# Yahoo! News Coronavirus - May 22, 2020

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Sample          1,640 U.S. Adults
Conducted       May 20 - 21, 2020
Margin of Error  ±3%

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

| | |
|---|---:|
| Very closely | 35% |
| Somewhat closely | 45% |
| Not very closely | 16% |
| Not following at all | 3% |

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

| | |
|---|---:|
| Very worried | 26% |
| Somewhat worried | 44% |
| Not very worried | 22% |
| Not worried at all | 9% |

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

| | |
|---|---:|
| Most are underestimating the risks. | 40% |
| Most are behaving appropriately. | 34% |
| Most are overreacting to the actual risks. | 18% |
| Not sure | 7% |

### 4. If you had to guess, how many people do you think will die in the U.S. because of COVID-19 over the next year?

| | |
|---|---:|
| Less than 50,000 | 17% |
| 50-100,000 | 19% |
| 100-200,000 | 26% |
| 200-500,000 | 17% |
| 500,000-1 million | 11% |
| Over 1 million | 10% |

### 5. What do you think are the chances that you personally will become infected with COVID-19?

| | |
|---|---:|
| Very likely | 6% |
| Somewhat likely | 35% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 38% |
| Very unlikely | 21% |

### 6. If you had to guess, how much longer do you expect COVID-19 to be a serious problem for you and your community?

| | |
|---|---:|
| A few weeks | 10% |
| One month | 7% |
| Two months | 14% |
| Three months | 11% |
| More than 3 months | 58% |

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### 7. Is your community or state under a "shelter-in-place" order?

Yes ................................................................................... 47%
No .................................................................................... 37%
Not sure ............................................................................. 16%

### 8. Will you obey your state's lockdown orders as long as they are in effect?

Yes ................................................................................... 38%
No ...................................................................................... 6%
Not sure ............................................................................... 4%
Not subject to shelter-in-place order ................................................ 53%

### 9. What comes closest to your view about "shelter-in-place" orders?

They are the only way to stop the spread of COVID-19. ................................ 70%
The cure is worse than the disease. .................................................. 30%

### 10. How well do you think your state and local government has handled COVID-19 so far?

Excellent ............................................................................ 14%
Good ................................................................................. 37%
Fair ................................................................................. 26%
Poor ................................................................................. 18%
Not sure .............................................................................. 4%

### 11. In thinking about the coronavirus, are you more worried about:

The impact on people's health ........................................................ 62%
The impact on the economy ............................................................ 38%

### 12. When do you think the community where you live will be ready to reopen?

Now .................................................................................. 22%
June 1 ............................................................................... 16%
June 15 .............................................................................. 14%
July 1 ............................................................................... 13%
July 15 ............................................................................... 5%
August 1 or later .................................................................... 30%

### 13. When do you think the entire country will be ready to reopen?

Now .................................................................................. 11%
June 1 ................................................................................ 7%
June 15 .............................................................................. 12%
July 1 ............................................................................... 14%
July 15 ............................................................................... 7%
August 1 or later .................................................................... 49%

14. Protesters have called on governors in some states to immediately end shelter-in-place and social distancing measures and reopen their states. Do you support or oppose these protesters?

Support protesters ...................................................................26%
Oppose protesters ...................................................................57%
Not sure ...................................................................17%

15. What comes closest to your view about when America should reopen?

When public health officials are fully able to test and trace new cases and outbreaks .... 65%
As soon as possible to prevent further economic damage ...............................35%

16. 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 .........................................69%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly .........................................31%

17. How likely do you think is a resurgence of COVID-19 cases if the economy were reopened now?

Very likely ...................................................................46%
Somewhat likely ...................................................................39%
Not likely ...................................................................15%

18. Which continuing social distancing measures would you support after the lockdown ends? Check all that apply.

Stay six feet away from other people whenever possible ...............................71%
Wear cloth masks in public ...................................................................61%
Redesign restaurants to seat patrons six feet apart ...................................55%
Require waiters to wear masks and gloves in restaurants ...............................60%
Take people's temperature when entering restaurants and stores ........................46%
Play sporting events without fans in attendance .......................................42%
Suspend large events like concerts and conferences ...................................57%
None of the above ...................................................................12%

19. Will you voluntarily continue to practice social distancing even after official restrictions are lifted?

Yes ...................................................................70%
No ...................................................................13%
Not sure ...................................................................17%

20. The CDC recommends that everyone wear a cloth mask or face covering in public places where adequate social distancing is not possible, such as grocery stores. How would you characterize this recommendation?

Too strict ...................................................................17%
Not strict enough ...................................................................17%
About right ...................................................................58%
Not sure ...................................................................8%

**21. Should social distancing measures, like wearing masks in stores, be voluntary or mandatory?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Voluntary | 34% |
| Mandatory | 55% |
| Not sure | 11% |

**22. Do you think the Trump administration was adequately prepared to deal with COVID-19?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 23% |
| No | 64% |
| Not sure | 13% |

**23. How much could Donald Trump have reduced the damage done by COVID-19 if he had acted sooner?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Reduced the damage a lot | 41% |
| Reduced the damage somewhat | 22% |
| Reduced the damage slightly | 14% |
| No effect | 24% |

**24. Are you satisfied the administration is doing everything it can to stop the virus?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 35% |
| No | 49% |
| Not sure | 16% |

**25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled COVID-19?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Strongly approve | 22% |
| Somewhat approve | 18% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 14% |
| Strongly disapprove | 39% |
| Not sure | 7% |

**26. Do you trust Donald Trump personally to be honest about the threat of COVID-19?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 31% |
| No | 56% |
| Not sure | 13% |

**27. If you had to choose, which do you think is a worse problem?**
*Respondents were randomly divided into groups and shown one of four values (10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000) of elderly Americans dying vs 30 million Americans being unemployed*

| | |
|---|---|
| 10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000 more elderly Americans dying from COVID-19 over the next year | 50% |
| 30 million Americans being unemployed for the next year | 50% |

28. If you had to choose, which do you think is a worse problem?
*Respondents were randomly divided into groups and shown one of four values (10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000) of elderly Americans dying vs 30 million Americans being unemployed*

10,000 more elderly Americans dying from COVID-19 over the next year ................ 43%
30 million Americans being unemployed for the next year .............................. 57%

29. If you had to choose, which do you think is a worse problem?
*Respondents were randomly divided into groups and shown one of four values (10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000) of elderly Americans dying vs 30 million Americans being unemployed*

50,000 more elderly Americans dying from COVID-19 over the next year ................ 50%
30 million Americans being unemployed for the next year .............................. 50%

30. If you had to choose, which do you think is a worse problem?
*Respondents were randomly divided into groups and shown one of four values (10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000) of elderly Americans dying vs 30 million Americans being unemployed*

100,000 more elderly Americans dying from COVID-19 over the next year ............... 52%
30 million Americans being unemployed for the next year .............................. 48%

31. If you had to choose, which do you think is a worse problem?
*Respondents were randomly divided into groups and shown one of four values (10,000/50,000/100,000/200,000) of elderly Americans dying vs 30 million Americans being unemployed*

200,000 more elderly Americans dying from COVID-19 over the next year ............... 55%
30 million Americans being unemployed for the next year .............................. 45%

32. How well do you think Donald Trump has done the following things during the COVID-19 crisis?

|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unifying the country | 13% | 18% | 15% | 46% | 7% |
| Organizing the government's response | 18% | 18% | 15% | 43% | 7% |
| Communicating with the public | 20% | 19% | 14% | 42% | 4% |
| Listening to scientists | 14% | 19% | 14% | 47% | 6% |
| Relating to problems faced by average Americans | 18% | 17% | 14% | 46% | 5% |
| Taking bold actions | 20% | 18% | 16% | 39% | 7% |

33. How much have you read, heard, or seen anything about the following people during the last week?

|  | A lot | Some | A little | None |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Trump | 55% | 24% | 11% | 9% |
| Mike Pence | 16% | 33% | 25% | 26% |
| Anthony Fauci | 28% | 32% | 19% | 20% |
| Jared Kushner | 7% | 22% | 27% | 45% |
| Andrew Cuomo | 29% | 29% | 18% | 24% |
| Joe Biden | 24% | 33% | 24% | 19% |

34. Based on what you've heard, how would you rate the performance of the following people during the COVID-19 crisis?

*Asked about people who they had heard about during the past week*

|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald Trump | 24% | 19% | 13% | 45% |
| Mike Pence | 22% | 23% | 23% | 32% |
| Anthony Fauci | 36% | 33% | 19% | 12% |
| Jared Kushner | 8% | 21% | 25% | 46% |
| Andrew Cuomo | 27% | 31% | 20% | 23% |
| Joe Biden | 11% | 27% | 27% | 35% |

35. Who would you trust more to handle COVID-19?

| | |
|---|---|
| Joe Biden | 42% |
| Donald Trump | 36% |
| About the same | 22% |

36. Did Donald Trump call the coronavirus a hoax?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 46% |
| No | 20% |
| Not sure | 34% |

37. Did Donald Trump always view the coronavirus as a very serious threat?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 24% |
| No | 61% |
| Not sure | 16% |

38. Was this kind of pandemic something nobody thought could happen?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 41% |
| No | 44% |
| Not sure | 16% |

39. Who should be responsible for ramping up testing?

| | |
|---|---|
| Federal government | 53% |
| Individual states | 29% |
| Not sure | 18% |

40. Can anybody who wants a COVID-19 test get a test?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 32% |
| No | 44% |
| Not sure | 24% |

**41. Do you think that the U.S. is conducting enough COVID-19 testing to track future outbreaks of the virus?**

Yes ................................................................................24%
No ................................................................................54%
Not sure ................................................................................22%

**42. Should employers be allowed to reopen factories where workers are close together if they do not have the ability to test everyone frequently?**

Yes ................................................................................24%
No ................................................................................57%
Not sure ................................................................................19%

**43. How much do you know about the coronavirus pandemic?**

A great deal ................................................................................28%
A fair amount ................................................................................59%
Very little ................................................................................12%
None ................................................................................2%

**44. Would you say that you know more or less about coronavirus than the average American?**

Much more ................................................................................12%
Somewhat more ................................................................................32%
About the same ................................................................................47%
Somewhat less ................................................................................7%
Much less ................................................................................3%

**45. As of May 18, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says about 90,000 Americans have died from the COVID-19. Do you think the actual number of deaths is higher or lower than what the CDC is reporting?**

Higher ................................................................................45%
About the same ................................................................................19%
Lower ................................................................................26%
Not sure ................................................................................11%

**46. How concerned are you about false or misleading information being communicated about coronavirus?**

Very concerned ................................................................................49%
Somewhat concerned ................................................................................36%
Not very concerned ................................................................................8%
Not at all concerned ................................................................................3%
Not sure ................................................................................5%

47. What is the top source of false or misleading information about the coronavirus?

Social media ……………………………………………………………………… 24%
Trump administration ………………………………………………………………… 33%
Mainstream media …………………………………………………………………… 29%
State elected officials ………………………………………………………………… 5%
Friends and family …………………………………………………………………… 3%
Local news ……………………………………………………………………………… 6%

48. From what you've heard, do you think that the new drug Remdesivir will be an effective treatment against COVID-19?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………… 19%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………… 16%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 65%

49. From what you've heard, do you think the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine is an effective treatment against COVID-19?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………… 21%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………… 44%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 36%

50. If it were available to you, would you want to take hydroxychloroquine?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………… 18%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………… 52%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 30%

51. Will warm weather stop COVID-19 from spreading this summer?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………… 20%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………… 38%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 41%

52. How deadly is COVID-19 compared to the seasonal flu?

Much more deadly …………………………………………………………………… 44%
Slightly more deadly ………………………………………………………………… 24%
About the same ……………………………………………………………………… 20%
Less deadly …………………………………………………………………………… 7%
Much less deadly …………………………………………………………………… 4%

53. In general, how safe are vaccines given to children for diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella?

Very safe ……………………………………………………………………………… 48%
Somewhat safe ……………………………………………………………………… 35%
Not very safe ………………………………………………………………………… 11%
Not safe at all ………………………………………………………………………… 6%

54. Do you think parents should be required to have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases?

Yes ....................................................................................................68%
No .....................................................................................................15%
Not sure ...............................................................................................17%

55. How long do you think it will be before we have a vaccine against coronavirus? Please give us your best guess.

A few months .......................................................................................... 6%
Later this year ........................................................................................24%
Sometime in 2021 ....................................................................................54%
In 2022 or later .......................................................................................16%

56. If and when a coronavirus vaccine becomes available, will you get vaccinated?

Yes ....................................................................................................50%
No .....................................................................................................23%
Not sure ...............................................................................................27%

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

Very concerned .......................................................................................33%
Somewhat concerned ................................................................................. 40%
Not very concerned ...................................................................................16%
Not concerned at all .................................................................................. 4%
Not sure ............................................................................................... 7%

58. Do you trust the CDC and public health authorities to judge the risks of vaccines?

Yes ....................................................................................................42%
No .....................................................................................................31%
Not sure ...............................................................................................27%

59. Which is closer to your opinion:

State and local governments should continue to enforce strict social distancing measures to keep coronavirus under control ....................................................................... 63%
People are practicing social distancing enough now and can keep coronavirus under control without strict government measures ...................................................................37%

60. If coronavirus cases rise in your area, should strict measures like lockdowns resume?

Yes ....................................................................................................66%
No .....................................................................................................22%
Not sure ...............................................................................................12%

**61. How likely do you think there is to be a second outbreak of cases of coronavirus later this year?**

Very likely ....................................................................................... 41%
Somewhat likely ............................................................................... 45%
Not likely ......................................................................................... 13%

**62. If a second outbreak of coronavirus occurs later this year, is the US prepared to handle it?**

Yes ................................................................................................. 32%
No .................................................................................................... 43%
Not sure ........................................................................................... 25%

**63. Is your state prepared to handle a second outbreak?**

Yes ................................................................................................. 36%
No .................................................................................................... 31%
Not sure ........................................................................................... 32%

**64. Here are some stories that you may have seen on the internet. Please tell us which of the stories you think are true or false.**

*Half of respondents were randomly given the additional instruction: "If you do not have enough information to decide, you should say that you are not sure."*

| | True | False | Not sure |
|---|---|---|---|
| Coronavirus is caused or spread by 5G technology | 7% | 72% | 21% |
| Bill Gates wants to use a mass vaccination campaign against COVID-19 to implant microchips in people that would be used to track people with a digital ID. | 28% | 40% | 32% |
| Chinese scientists engineered the coronavirus in a lab, from which it accidentally escaped. | 35% | 35% | 29% |
| COVID-19 was intentionally created by Chinese scientists as a biowarfare weapon. | 28% | 40% | 31% |
| Genetically modified crops caused genetic pollution that allowed the coronavirus to proliferate due to the resulting environmental 'imbalance' | 10% | 54% | 37% |
| Coronavirus-related deaths have surged in states like Florida, Georgia, and Texas which have reopened their economies. | 45% | 26% | 29% |
| Sweden never imposed a lockdown and has had no more COVID-19 deaths than neighboring countries like Norway and Denmark which did. | 34% | 25% | 41% |
| Spraying chlorine or alcohol on the skin kills viruses in the body | 11% | 69% | 20% |
| Wearing a face mask will protect you from getting infected. | 31% | 50% | 19% |
| Ibuprofen can make coronavirus symptoms worse. | 28% | 27% | 46% |
| The U.S. has conducted more tests than the rest of the world combined. | 30% | 36% | 34% |

**65. In November, if the Democratic candidate is Joe Biden and the Republican candidate is Donald Trump, who would you vote for?**
*Among registered voters*

| | |
|---|---|
| Joe Biden | 46% |
| Donald Trump | 42% |
| Third party candidate | 4% |
| Undecided | 6% |
| Would not vote | 2% |

**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 | 50% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 28% |
| Not sure | 5% |

**67. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...**

| | |
|---|---|
| Better off financially | 21% |
| Just about the same as now | 47% |
| Worse off financially | 15% |
| Not sure | 16% |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Getting better | 12% |
| About the same | 19% |
| Getting worse | 59% |
| Not sure | 10% |

**69. If we are able to stop the spread of COVID-19, how long do you think it will be for the economy starts to improve?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Economy already getting better | 12% |
| Economy already the same | 19% |
| Immediately | 2% |
| A few months | 8% |
| 6-12 months | 19% |
| One year or longer | 29% |
| Not sure about economy | 10% |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Higher | 34% |
| About the same | 22% |
| Lower | 17% |
| Not sure | 28% |

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

Generally headed in the right direction ................................................. 29%
Off on the wrong track ................................................................ 55%
Not sure ............................................................................ 16%

72. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time .................................................................... 30%
Some of the time ................................................................... 40%
Only now and then .................................................................. 20%
Hardly at all ........................................................................ 9%
Don't know .......................................................................... 1%

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

Democrat ........................................................................... 33%
Republican ......................................................................... 26%
Independent ........................................................................ 29%
Other ............................................................................... 3%
Not sure ............................................................................ 9%

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

Liberal .............................................................................. 27%
Moderate ........................................................................... 32%
Conservative ....................................................................... 30%
Not sure ............................................................................ 11%

75. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .......................................................................... 64%
Not registered ...................................................................... 36%

76. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve .................................................................... 23%
Somewhat approve .................................................................. 20%
Somewhat disapprove ............................................................... 11%
Strongly disapprove ................................................................ 39%
Not sure ............................................................................. 7%

77. Are you. . . ?

Male ................................................................................ 49%
Female .............................................................................. 51%

### 78. Respondent age by category

Under 30 ............................................................................22%
30-44 ...............................................................................25%
45-64 ...............................................................................34%
65+ .................................................................................20%

### 79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .................................................................................66%
Black .................................................................................12%
Hispanic .............................................................................15%
Other ..................................................................................7%

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

HS or less ..........................................................................40%
Some college .......................................................................31%
College grad ........................................................................19%
Postgrad .............................................................................10%

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

Under $50K .........................................................................48%
$50-100K ...........................................................................25%
$100K or more .....................................................................15%
Prefer not to say ..................................................................12%