

Yahoo! News Race and Justice - May 31, 2020



Sample 1,060 U.S. Adults
 Conducted May 29 - 30, 2020
 Margin of Error ±4.3%

1. How much trust do you have in the following institutions?

	A great deal	Some	A little	None
U.S. military	39%	37%	15%	9%
The police	20%	39%	25%	16%
Universities	18%	40%	29%	14%
Corporations	5%	29%	41%	25%
The church or organized religion	21%	32%	25%	21%
The news media	9%	33%	32%	25%
Doctors	40%	41%	16%	3%

2. Do you think postal voting should be allowed for everyone?

Yes	57%
No	28%
Not sure	16%

3. 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	48%
Donald Trump	40%
Third party candidate	5%
Undecided	5%
Would not vote	1%

4. Do you think race relations in the U.S. are generally good or generally bad?

Generally good	27%
Generally bad	57%
Not sure	16%

5. And, in your community, how are race relations?

Generally good	56%
Generally bad	20%
Not sure	25%

6. Do you think race relations in the U.S. have gotten better or worse than they were ten years ago?

Better	14%
About the same	40%
Worse	45%

7. Do you think that the criminal justice system treats whites and blacks equally?

Treats whites better	62%
Treats whites and blacks equally	33%
Treats blacks better	6%

8. Do you think blacks and whites receive equal treatment from the police?

Yes	21%
No	67%
Not sure	12%

9. Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are?

Isolated incidents	39%
Signs of a broader problem	61%

10. Have you read or heard anything about George Floyd in the news?

Yes	85%
No	12%
Not sure	4%

11. How much do you know about what's been happening in Minneapolis?

A great deal	37%
Some	39%
A little	19%
Nothing	6%

12. Have you watched the video taken by a bystander of the police officer kneeling on George Floyd's neck?

Yes	70%
No	28%
Not sure	3%

13. How important a factor do you think race was in the death of George Floyd?

Major factor	61%
Minor factor	13%
Not a factor	9%
Not sure	17%

14. The Minneapolis Police Department fired the four police officers involved in this incident the next day. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?

Strongly approve	72%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	4%

15. The police officer, Derek Chauvin, has been charged with third degree murder, meaning the offender did not mean to kill, but that someone died "by perpetrating an act eminently dangerous to others and evincing a depraved mind, without regard for human life." If convicted, Chauvin could be sentenced for up to 25 years in prison. What comes closest to your opinion?

The charge is appropriate.	42%
Chauvin should have been charged with a more serious crime.	47%
Chauvin should have been charged with a less serious crime.	7%
Chauvin should not have been charged with a crime.	4%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of Derek Chauvin, the police officer who knelt on George Floyd's neck, being charged with murder?

Strongly approve	55%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	5%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	6%

17. What comes closer to your opinion?

The police officer is obviously guilty of a crime and, if anything, the authorities were too slow to arrest him.	77%
There has been a rush to judgment. There needs to be a more thorough investigation.	23%

18. Have you watched any of the news coverage of people on the streets of Minneapolis protesting the killing of George Floyd during the last few days?

Yes	73%
No	25%
Not sure	2%

19. How would you describe the protests in Minneapolis?

Mostly peaceful protests	10%
About equally peaceful protests and violent riots	25%
Mostly violent riots	51%
Not sure	15%

20. Do you think these protests have been motivated more by a genuine desire to hold police officers accountable for their actions or a long-standing bias against the police?

A genuine desire to hold police officers accountable	43%
A long-standing bias against the police	40%
Not sure	17%

21. How good a job have police done in handling the protests in Minneapolis?

Excellent	4%
Good	12%
Fair	21%
Poor	35%
Not sure	29%

22. Do you think this tweet is racist?

Respondents were shown an image of Donald Trump's tweets: "I can't stand back & watch this happen to a great American City, Minneapolis. A total lack of leadership. Either the very weak Radical Left Mayor, Jacob Frey, get his act together and bring the City under control, or I will send in the National Guard & get the job done right....." ".....These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd, and I won't let that happen. Just spoke to Governor Tim Walz and told him that the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts. Thank you!"

Yes	44%
No	44%
Not sure	12%

23. Do you think that President Trump is a racist?

Yes	52%
No	37%
Not sure	11%

24. When you personally see a police officer, does it usually make you feel more or less secure?

More secure	26%
No effect	46%
Less secure	28%

25. Have you personally ever been treated unfairly by a police officer?

Yes	29%
No	71%

26. How many police officers in your community do you think are prejudiced against blacks?

Most	7%
Some	29%
Only a few	28%
Almost none	20%
None	17%

27. Do you think the police are usually held accountable for any misconduct?

Yes	24%
No	56%
Not sure	20%

28. Here are some things that have been proposed to reduce deadly force encounters involving the police. Which of these do you favor or oppose?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Ban neck restraints	67%	14%	19%
Implement an early warning system to identify problematic officers	80%	7%	14%
Outfit all officers with body cameras	87%	5%	8%
Train police on how to de-escalate conflicts and avoid using force	88%	5%	6%
Cut funding for police departments	16%	65%	19%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of this tweet?

Respondents were shown an image of Donald Trump's tweets: "The opening of a Cold Case against Psycho Joe Scarborough was not a Donald Trump original thought, this has been going on for years, long before I joined the chorus. In 2016 when Joe & his wacky future ex-wife, Mika, would endlessly interview me, I would always be thinking...." ".....about whether or not Joe could have done such a horrible thing? Maybe or maybe not, but I find Joe to be a total Nut Job, and I knew him well, far better than most. So many unanswered & obvious questions, but I won't bring them up now! Law enforcement eventually will!"

Approve	23%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	24%

30. Should Donald Trump be posting messages on Twitter?

Yes	33%
No	54%
Not sure	13%

31. Do you think social media sites, like Facebook and Twitter, should be fact-checking user postings?

Yes	56%
No	28%
Not sure	16%

32. What comes closest to your opinion?

Twitter should apply the same rules to political leaders as it does to other users.	85%
Twitter should not censor posts by political leaders, even if they are false or threatening.	15%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of Twitter's decision to mark Trump's tweet, as shown above?

Respondents were shown an image of Donald Trump's tweets that included a notice from Twitter that read: "This Tweet violated the Twitter Rules about glorifying violence. However, Twitter has determined that it may be in the public's interest for the Tweet to remain accessible."

Approve	47%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	15%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's handling of the following things?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Coronavirus	24%	19%	13%	40%	5%
The Economy	28%	21%	16%	27%	7%
Race relations	20%	16%	12%	41%	10%
Immigration	30%	14%	11%	39%	5%

35. How worried are you about COVID-19?

Very worried	26%
Somewhat worried	39%
Not very worried	25%
Not worried at all	10%

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

Most are underestimating the risks.	39%
Most are behaving appropriately.	33%
Most are overreacting to the actual risks.	22%
Not sure	6%

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

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	34%
Somewhat unlikely	41%
Very unlikely	19%

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

They are the only way to stop the spread of COVID-19.	69%
The cure is worse than the disease.	31%

39. 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	66%
Concerned about lifting restrictions too slowly	34%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	55%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	27%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	23%
Just about the same as now	46%
Worse off financially	16%
Not sure	14%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	19%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	9%

43. 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	17%
Economy already the same	19%
Immediately	1%
A few months	9%
6-12 months	15%
One year or longer	30%
Not sure about economy	9%

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

Higher	34%
About the same	19%
Lower	20%
Not sure	27%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	13%

46. 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	31%
Some of the time	40%
Only now and then	19%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	28%
Independent	32%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	30%
Not sure	12%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	65%
Not registered	35%

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

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	5%

51. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

52. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	25%
45-64	35%
65+	19%

53. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	64%
Black	12%
Hispanic	15%
Other	9%

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	31%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	12%

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

Under \$50K	45%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	13%