

# Yahoo! News Survey - 20211021



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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	27%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>44%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>49%</b>
Not sure	8%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Coronavirus	27%	18%	<b>45%</b>	11%	34%	<b>45%</b>	9%
The economy	16%	23%	<b>39%</b>	11%	38%	<b>49%</b>	12%
Foreign policy	14%	21%	<b>35%</b>	12%	36%	<b>48%</b>	16%
Climate change	15%	25%	<b>40%</b>	13%	31%	<b>44%</b>	17%
Race	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	11%	32%	<b>43%</b>	17%
Schools	16%	23%	<b>39%</b>	12%	33%	<b>45%</b>	16%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	17%	<b>31%</b>	15%	40%	<b>55%</b>	15%
Dealing with Congress	10%	22%	<b>32%</b>	18%	34%	<b>52%</b>	16%

## 4. How much confidence do you have in the U.S. Congress?

A lot	3%
Some	20%
<b>A lot or some</b>	<b>23%</b>
A little	37%
None	40%
<b>A little or none</b>	<b>77%</b>

## 5. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	37%
The Republican Party candidate	32%
Other	2%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	15%

## 6. How important a factor will each of the following issues be in deciding how to vote for Congress in next year's election?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not at all
Coronavirus	50%	26%	13%	11%
The economy	67%	21%	6%	5%
Foreign policy	41%	36%	16%	8%
Climate change	39%	24%	15%	22%
Schools	45%	34%	13%	8%

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

Very worried	18%
Somewhat worried	40%
<b>Worried</b>	<b>58%</b>
Not very worried	22%
Not worried at all	20%
<b>Not worried</b>	<b>42%</b>

## 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	63%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	5%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	9%

## 9. Which vaccine did you receive?

*Asked of those who have received at least one dose of the vaccine*

Pfizer-BioNtech	34%
Moderna	27%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	6%
Have not received one dose	32%

10. Have you personally received a third dose of a COVID-19 (coronavirus) vaccine?

*Asked of those who have received two doses of Pfizer-BioNtech*

Yes	8%
No	24%
Not fully vaccinated	37%
Fully vaccinated - non-Pfizer	32%

11. 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	5%
I will wait and see what happens to others before deciding	16%
Never	55%
Not sure	24%

12. Vaccination Status

*Recoded from previous responses*

Already vaccinated (one dose or more)	68%
As soon as it is available	2%
Will wait and see	5%
Never or not planning to get vaccinated	18%
Not sure	8%

13. To combat variants, some countries — including the U.S. — are now or will soon be offering boosters to adults. Would you get a booster shot if it were available to you?

*Asked of those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 and haven't gotten a booster yet*

Yes	64%
No	15%
Not sure	20%

14. Would you get a COVID-19 booster shot if it were available to you?

*Recoded from previous responses*

Already received booster	8%
Yes	39%
No	9%
Not sure	12%
Not yet fully vaccinated	32%

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

The worst of the U.S. pandemic is already behind us	45%
The worst of the U.S. pandemic is still yet to come	20%
Not sure	36%

16. How worried are you about the COVID-19 vaccines becoming less effective over time?

Very worried	17%
Somewhat worried	35%
<b>Worried</b>	<b>52%</b>
Not very worried	20%
Not worried at all	14%
<b>Not worried</b>	<b>34%</b>
Not sure	14%

17. How worried are you about getting a 'breakthrough' COVID-19 infection?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	26%
<b>Worried</b>	<b>35%</b>
Not very worried	18%
Not worried at all	8%
<b>Not worried</b>	<b>26%</b>
Not sure	6%
Not vaccinated on previous question	32%

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

Always	34%
Most of the time	22%
<b>Always / Most of the time</b>	<b>56%</b>
Some of the time	26%
Never	18%
<b>Never / Some of the time</b>	<b>44%</b>

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

Yes	48%
No	52%

20. When it comes to vaccination, which do you think is more important?

Offering booster shots to as many Americans as possible	31%
Offer first shots to as many unvaccinated people in other countries as possible	35%
Not sure	34%

21. Do you favor or oppose companies requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for employees to return to the workplace?

Favor	46%
Oppose	40%
Not sure	15%

22. Do you favor or oppose a rule that would require all businesses with 100 or more employees to make sure their workers either get vaccinated against COVID-19 or get tested each week instead?

Favor .....	47%
Oppose .....	39%
Not sure .....	13%

23. Is your employer requiring you to be vaccinated?

Yes .....	21%
No .....	61%
Not sure .....	18%

24. If your employer said you had to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or else you would lose your job, which would you choose?

*Asked of unvaccinated people whose employer requires employees to be vaccinated*

Get vaccinated .....	1%
Lose job .....	1%
Not sure .....	0%
Employer not requiring vaccines .....	79%
Already vaccinated .....	18%

25. Is your employer offering any of the following options to employees who do not wish to be vaccinated? Select all that apply

*Asked of people whose employer requires employees to be vaccinated*

Weekly testing for COVID-19 .....	20%
Working remotely .....	16%
Wearing a mask at all times .....	32%
Employer not offering options other than vaccination .....	36%
Not sure .....	27%

26. Should businesses that require vaccination for all employees be allowed to terminate those who refuse?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	49%
Not sure .....	16%

27. 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 .....	47%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Yes	56%
No	29%
Not sure	15%

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

Agree	34%
Disagree	50%
Not sure	16%

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

*Among parents of children under 18*

Yes	58%
No	29%
Not sure	13%

31. 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	57%
No	34%
Not sure	10%

32. Has your child had to quarantine since the start of this school year?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Yes	22%
No	74%
Not sure	4%

33. Do you know any children who have had to quarantine since the start of this school year?

*Among parents of children under 18*

Yes	42%
No	52%
Not sure	6%

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

*Among parents of children under 18*

Very worried	23%
Somewhat worried	33%
<b>Worried</b>	<b>56%</b>
Not very worried	22%
Not worried at all	19%
<b>Not worried</b>	<b>41%</b>
Not sure	3%

35. Do you have a child or children between the ages of 12 and 15?

*Among parents of children under 18*

- Yes ..... 36%
- No ..... 64%

36. What best describes the COVID-19 vaccination status of your 12-to-15-year old child or children?

*Among parents of children aged 12 to 15*

- Already vaccinated ..... 43%
- Plan to get them vaccinated as soon as it is available to them ..... 26%
- Will wait and see what happens to others before deciding ..... 9%
- Will never get them vaccinated ..... 17%
- Not sure ..... 4%

37. Do you have a child or children between the ages of 5 and 11?

*Among parents of children under 18*

- Yes ..... 51%
- No ..... 49%

38. What best describes the COVID-19 vaccination status of your 5-to-11-year-old child or children?

*Among parents of children aged 5 to 11*

- Plan to get them vaccinated as soon as it is available to them ..... 35%
- Will wait and see what happens to others before deciding ..... 30%
- Will never get them vaccinated ..... 25%
- Not sure ..... 10%

39. If your child's school said students had to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or else they couldn't attend, which would you choose?

*Among parents not planning to vaccinate their unvaccinated children aged 5-18*

- Get child vaccinated ..... 11%
- Leave the school ..... 31%
- Not sure ..... 17%
- Already vaccinated/ planing on vaccinating on previous questions ..... 42%

40. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Democratic leaders have handled the coronavirus?

- Approve ..... 37%
- Disapprove ..... 42%
- Not sure ..... 20%

41. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Republican leaders have handled the coronavirus?

- Approve ..... 26%
- Disapprove ..... 49%
- Not sure ..... 26%

42. If Donald Trump were president instead of Joe Biden, do you think the current coronavirus situation would be better or worse?

Better	35%
Worse	43%
Not sure	23%

43. Should President Trump run for president again in 2024?

Yes	29%
No	58%
Not sure	14%

44. If the 2024 election were held today, who would you vote for?

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	40%
Not sure	17%

45. Which comes closest to your view about the relationship between former President Trump and the Republican Party?

Trump is helping the Republican Party	30%
Trump is hurting the Republican Party	43%
Not sure	26%

46. If Joe Biden doesn't run for reelection in 2024, would you rather see Kamala Harris or someone else as the Democratic nominee?

*Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic*

Kamala Harris	42%
Someone else	32%
Not sure	26%

47. Who would you rather see as the Democratic nominee in 2024?

*Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic*

Pete Buttigieg	9%
Elizabeth Warren	8%
Kamala Harris	22%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	7%
Sherrrod Brown	4%
Stacey Abrams	7%
Bernie Sanders	12%
Not sure	26%
I would not vote	4%

48. If Donald Trump runs for president in 2024, would you rather see Trump or someone else as the Republican nominee?

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Donald Trump .....	55%
Someone else .....	27%
Not sure .....	18%

49. Who would you rather see as the Republican nominee in 2024?

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Ron DeSantis .....	18%
Tucker Carlson .....	1%
Donald Trump .....	41%
Mike Pence .....	5%
Nikki Haley .....	4%
Josh Hawley .....	1%
Tom Cotton .....	1%
Marco Rubio .....	2%
Kristi Noem .....	1%
Tim Scott .....	2%
Not sure .....	18%
I would not vote .....	5%

50. Do you believe that human activity is causing climate change?

Yes .....	59%
No .....	25%
Not sure .....	17%

51. Which comes closest to your view? Climate change is...

An existential threat that must be addressed now with major legislation .....	50%
A threat, but one which the government has already done enough to address .....	17%
Not a real threat .....	17%
Not sure .....	16%

52. Do you think climate change is an emergency, or not?

An emergency .....	50%
Not an emergency .....	36%
Not sure .....	14%

53. Which comes closest to your view?

It's already too late to avoid the worst effects of climate change .....	13%
We can still avoid the worst effects of climate change, but only if we act now .....	49%
We should wait to act on climate change .....	7%
We don't need to act at all .....	14%
Not sure .....	17%

54. How has climate change personally affected your life so far?

Made things better	4%
Made things worse	27%
No difference	49%
Not sure	21%

55. How do you think climate change will personally affect your life in the future?

Make things better	5%
Make things worse	42%
No difference	31%
Not sure	22%

56. How do you think climate change will affect other people's lives in the future?

Make things better	4%
Make things worse	49%
No difference	24%
Not sure	23%

57. Do you think Congress should pass laws to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the US from gasoline-powered cars and coal-fired power plants, among other sources?

Yes	48%
No	30%
Not sure	22%

58. Do you think the US should aim to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030?

Yes	48%
No	27%
Not sure	25%

59. limit greenhouse gas emissions, would you favor or oppose rewarding utilities that switch to renewable energy sources with grants while requiring utilities that stick with fossil fuels like coal and oil to pay more over time?

Favor	43%
Oppose	27%
Not sure	30%

60. Would you favor or oppose investing \$150 billion over the next decade in such a program?

Favor	41%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	29%

61. To combat climate change, which of the following changes would you be willing to make? (Please select all that apply)

Eating less meat	28%
Paying more for meat over time	15%
Purchasing an electric car without a government rebate	15%
Purchasing an electric car with a government rebate	35%
Purchasing solar panels for your home without a government rebate	18%
Purchasing solar panels for your home with a government rebate	42%
Paying more for gas	14%
Raising taxes on corporations with more than \$5 million in annual income	40%
Raising taxes on Americans making more than \$400,000 a year	42%
Not willing to make any of these changes	28%

62. Would you favor a program that requires polluters to pay a fee for every ton of carbon dioxide they emit, even if it means you might pay more for gasoline, electricity or home heating fuel?

Favor	36%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	28%

63. Would you favor such a program if it included a rebate for families making less than \$400,000 per year?

Favor	45%
Oppose	25%
Not sure	30%

64. Which comes closest to your view?

The US cannot afford to wait any longer to pass major climate change legislation	44%
The US cannot afford to pass major climate change legislation right now	32%
Not sure	24%

65. Which comes closest to your view? A major effort to address climate change would be...

Good for the economy because it will create new industries and jobs	45%
Bad for the economy because it will destroy existing industries and jobs	31%
Not sure	24%

66. Who has a greater responsibility to combat climate change?

The US	38%
Other countries	26%
Not sure	36%

67. Do you think the US should give aid to poorer countries to help them adapt to climate change and develop their own 'green' economies?

Yes	34%
No	41%
Not sure	25%

68. Overall, how would you rate the public schools in your area?

Excellent	10%
Good	43%
<b>Excellent / Good</b>	<b>53%</b>
Only fair	25%
Poor	9%
<b>Only fair / Poor</b>	<b>34%</b>
Not sure	13%

69. Who do you think should determine what is taught in classrooms?

Mostly parents	29%
Mostly the Board of Education	47%
Not sure	24%

70. How much say should parents have over what is taught in classrooms?

More than they have now	38%
The same as they have now	30%
Less than they have now	14%
Not sure	18%

71. National debates over race, gender and COVID-19 have recently led to clashes between some parents and local school boards. Do you think schools have become too politicized in the US?

Yes	69%
No	14%
Not sure	17%

72. Do you think the schools in your area have become too politicized?

Yes	39%
No	24%
Not sure	37%

73. How much are each of the following to blame for politicizing schools?

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Not sure
Liberals	40%	22%	12%	8%	18%
Conservatives	32%	22%	15%	12%	18%

74. Who deserves the most blame for politicizing schools?

Liberals .....	55%
Conservatives .....	45%

75. Should students be taught about America’s history of slavery in school?

Yes .....	81%
No .....	9%
Not Sure .....	10%

76. Should students be taught about America’s history of racism in school?

Yes .....	73%
No .....	14%
Not Sure .....	12%

77. Do you agree or disagree with this idea: Racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies.

Agree .....	54%
Disagree .....	28%
Not sure .....	19%

78. Do you think this idea – that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies – is something students should be exposed to in school?

Yes .....	46%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	24%

79. Have you heard of Critical Race Theory?

Yes .....	57%
No .....	31%
Not sure .....	12%

80. Do you think Critical Race Theory is something students should be exposed to in school?

Yes .....	21%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	8%
Never heard of Critical Race Theory .....	43%

81. Do you think Critical Race Theory should be banned from schools?

Yes .....	26%
No .....	25%
Not sure .....	6%
Never heard of Critical Race Theory .....	43%

82. Is there a problem with systemic racism in America?

Yes	55%
No	28%
Not sure	17%

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

Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	23%
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>42%</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>45%</b>
Not sure	13%

84. Should transgender girls be allowed to compete on girls' sports teams in public high schools?

Yes	28%
No	50%
Not sure	22%

85. Should teachers be required to address transgender students by their preferred pronouns (such as 'he,' 'she' or 'they')?

Yes	39%
No	36%
Not sure	25%

86. Do you know what the phrase "cancel culture" means?

Yes	58%
No	27%
Not sure	15%

87. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

88. Respondent age by category

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

89. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

91. 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%

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

Democrat .....	32%
Republican .....	25%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	34%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	12%