

The Economist/YouGov Poll
June 26 - 29, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 26 - 29, 2021
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	38%
Off on the wrong track	49%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	27%
Fair	38%
Poor	27%
Don't know	5%

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

Unemployment	22%
Inflation	26%
Both equal	40%
Not sure	11%

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

Very closely	25%
Somewhat closely	45%
Not very closely	21%
Not following at all	9%

5. 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	19%
No	71%
Prefer not to say	2%

6. 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	14%
Yes, a close friend	18%
No	60%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	32%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	39%
Prefer not to say	3%

8. 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	12%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not too worried	34%
Not worried at all	22%

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

Always	26%
Most of the time	18%
Some of the time	28%
Never	28%

10. 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	23%	18%	13%	8%	33%	6%
Donald Trump	14%	14%	14%	7%	45%	6%
Anthony Fauci	29%	14%	13%	8%	28%	8%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	25%	29%	13%	12%	17%	5%

11. 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	7%
I plan to get vaccinated	7%
I will not get vaccinated	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	11%

12. How many of your friends have been vaccinated?

All of them	12%
Most of them	37%
A few of them	27%
None of them	6%
Not sure	18%

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

All of them	28%
Most of them	26%
A few of them	22%
None of them	11%
Not sure	14%

14. 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	58%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	42%

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

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

16. 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	9%
Somewhat likely	26%
Not very likely	33%
Not likely at all	19%
Not sure	14%

17. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the delta variant of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot	30%
A little	54%
Nothing at all	16%

18. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing this new variant?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	34%
Not worried at all	20%

19. Has the COVID-19 outbreak caused you to have any trouble paying rent, utilities, mortgage payments, or any other housing cost?

Yes	22%
No	73%
Not sure	6%

20. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the extension of an eviction moratorium through July 31?

A lot	12%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	36%

21. Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) extended an eviction moratorium through July 31. This will prevent the eviction of tenants who are unable to make rent payments. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	12%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Mitt Romney	7%	25%	23%	25%	20%
Lindsey Graham	9%	18%	14%	32%	26%
Susan Collins	4%	15%	19%	20%	42%
Lisa Murkowski	5%	15%	16%	17%	47%
Joe Manchin	6%	20%	18%	16%	40%
Kyrsten Sinema	4%	12%	15%	13%	56%

23. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...

Compromises to get things done.	64%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	36%

24. Do you have a favorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Favorability of Congressional political parties – House Democrats	20%	23%	13%	32%	12%
Favorability of Congressional political parties – House Republicans	10%	25%	19%	34%	11%
Favorability of Congressional political parties – Senate Democrats	16%	24%	16%	32%	12%
Favorability of Congressional political parties – Senate Republicans	9%	23%	18%	37%	12%

25. A group of 10 Republican and Democratic senators recently put forward a compromise infrastructure plan that would solely rebuild roads, bridges and other traditional infrastructure and cost \$1.2 trillion. Do you favor or oppose this plan?

Favor	49%
Oppose	19%
Not sure	32%

26. How would you prefer to pay for these proposals? Select all that apply

Asked of those who favor the infrastructure proposals

Raising taxes on corporations and Americans making more than \$400,000	59%
Closing loopholes that allow multinational corporations to avoid paying U.S. taxes	68%
Requiring Americans who benefit from the proposals to pay "user fees" such as gas taxes	14%
Repurposing money set aside for COVID-19 relief	26%
None of these	2%
Not sure	6%

27. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Vice President Kamala Harris' trip to the U.S.-Mexico border?

A lot	26%
A little	49%
Nothing at all	26%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of Kamala Harris' trip to the U.S.-Mexico border?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	25%

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

Very well	17%
Fairly well	20%
Not very well	14%
Not at all	29%
Not sure	19%

30. What do you, personally, plan to do on the Fourth of July weekend and holiday? Select all that apply.

Stay home/relax	36%
Family/family get-together	29%
Cookout/barbecue/picnic	29%
Work	9%
Travel	4%
Camping/hiking	3%
Fishing	3%
Visit gravesites	3%
Local event/parade	8%
Home improvements/repairs	8%
Household chores	16%
Yard work/landscaping	12%
Graduation parties	1%
Birthday party	3%
Church/religious observances	9%
Beach	5%
Golf	4%
Watch sports	9%
Watch TV (not sports)	26%
Nothing/No plans	14%
Air travel	2%
Attend a professional fireworks display	9%
Light your own fireworks	9%
Something else	6%
Not sure	8%
None of these	6%

31. This Fourth of July weekend, would you say you plan on celebrating more than usual, less than usual, or about the same as usual?

More than usual	8%
About the same as usual	73%
Less than usual	20%

32. How would you describe yourself?

Very patriotic	39%
Somewhat patriotic	39%
Not very patriotic	15%
Not at all patriotic	7%

33. Do you think Americans are becoming more or less patriotic?

More patriotic	9%
About the same	43%
Less patriotic	49%

34. Is it possible for someone to do the following things and still be considered patriotic?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Participate in peaceful protests for racial equality	69%	18%	14%
Refuse to serve in a war that they oppose	45%	32%	23%
Disobey a law they think is immoral	35%	39%	26%
Criticize our leaders to foreigners	40%	40%	20%
Refuse to pay taxes	20%	62%	18%
Burn an American flag in protest	23%	65%	12%
Criticize Joe Biden	68%	18%	14%
Participate in peaceful protests against police brutality	67%	20%	14%
Criticize Donald Trump	67%	21%	13%

35. Which political party do you think is more patriotic?

Democratic party	28%
Republican party	37%
About the same	35%

36. Do you think reports of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting the earth, or do you think reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity that come from Earth?

UFOs might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting Earth	33%
Reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity from Earth	26%
Not sure	41%

37. Do you think the United States government knows more about UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) than it is telling the general public, or do you think the U.S. government has told the general public everything it knows about UFOs?

The U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it is telling the public	63%
The U.S. government has told the public everything it knows about UFOs	10%
Not sure	27%

38. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about U.S. intelligence agencies releasing a report on UFOs to Congress?

A lot	14%
A little	57%
Nothing at all	29%

39. Last week, U.S. intelligence agencies presented an unclassified report to Congress, saying that they could not explain most UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) they investigated. Do you approve or disapprove of government agencies investigating UFOs?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	6%
Not sure	22%

40. Do you personally believe that there is intelligent life on other planets, or not?

There definitely IS	21%
There probably IS	38%
There probably is NOT	10%
There definitely is NOT	6%
Not sure	25%

41. Have you yourself ever seen anything you thought was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)?

Yes	19%
No	68%
Not sure	13%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	24%	4%	2%
Immigration	51%	34%	12%	3%
Climate change and the environment	46%	24%	17%	13%
Foreign policy	40%	45%	11%	4%
National Security	63%	29%	7%	2%
Education	61%	27%	7%	5%
Health care	64%	25%	7%	3%
Taxes and government spending	56%	34%	7%	3%
Abortion	42%	28%	19%	11%
Civil rights	56%	30%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	57%	30%	9%	4%
Guns	53%	29%	12%	6%
Crime	59%	31%	8%	3%

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Criminal justice reform 48% 35% 12% 5%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	13%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	8%
Education	5%
Health care	16%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	6%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%

44. 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	28%	19%	11%	35%	7%
Kamala Harris	23%	19%	11%	37%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	20%	11%	40%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	9%	13%	14%	30%	33%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	19%	42%	18%
Chuck Schumer	12%	21%	11%	33%	22%
Donald Trump	24%	15%	10%	45%	6%

45. 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%	24%	15%	34%	9%
The Republican Party	12%	23%	18%	36%	10%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	10%

47. 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%	29%	13%
Immigration	12%	24%	12%	34%	17%
Foreign policy	22%	21%	11%	30%	16%
Guns	12%	21%	13%	35%	19%

48. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	27%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	26%
Some	21%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	30%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	20%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	7%

51. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?	
Very strong	19%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	33%
52. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?	
Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	21%
53. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?	
Confident	40%
Uneasy	42%
Not sure	18%
54. Do you think Joe Biden...	
Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	42%
Not sure	19%
55. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?	
Yes	22%
No	51%
Not sure	27%
56. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?	
Optimistic	40%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	19%
57. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?	
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	12%

58. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	15%

59. 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	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	22%

60. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	21%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	27%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	13%

64. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?	
Higher	21%
About the same	25%
Lower	23%
Not sure	32%
65. 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%
66. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	53%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	8%
67. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	23%
68. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	62%
69. 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.	37%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	15%
70. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	23%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	11%

72. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	80%
Not registered	20%

73. 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	33%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	28%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	9%

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

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	6%

76. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

77. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%

78. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

80. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

81. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	14%

83. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	23%
Never	32%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	16%
Never	19%
Don't know	6%

87. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	16%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	27%
Something else	8%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 26 - 29, 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 0.174 to 6.042, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.677.
Number of respondents	1500 1290 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.