Do you plan to get vaccinated for COVID-19?**

*Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19*

Yes .....	17%
No .....	48%
Not sure .....	34%

**14. What is the most important reason you haven't gotten vaccinated yet?**

*Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19*

I don't have easy access to vaccination .....	4%
I can't get time off from work .....	1%
I already had COVID-19 .....	8%
I'm not worried about getting COVID-19 .....	11%
I don't trust the COVID-19 vaccines .....	47%
Some vaccinated people are getting COVID-19 .....	6%
Other .....	10%
Not sure .....	12%

**15. Why don't you trust the COVID-19 vaccines? Select all that apply**

*Asked of those who don't trust trust the COVID-19 vaccines*

The vaccines are too new .....	65%
The FDA hasn't fully approved the vaccines yet .....	47%
I'm concerned about short-term side effects .....	48%
I'm concerned about long-term side effects .....	71%
Don't trust any vaccines .....	29%
Don't trust the government .....	54%
Don't trust drug companies .....	50%
None of these .....	1%

**16. And if you had to choose just one, which is the most important reason why don't you trust the COVID-19 vaccines?**

*Asked of those who don't trust the COVID-19 vaccines*

The vaccines are too new .....	20%
The FDA hasn't fully approved the vaccines yet .....	10%
I'm concerned about short-term side effects .....	3%
I'm concerned about long-term side effects .....	27%
Don't trust any vaccines .....	10%
Don't trust the government .....	22%
Don't trust drug companies .....	6%
Not sure .....	2%

**17. Which poses a greater risk to America?**

The COVID-19 virus .....	67%
The COVID-19 vaccines .....	13%
Not sure .....	19%

**18. Which poses a greater risk to your health?**

The COVID-19 virus .....	65%
The COVID-19 vaccines .....	17%
Not sure .....	18%

**19. When do you plan to get vaccinated?**

*Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19*

As soon as it is available to me .....	4%
I will wait and see what happens to others before deciding .....	25%
Never .....	49%
Not sure .....	22%

**20. Which comes closest to your view of the COVID-19 pandemic:**

The worst of the U.S. pandemic is already behind us .....	33%
The worst of the U.S. pandemic is still yet to come .....	38%
Not sure .....	29%

**21. Is the COVID-19 pandemic over in the U.S.?**

Yes .....	12%
No .....	75%
Not sure .....	13%

**22. Have you heard of the Delta variant of the coronavirus?**

Yes .....	93%
No .....	7%

**23. How worried are you about the Delta variant spreading in the U.S.?**

*Asked of those who have heard of the Delta variant*

Very worried .....	40%
Somewhat worried .....	32%
Not very worried .....	14%
Not worried at all .....	13%

24. Which comes closest to your view about the Delta variant?

*Asked of those who have heard of the Delta variant*

It poses a serious risk to all Americans .....	41%
It poses a serious risk to unvaccinated Americans .....	35%
It doesn't pose a serious risk to any Americans .....	12%
Not sure .....	12%

25. How much are each of the following to blame for the new surge of COVID cases in the U.S.?

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Not sure
Unvaccinated Americans	47%	19%	11%	13%	11%
Vaccinated Americans	8%	16%	28%	36%	12%
The Biden Administration	24%	17%	20%	26%	12%
The CDC and other public-health authorities	21%	23%	22%	21%	12%
Americans who refuse to wear masks and take other precautions	51%	16%	12%	14%	8%
People who spread misinformation online and on TV	56%	19%	7%	7%	10%

26. Who deserves the most blame for the new surge of COVID cases in the U.S.?

Unvaccinated Americans .....	29%
Vaccinated Americans .....	3%
The Biden Administration .....	14%
The CDC and other public-health authorities .....	11%
Americans who refuse to wear masks and take other precautions .....	25%
People who spread misinformation online and on TV .....	18%

27. New data is showing that "breakthrough infections" from the Delta variant — cases that occur despite full vaccination — may be more common than expected. How worried are you about getting a breakthrough COVID-19 infection?

*Asked of those who are fully vaccinated or started the vaccination process, but need another shot*

Very worried .....	24%
Somewhat worried .....	46%
Not very worried .....	23%
Not worried at all .....	8%

28. New data is also showing that vaccinated people who become infected with the Delta variant can transmit the virus to others. How worried are you about spreading the virus?

*Asked of those who are fully vaccinated or started the vaccination process, but need another shot*

Very worried .....	29%
Somewhat worried .....	40%
Not very worried .....	23%
Not worried at all .....	8%

**29. Given the emergence of the Delta variant, should we be lifting coronavirus restrictions**

*Asked of those who have heard of the Delta variant*

More slowly .....	56%
More quickly .....	12%
Doesn't make a difference .....	25%
Not sure .....	7%

**30. Do you personally know anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last month? Select all that apply**

Yes, me .....	2%
Yes, a family member .....	13%
Yes, a close friend .....	17%
No .....	68%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

**31. Were any of your friends or family members who tested positive fully vaccinated for COVID-19?**

Yes .....	18%
No .....	58%
Not sure .....	24%

**32. Do you personally know anyone who has been hospitalized for COVID-19 in the last month? Select all that apply**

Yes, me .....	1%
Yes, a family member .....	6%
Yes, a close friend .....	8%
No .....	84%
Prefer not to say .....	2%

**33. Do you personally know anyone who has died due to complications from COVID-19 in the last month?**

Yes, a family member .....	3%
Yes, a close friend .....	9%
No .....	86%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

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

Always .....	33%
Most of the time .....	22%
Some of the time .....	25%
Never .....	20%

**35. Should it be mandatory to wear a mask in public?**

Yes .....	54%
No .....	46%

36. This week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidance recommending that both vaccinated and unvaccinated Americans in high-transmission areas wear masks indoors when out in public. Do you favor or oppose this decision?

Favor .....	60%
Oppose .....	28%
Not sure .....	13%

37. How does the spread of the more contagious Delta variant affect your likelihood of wearing a mask in public?

Makes me more likely to wear a mask .....	59%
Makes me less likely to wear a mask .....	6%
No difference .....	35%

38. How does the spread of the more contagious Delta variant affect your likelihood of getting vaccinated?

*Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19*

Makes me more likely to get vaccinated .....	16%
Makes me less likely to get vaccinated .....	13%
No difference .....	71%

39. To combat variants, some countries — including the U.S. — are now offering boosters to vulnerable adults, and vaccine manufacturers say they will seek emergency use authorization from the FDA for a booster. Would you get a booster shot if it were available to you?

*Asked of those who have been vaccinated*

Yes .....	74%
No .....	9%
Not sure .....	17%

40. Would you favor or oppose certain businesses requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination from customers?

Favor .....	47%
Oppose .....	38%
Not sure .....	15%

41. Several cities have started to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for indoor activities such as drinking, dining and exercising. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Agree .....	49%
Disagree .....	38%
Not sure .....	13%

42. Several states have prohibited businesses and other entities from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for indoor activities. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Agree .....	38%
Disagree .....	46%
Not sure .....	16%

43. A vaccine pass or passport is documentation proving that you have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Overall, do you support or oppose having vaccine passports so that people can prove they are vaccinated?

Support .....	51%
Oppose .....	35%
Not sure .....	14%

44. Public schools require students to be vaccinated against various diseases, including measles. If and when the COVID-19 vaccines are fully approved for use in minors, should public schools require students to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes .....	54%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	18%

45. Should students and staff be required to wear masks in school while Delta is surging?

Yes .....	62%
No .....	26%
Not sure .....	13%

46. Some governors have prohibited local school districts from requiring masks. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Agree .....	29%
Disagree .....	57%
Not sure .....	14%

47. Does your local school district require students to wear masks?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Yes .....	52%
No .....	25%
Not sure .....	22%

48. Regardless of whether masks are required by the district, will you tell your child to wear a mask at school?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Yes .....	62%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	9%

49. How worried are you about your child getting COVID-19?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Very worried .....	38%
Somewhat worried .....	27%
Not very worried .....	18%
Not worried at all .....	14%
Not sure .....	3%



50. If and when the COVID-19 vaccines are fully approved for use in minors, do you plan to vaccinate your children against COVID-19?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Children already vaccinated .....	17%
Yes .....	40%
No .....	27%
Not sure .....	17%

51. Do you feel more or less safe from foreign terrorist threats today than you did in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001?

More safe .....	21%
Less safe .....	28%
About the same .....	40%
Not sure .....	11%

52. Do you feel more or less safe from domestic terrorist threats today than you did in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001?

More safe .....	11%
Less safe .....	42%
About the same .....	36%
Not sure .....	11%

53. Which do you feel is a greater threat to Americans today: A domestic terror attack or foreign terror attack?

A domestic terror attack .....	50%
A foreign terror attack .....	27%
Not sure .....	23%

54. The U.S. will withdraw all its combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of August. Do you favor or oppose this decision?

Favor .....	40%
Oppose .....	28%
Not sure .....	32%

55. The U.S. will withdraw all its combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of August. Do you favor or oppose this decision?

*Respondents were asked "Do you strongly [favor / oppose] this decision or only somewhat?"*

Strongly favor .....	26%
Somewhat favor .....	14%
Somewhat oppose .....	9%
Strongly oppose .....	19%
Not sure .....	32%

56. Looking back, do you think the U.S. was right to launch a war in Afghanistan following the 9/11 attacks?

Yes ..... 39%  
 No ..... 33%  
 Not sure ..... 27%

57. Is the U.S. better off today because of the war in Afghanistan?

Yes ..... 14%  
 No ..... 54%  
 Not sure ..... 33%

58. Is Afghanistan better off today because of the war in Afghanistan?

Yes ..... 13%  
 No ..... 57%  
 Not sure ..... 29%

59. Is the world better off today because of the war in Afghanistan?

Yes ..... 13%  
 No ..... 55%  
 Not sure ..... 32%

60. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following handled the war in Afghanistan?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
George W. Bush	10%	21%	17%	30%	22%
Barack Obama	12%	22%	20%	26%	20%
Donald Trump	18%	19%	13%	33%	16%
Joe Biden	12%	23%	12%	35%	18%

61. As the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan this week, the government collapsed and the Taliban took control more quickly than expected. How much are each of the following to blame for the events of the last week?

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Not sure
U.S. generals	18%	29%	17%	13%	23%
Afghan leaders	51%	22%	5%	5%	18%
Afghan army	46%	23%	7%	5%	19%
George W. Bush	19%	21%	16%	22%	21%
Barack Obama	16%	24%	18%	21%	21%
Donald Trump	21%	17%	14%	29%	19%
Joe Biden	34%	24%	13%	11%	18%

62. Who deserves the most blame for the events of the last week in Afghanistan?

U.S. generals	2%
Afghan leaders	18%
Afghan army	10%
George W. Bush	7%
Barack Obama	1%
Donald Trump	8%
Joe Biden	30%
Not sure	24%

63. Which comes closest to your view about the events of the last week in Afghanistan?

They were inevitable and would have happened at some point no matter what	38%
They were not inevitable and could have been avoided with a different approach	40%
Not sure	22%

64. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? "Ending U.S. military involvement now was the right decision. American troops cannot and should not be fighting in a war and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves."

Agree	59%
Disagree	17%
Not sure	24%

65. Do you think the U.S. is winning or losing the "war on terror?"

Winning	15%
Losing	38%
Not sure	47%

66. Do you think the U.S. won or lost the war in Afghanistan?

Won	11%
Lost	51%
Not sure	38%

67. Do you think it was possible to win the war in Afghanistan?

*Asked of those who think the U.S. lost the war in Afghanistan*

Yes	25%
No	60%
Not sure	16%

68. How much are each of the following to blame for the U.S. losing the war in Afghanistan?

*Asked of those who think the U.S. lost the war in Afghanistan*

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Not sure
U.S. generals	25%	39%	16%	11%	9%
Afghan leaders	61%	26%	6%	3%	5%
Afghan army	55%	29%	6%	4%	6%
George W. Bush	31%	28%	16%	15%	10%
Barack Obama	20%	33%	22%	15%	9%
Donald Trump	20%	26%	18%	28%	8%
Joe Biden	38%	26%	16%	14%	7%

69. Who deserves the most blame for the U.S. losing the war in Afghanistan?

*Asked of those who think the U.S. lost the war in Afghanistan*

U.S. generals	6%
Afghan leaders	20%
Afghan army	10%
George W. Bush	16%
Barack Obama	3%
Donald Trump	5%
Joe Biden	28%
Not sure	11%

70. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?: "The outcome in Afghanistan... would have been totally different if the Trump administration had been in charge."

Agree	35%
Disagree	40%
Not sure	25%

71. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?: "The withdrawal [from Afghanistan] would have been totally different if the Trump administration had been in charge."

Agree	38%
Disagree	37%
Not sure	25%

72. How worried are you about the consequences of the Taliban retaking control of Afghanistan?

Very worried	29%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not very worried	12%
Not worried at all	7%
Not sure	18%

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73. Please rate how worried you are about each of these possible consequences of the Taliban retaking control of Afghanistan.

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not very worried	Not worried at all	Not sure
Terrorist attacks against the U.S. being launched from Afghanistan	30%	34%	16%	6%	14%
Terrorist attacks against countries other than the U.S. being launched from Afghanistan	26%	38%	14%	6%	17%
The loss of U.S. standing in the world	24%	23%	21%	16%	17%
Human rights abuses against the Afghan people, particularly women and girls	59%	18%	6%	4%	13%
Retribution against Afghans who assisted the U.S. effort in Afghanistan	50%	24%	6%	4%	16%

74. Will the United States be more or less secure once all U.S. troops leave Afghanistan?

More secure	9%
Less secure	31%
About the same	36%
Not sure	24%

75. Which comes closest to your view about America's role in the world?

America should focus less on solving problems in other countries and more on solving problems in our country	67%
America should focus more on solving problems in other countries before they become problems for our country	13%
Not sure	20%

76. Should refugees leaving Afghanistan be allowed to come to the United States?

Yes	49%
No	24%
Not sure	27%

77. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

78. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .....	63%
Black .....	12%
Hispanic .....	16%
Other .....	9%

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

HS or less .....	39%
Some college .....	28%
College grad .....	21%
Postgrad .....	12%

81. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden .....	31%
Donald Trump .....	28%
Jo Jorgensen .....	1%
Howie Hawkins .....	0%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	39%

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

Democrat .....	32%
Republican .....	25%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	32%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	13%