

# Yahoo! News Inauguration Survey - 20210120



Sample 1,516 U.S. Adults  
Conducted January 20-21, 2021  
Margin of Error ±2.7%

## 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as President?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	4%

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

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	26%

## 3. Which comes closer to your view about who won the presidential election?

Joe Biden won fair and square	57%
The election was rigged and stolen from Trump	27%
Not sure	16%

## 4. Which comes closer to your view about who won the presidential election?

There was a lot of fraud in the election	30%
There may have been some fraud, but not enough to change the outcome	51%
Not sure	19%

## 5. Do you believe the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol was justified or unjustified?

Justified	8%
Not justified	80%
Not sure	12%

## 6. How did the attack on the U.S. Capitol make you feel?

Ashamed	55%
Angry	53%
Proud	3%
Fearful	31%
Excited	4%

7. Do you agree or disagree that Donald Trump incited his supporters to attack the U.S. Capitol?

Agree	49%
Disagree	39%
Not sure	12%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives vote last week to impeach President Trump?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	9%

9. Should the U.S. Senate vote to convict President Trump?

Yes	48%
No	41%
Not sure	12%

10. Should the U.S. Senate vote to bar Donald Trump from holding office in the future?

Yes	53%
No	38%
Not sure	9%

11. Do you agree or disagree with this statement [by Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell] about the attack on the U.S. Capitol: "The mob was fed lies. They were provoked by the President and other powerful people."

*Half of respondents were randomly selected and shown question wording that attributed the quote to Senator McConnell; the other half were not shown any attribution for the quote.*

Strongly agree	41%
Somewhat agree	12%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	26%
Not sure	13%

12. Which is more important right now?

Holding Trump and others accountable for their role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol	48%
Putting the attack on the U.S. Capitol behind us	40%
Not sure	12%

13. Which is the best way to unify the country?

Republicans telling the truth that Joe Biden won the election	46%
Democrats dropping the impeachment effort against President Trump	33%
Not sure	21%

14. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Violent protest is never justified in the U.S. as a way for a group to accomplish its goals."

Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	19%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	5%
Not sure	9%

15. Do you agree or disagree with Twitter's decision to ban Donald Trump?

Agree	54%
Disagree	37%
Not sure	9%

16. Would you describe yourself as patriotic?

Yes	69%
No	14%
Not sure	16%

17. Which best describes what being patriotic means to you?

Loving America just the way it is	22%
Pushing America to be a better country	78%

18. Which of the following words would you use [or not use] to describe American society? Please select all that apply.

	Use	Not use	No Opinion
Corrupt	43%	13%	44%
Equal	18%	44%	38%
Free	41%	21%	38%
Hypocritical	48%	9%	43%
Individualistic	45%	8%	47%
Irresponsible	37%	14%	49%
Just	17%	30%	53%
Prosperous	31%	13%	55%
Selfish	47%	12%	41%
Unfair	36%	14%	49%

19. Compared to now, did you feel more or less proud of America when you were growing up?

More proud when growing up	48%
About the same as when growing up	29%
Less proud when growing up	23%

20. Ronald Reagan described America as a "shining city on a hill" — a beacon and model for the rest of the nations of the world. Was this an accurate description of America when Reagan said it in 1989?

Yes	54%
No	19%
Not sure	27%

21. And would it be accurate to describe America as a "shining city on a hill" today?

Yes	16%
No	68%
Not sure	16%

22. Which of the following should be Joe Biden's first priority as president?

The COVID-19 pandemic	59%
Economic recovery	24%
Climate change	2%
Racial justice	2%
None of these	8%
Not sure	5%

23. Would you favor or oppose each of the following?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
\$2000 COVID-19 relief checks for Americans	74%	13%	13%
More federal funding for COVID-19 vaccination	69%	17%	15%
A national mask mandate	57%	32%	11%
More federal funding for research and development to assist domestic manufacturing	65%	13%	23%
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	58%	31%	10%
Rejoining the Paris Climate Accords	48%	30%	22%
Investing in renewable energy infrastructure	67%	17%	17%
Cutting carbon emissions to zero by the year 2050	54%	23%	23%
Rejoining the World Health Organization	57%	28%	15%
Allowing consumers to purchase medications from other countries	58%	15%	26%
Giving all Americans the option of buying Medicare-like public health insurance	57%	22%	21%
Reversing the recent tax cut for corporations	45%	32%	22%
Reversing the recent tax cuts for Americans making more than \$400,000	50%	30%	20%
Stopping family separation at the U.S.-Mexico border	64%	20%	16%
Creating a pathway to citizenship for young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children	61%	23%	16%
Halting construction of the border wall with Mexico	45%	42%	13%
Ending the ban on travelers from Muslim-majority countries	42%	35%	23%

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Providing more federal funding for community policing measures	51%	21%	28%
Enacting comprehensive criminal justice reform	63%	12%	24%
Eliminating tuition at public colleges and universities for families making up to \$125,000	47%	33%	20%

24. How good a job is the United States doing in providing equality and justice for all groups in society?

Excellent	7%
Good	20%
Fair	30%
Poor	36%
Not sure	7%

25. Over the past year, would you say there has been progress toward or movement away from equality and justice for all groups in society?

Progress toward	27%
Movement away	35%
No change	24%
Not sure	14%

26. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Very favorable	23%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	30%
Not sure	9%

27. Do you think distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic has been:

A good thing	40%
A bad thing	35%
Not sure	25%

28. Do you think your children have been falling behind academically during the pandemic?

*Asked of parents of school age children*

Yes	57%
No	34%
Not sure	9%

**29. Can you afford to feed yourself and others in your household?**

Yes .....78%  
 No .....15%  
 Not sure .....7%

**30. Do you use government assistance to feed yourself and others in your household?**

Yes .....23%  
 No .....74%  
 Not sure .....4%

**31. After paying rent and utilities do you have enough money left over in your budget to comfortably afford enough food for your household?**

Yes .....69%  
 No .....24%  
 Not sure .....8%

**32. Do you have trouble making housing payments (mortgage, taxes, rent, fees)?**

Yes .....24%  
 No .....70%  
 Not sure .....6%

**33. What portion of your income goes toward housing costs?**

Most/all .....18%  
 About half .....26%  
 Less than half but more than 10% .....31%  
 Less than 10% .....12%  
 Not sure .....13%

**34. What kind of business do you patronize most often?**

Chains and big businesses .....23%  
 Small businesses .....16%  
 Both about equally .....50%  
 Not sure .....11%

**35. How do you feel about interest rates and borrowing costs?**

Costs are too high .....36%  
 Costs are fair .....27%  
 Costs are too low .....6%  
 Not sure .....32%

36. Will the next generation be better off economically than this generation?

Yes	13%
No	52%
Not sure	34%

37. How hopeful are you for your own economic future?

Very hopeful	22%
A little hopeful	47%
Not hopeful at all	22%
Not sure	8%

38. Do you feel included in the American Dream, the hope for a better economic tomorrow?

Yes	41%
No	39%
Not sure	20%

39. How has your relationship with your spouse or partner fared throughout the COVID-19 pandemic?

Grown closer	21%
Grown apart	7%
No different	34%
Not sure	3%
Not in a relationship	32%
Prefer not to say	4%

40. Has dating throughout the pandemic been easier or harder?

*Asked of those not in a relationship*

Easier	1%
Harder	26%
About the same	13%
Not interested in dating	61%

41. How has the pandemic affected your household responsibilities?

*Asked of working parents of children under 18*

Have more	38%
Have fewer	9%
Made no difference	51%
Not sure	2%

**42. During the pandemic, has it been harder to balance work and family?**

*Asked of working parents of children under 18*

Easier .....	11%
Harder .....	41%
No different .....	46%
Not sure .....	2%

**43. Have the challenges of raising children during the pandemic made you think about quitting your job?**

*Asked of working parents of children under 18*

Yes .....	28%
No .....	69%
Not sure .....	2%

**44. Can you afford to quit?**

*Asked of parents of children under 18 who have thought about quitting a job*

Yes .....	36%
No .....	58%
Not sure .....	6%

**45. Are you more or less interested in sports today than you were a year ago?**

*Asked of sports fans*

More interested .....	19%
Less interested .....	34%
About the same .....	47%
Not sure .....	1%

**46. Are you more or less interested in watching National Football League (NFL) games today than you were a year ago?**

*Asked of sports fans*

More interested .....	18%
Less interested .....	36%
About the same .....	45%
Not sure .....	2%

**47. Are you more or less interested in watching National Basketball Association (NBA) games today than you were a year ago?**

*Asked of sports fans*

More interested .....	11%
Less interested .....	43%
About the same .....	44%
Not sure .....	2%



48. Are you more or less interested in watching Major League Baseball (MLB) games today than you were a year ago?

*Asked of sports fans*

More interested .....	14%
Less interested .....	36%
About the same .....	47%
Not sure .....	3%

49. Have social justice initiatives embraced by sports leagues and athletes have made you:

*Asked of sports fans*

More interested in sports .....	19%
Less interested in sports .....	32%
Made no difference .....	42%
Not sure .....	7%

50. Are you willing to watch a game even when you disagree politically with some of the athletes?

*Asked of sports fans*

Yes .....	71%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	11%

51. Are you... ?

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

52. Respondent age by category

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

53. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	7%

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

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

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

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	32%
Jo Jorgensen	1%
Howie Hawkins	0%
Other	0%
Did not vote for President	32%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	25%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	14%