

The Economist/YouGov Poll

February 27 - March 2, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 27 - March 2, 2021
 Margin of Error ±2.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 34%
 Off on the wrong track 50%
 Not sure 16%

2. Would you say that [greatest foreign enemy] is a greater threat to the United States than Antifa, or not?

Respondents were first asked "Which foreign country would you say is the United States' greatest enemy?" The name of that foreign country was then substituted in the question text and response options

[greatest foreign enemy] is a greater threat to the U.S. than Antifa 60%
 Antifa is a greater threat to the U.S. than [greatest foreign enemy] 17%
 Not sure 23%

3. Would you say that [greatest foreign enemy] is a greater threat to the United States than domestic right-wing extremists, or not?

Respondents were first asked "Which foreign country would you say is the United States' greatest enemy?" The name of that foreign country was then substituted in the question text and response options

[greatest foreign enemy] is a greater threat to the U.S. than domestic right-wing extremists 46%
 Domestic right-wing extremists are a greater threat to the U.S. than [greatest foreign enemy] 34%
 Not sure 20%

4. Do you consider the countries listed below to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	57%	29%	4%	2%	9%
China	4%	11%	32%	38%	16%
France	43%	38%	5%	2%	12%
Germany	36%	36%	9%	3%	17%
Iran	1%	4%	28%	49%	18%
Israel	40%	27%	8%	6%	20%
Japan	37%	34%	7%	5%	17%
North Korea	2%	5%	21%	58%	14%
South Korea	35%	32%	7%	9%	16%
Mexico	21%	48%	12%	4%	14%
Russia	3%	10%	33%	38%	16%
United Kingdom	58%	25%	3%	2%	11%
Saudi Arabia	7%	29%	25%	14%	25%

5. Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance when people in other countries need help, or don't you think the U.S. has that responsibility?

U.S. has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	47%
U.S. does not have a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	35%
Not sure	18%

6. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance	51%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance	29%
Not sure	19%

7. Compared to 2017, do you think the United States plays...

A more important and more powerful role now as a world leader today	21%
A less important and less powerful role now as a world leader today	38%
About as important a role as a world leader as it did in 2017	23%
Not sure	18%

8. Do you think it is better if the United States compromises with its allies in order to find collective solutions to international problems or do you think it is better if the United States works alone to find solutions to international problems?

Compromise with allies	67%
Work alone	13%
Not sure	19%

9. In general, in responding to international crises, do you think the United States should or should not take action alone, if it does not have the support of its allies?

Should take action alone	25%
Should not take action alone	50%
Not sure	26%

10. Do you think the United Nations is doing a good job or a poor job in trying to solve the problems it has had to face?

Good job	22%
Poor job	43%
Not sure	35%

11. Do you think the United States should give up its membership in the United Nations, or not?

Withdraw membership in the U.N.	20%
Remain a member of the U.N.	57%
Not sure	23%

12. Do you think the United States should give up its membership in the World Health Organization, or not?

Withdraw membership in the WHO	27%
Remain a member of the WHO	56%
Not sure	17%

13. Do you think the U.S. should withdraw from NATO or remain a member?

Withdraw from NATO	14%
Remain in NATO	60%
Not sure	26%

14. As a member of the NATO alliance, an attack on one of the NATO members is considered to be an attack on the U.S. and the U.S. is obligated to come to the defense of any NATO member that has been attacked. Do you think the U.S. should or should not maintain this commitment to defend NATO allies when they are attacked?

Should maintain commitment	64%
Should not maintain commitment	13%
Not sure	23%

15. Nearly 200 countries, including the United States, signed the Paris climate agreement in 2017 to reduce global warming. Do you think the U.S. should remain a part of the agreement or should the U.S. withdraw?

Withdraw from the Paris agreement	29%
Remain a part of the Paris agreement	53%
Not sure	17%

16. How serious a threat do you think Iran's nuclear program poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	25%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	42%
A minor threat to the U.S.	16%
Not a threat to the U.S.	4%
Not sure	13%

17. Do you support or oppose direct negotiations between the United States and Iran in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	30%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	10%
No opinion	18%

18. How serious a threat do you think Russia poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	23%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	42%
A minor threat to the U.S.	18%
Not a threat to the U.S.	4%
Not sure	12%

19. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following world leaders?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Justin Trudeau	29%	29%	14%	8%	20%
Xi Jinping	3%	8%	26%	39%	24%
Boris Johnson	15%	33%	20%	8%	23%
Vladimir Putin	3%	11%	25%	46%	15%
Kim Jong-un	2%	5%	15%	65%	13%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	23%	17%	9%	31%	21%
Bernie Sanders	27%	23%	14%	27%	8%
Joe Manchin	3%	18%	22%	12%	45%
Andrew Cuomo	7%	19%	20%	33%	22%
Ted Cruz	19%	15%	10%	42%	15%

21. How much have you heard in the news recently about Andrew Cuomo being accused of sexual harassment by former aides?

A lot	27%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	30%

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

Very closely	36%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	14%
Not following at all	9%

23. 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	18%
No	67%
Prefer not to say	5%

24. 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	23%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	26%
Not worried at all	16%

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

Always	58%
Most of the time	22%
Some of the time	14%
Never	6%

26. When a coronavirus vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?

Yes	38%
No	23%
Not sure	22%
I have already been vaccinated	16%

27. How many doses of the vaccine have you received?

Among those who have already been vaccinated

One	45%
Two	55%

28. Would you [take/have taken] vaccine offered to you, or would you [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine?

Among those who might get vaccinated or who already have been vaccinated

I would [take/have taken] any vaccine	63%
I would [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine	37%

29. If you were offered one of the following coronavirus vaccines, would you take it?

	I would take this vaccine	I would not take this vaccine, and wait until I was offered a different vaccine	I would not take any vaccine	I have already been vaccinated	Don't know
Pfizer / BioNtech	42%	7%	23%	10%	18%
AstraZeneca / Oxford	31%	11%	24%	6%	27%
Moderna	40%	8%	22%	11%	20%
Johnson & Johnson	42%	9%	22%	6%	21%

30. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine is?

Very safe	35%
Somewhat safe	22%
Somewhat unsafe	8%
Very unsafe	10%
Don't know	26%

31. How much do you trust the manufacturers / developers of the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine?

A great deal	29%
Somewhat	27%
Not much	11%
Not at all	12%
Don't know	22%

32. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is?

Very safe	22%
Somewhat safe	20%
Somewhat unsafe	8%
Very unsafe	10%
Don't know	40%

33. How much do you trust the manufacturers / developers of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine?

A great deal	20%
Somewhat	23%
Not much	10%
Not at all	13%
Don't know	34%

34. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Moderna vaccine is?

Very safe	33%
Somewhat safe	22%
Somewhat unsafe	8%
Very unsafe	10%
Don't know	28%

35. How much do you trust the manufacturers / developers of the Moderna vaccine?

A great deal	28%
Somewhat	26%
Not much	9%
Not at all	13%
Don't know	24%

36. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is?

Very safe	30%
Somewhat safe	22%
Somewhat unsafe	8%
Very unsafe	10%
Don't know	30%

37. How much do you trust the manufacturers / developers of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

A great deal	26%
Somewhat	28%
Not much	9%
Not at all	14%
Don't know	23%

38. Do you believe there will be enough doses to vaccinate everyone in the U.S. who needs it?

Yes	57%
No	19%
Not sure	23%

39. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available for you?

Among those who definitely will, or might get vaccinated

By the spring of 2021	30%
By the summer of 2021	29%
By the end of 2021	18%
2022 or later	8%
Not sure	15%

40. Do you think the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine has been...

Too slow	44%
About right	29%
Too fast	10%
Not sure	16%

41. Do you think people like you should be prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts?

Yes, should be prioritized	40%
No, should not be prioritized	39%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	14%

43. How much have you heard in the news recently about the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package currently being passed through Congress?

A lot	47%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	12%

44. Do you support or oppose the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package currently being passed through Congress?
Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill

Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	6%

45. Do you have one or more children in grades K-12 living with you who would normally be attending a school in-person this year?

Yes	21%
No	79%

46. Are your children currently learning in-person, remotely, or in a hybrid learning environment?
Among those with K-12 age children

In-person learning	32%
Remote learning	52%
Hybrid learning	17%

47. Do you want your children to return to in-person learning, to keep remote learning, or to have hybrid learning?

Among those with K-12 age children

In-person learning	51%
Remote learning	32%
Hybrid learning	17%

48. Why do you want in-person instruction for your child?

Among those with K-12 age children who prefer in-person instruction

Concerns about child learning properly remotely	61%
Wanting peer interaction for child	64%
Wanting teacher interaction for child	57%
Wanting extracurricular activities for child	39%
Wanting consistent childcare during school day	17%
Wanting access to supportive school services (e.g., counseling, school meals)	23%
Wanting to return to a sense of pre-pandemic normalcy	57%
Provide relief to parent(s) working from home	15%
Not concerned or less concerned about getting COVID-19	27%
Some other reason	10%
None of the above	3%

49. Why do you want remote instruction for your child?

Among those with K-12 age children who prefer remote learning

Child learns better remotely	20%
Child is happier with remote learning	21%
Concerns about child or family member getting infected with COVID-19	50%
Concerns about safety of school building (related to COVID-19)	40%
Concerns about safety of school building (unrelated to COVID-19)	22%
Concerns about child's safety while at school (unrelated to COVID-19)	27%
Concerns about sudden school closures with in-person instruction	29%
Wanting consistency in child's schedule	22%
Waiting for vaccinations to be fully available before returning to in-person learning	31%
waiting for COVID-19 infection rates to lower before returning to in-person learning	40%
Some other reason	8%
None of the above	5%

50. Why do you want hybrid instruction for your child?

Among those with K-12 age children who prefer hybrid learning

Concerns about child learning properly remotely	19%
Child learns better remotely	17%
Wanting peer interaction for child	40%
Child is happier with remote learning	13%
Wanting teacher interaction for child	31%
Concerns about child or family member getting infected with COVID-19	33%
Wanting extracurricular activities for child	16%

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Concerns about safety of school building (related to COVID-19)	25%
Wanting consistent childcare during school day	8%
Concerns about safety of school building (unrelated to COVID-19)	6%
Wanting access to supportive school services (e.g., counseling, school meals)	14%
Concerns about child's safety while at school (unrelated to COVID-19)	19%
Wanting to return to a sense of pre-pandemic normalcy	19%
Concerns about sudden school closures with in-person instruction	21%
Provide relief to parent(s) working from home	12%
Wanting consistency in child's schedule	16%
Not concerned or less concerned about getting COVID-19	2%
Waiting for vaccinations to be fully available before returning to in-person learning	39%
Waiting for COVID-19 infection rates to lower before returning to in-person learning	39%
Some other reason	10%
None of the above	4%

51. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, did you have access to a nanny or some other childcare service?

Among those with K-12 age children

In-home childcare	22%
Outside-the-home group childcare	15%
None of the above	66%

52. Do you have access to a nanny or some other childcare service currently?

Among those with K-12 age children

In-home childcare	23%
Outside-the-home group childcare	16%
None of the above	68%

53. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	14%
Yes, a family member	16%
Yes, a close friend	19%
No	53%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	30%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	38%
Prefer not to say	3%

55. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

56. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	21%	4%	2%
Immigration	46%	34%	14%	5%
Climate change and the environment	47%	23%	16%	14%
National Security and foreign policy	58%	33%	7%	3%
Education	60%	30%	7%	3%
Health care	67%	23%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	56%	32%	8%	3%
Abortion	41%	27%	20%	13%
Civil rights	57%	27%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	31%	8%	5%
Guns	50%	26%	15%	8%
Crime and criminal justice reform	53%	33%	10%	4%

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

Jobs and the economy	20%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	12%
National Security and foreign policy	6%
Education	5%
Health care	20%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	4%
Crime and criminal justice reform	4%

58. 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	33%	19%	10%	32%	6%
Kamala Harris	30%	18%	9%	35%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	19%	19%	10%	40%	11%
Mitch McConnell	4%	13%	21%	44%	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	20%	12%	31%	24%
Donald Trump	26%	14%	7%	48%	5%

59. 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	20%	24%	13%	35%	9%
The Republican Party	12%	22%	17%	40%	10%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	10%

61. 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	28%	20%	10%	27%	15%
Immigration	21%	20%	10%	32%	17%
National security and foreign policy	25%	19%	10%	27%	18%
Guns	15%	14%	9%	30%	32%

62. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	24%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	31%
Some	19%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	8%

65. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	31%

66. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	45%
Not honest and trustworthy	38%
Not sure	17%

67. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	43%
Uneasy	42%
Not sure	16%

68. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	15%

69. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?

Yes	28%
No	44%
Not sure	28%

70. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic	46%
Pessimistic	38%
Not sure	17%

71. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	12%

72. 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	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	13%

73. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	25%

74. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	11%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	31%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	26%
About the same	20%
Lower	26%
Not sure	28%

79. 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	42%
No	58%

80. 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	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	28%
Not sure	9%

81. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	31%
The same amount of jobs	21%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	18%

82. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	59%

83. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	15%

84. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	24%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	12%

86. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	77%
Not registered	23%

87. 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	34%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	27%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

89. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
90. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
91. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
92. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%
93. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%
94. What is your marital status?	
Married	44%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%
95. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	24%
No	76%

96. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	13%

98. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	23%
Never	31%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	32%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	6%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 27 - March 2, 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 0.398 to 3.388, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.295.
Number of respondents	1500 1191 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.