

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 10 - 13, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted July 10 - 13, 2021
Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	15%

2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	3%
Good	26%
Fair	35%
Poor	29%
Don't know	7%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	18%
Inflation	29%
Both equal	43%
Not sure	10%

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

Very closely	26%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	22%
Not following at all	9%

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

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	61%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	32%
Yes, a close friend	29%
No	43%
Prefer not to say	2%

7. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, a family member	12%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	69%
Prefer not to say	4%

8. 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	14%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	32%
Not worried at all	24%

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

Always	26%
Most of the time	19%
Some of the time	26%
Never	29%

10. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following officials?

	Trust a lot	Trust somewhat	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust somewhat	Distrust a lot	Not sure
Joe Biden	21%	19%	16%	7%	34%	4%
Donald Trump	16%	13%	14%	8%	45%	4%
Anthony Fauci	28%	16%	14%	8%	26%	8%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	27%	28%	16%	10%	16%	4%

11. 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	59%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	7%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	11%

12. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	49%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	10%

13. Have you experienced any negative reactions to the vaccine?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	23%
No	74%
Not sure	3%

14. Which of do you think is a greater risk: possibly contracting COVID-19, or possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Possibly contracting COVID-19	56%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	44%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	10%

16. Are most new cases of COVID-19 among people who are...

Vaccinated	7%
Unvaccinated	55%
Equally split between vaccinated and unvaccinated	14%
Not sure	24%

17. Do you believe that most unvaccinated Americans have a good reason for not being vaccinated?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated or plan on getting vaccinated

Yes	15%
No	64%
Not sure	22%

18. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot	37%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	15%

19. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing this new variant?

Very worried	15%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	21%

20. Thinking about the Summer Olympics this year, how much of the games do you expect you will you watch?

I will watch events every day	6%
I will watch lots of events when I can	12%
I will watch a few events	31%
I will not watch any of them	39%
Not sure	11%

21. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in holding the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Good decision	22%
Bad decision	31%
Not sure	46%

22. Do you expect the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan to be successful or unsuccessful?

Very successful	10%
Somewhat successful	32%
Somewhat unsuccessful	18%
Very unsuccessful	9%
Not sure	31%

23. If you could afford it and were permitted to attend, would you want to go see the Olympic Games in person in Tokyo this year or not?

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Yes	27%
No	66%
Not sure	7%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to not allow spectators at any events in the Summer Olympics this year?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	21%

25. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about U.S. track and field athlete Sha'Carri Richardson being banned from competing in the Summer Olympic Games this year?

A lot	35%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	22%

26. Recently, U.S. track and field athlete Sha'Carri Richardson was banned from competing in the Summer Olympic Games after testing positive for marijuana. Do you approve or disapprove of the ban?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	14%

27. In response to Sha'Carri Richardson's ban from this year's Summer Olympic Games, President Biden said that "the rules are the rules, and everybody knows what the rules were going in." Do you approve or disapprove of Biden's statement?

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	14%

28. Do you believe athletes in the Olympic Games should or should not be allowed to...

	Yes	No	Not sure
Wear articles of clothing that conform with the athlete's religious beliefs (e.g. yarmulkes or hijabs)	52%	29%	20%
Wear articles of clothing that accommodates natural ethnic differences (e.g. swim caps that cover long hair or natural hairstyles)	61%	20%	20%
Use equipment that provides a competitive advantage (e.g. carbon fiber equipment)	14%	61%	25%
Use recreational drugs (e.g. marijuana)	30%	50%	20%
Use performance enhancing drugs (e.g. hormones or steroids)	6%	86%	8%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling Afghanistan?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	24%
No opinion	30%

30. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	41%
No	26%
Not sure	33%

31. Do you think we are winning or losing the war in Afghanistan?

Winning	12%
Losing	41%
Not sure	48%

32. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about ending the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan?

A lot	27%
A little	50%
Nothing at all	24%

33. Last week, President Biden announced that the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan will end on August 31st after nearly 20 years. Do you support or oppose the decision to end the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan?

Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	27%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	22%

34. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the assassination of the president of Haiti?

A lot	23%
A little	52%
Nothing at all	25%

35. Last Wednesday, July 7th, the president of Haiti was fatally shot. The interim Haitian government has requested U.S. troops to help maintain order in the aftermath of the assassination. Would you support or oppose sending U.S. troops to Haiti?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	18%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Elon Musk	11%	28%	21%	17%	23%
Richard Branson	8%	26%	14%	9%	43%
Jeff Bezos	5%	23%	22%	28%	22%
Bill Gates	13%	28%	19%	27%	13%
Oprah Winfrey	19%	26%	19%	26%	9%
George Soros	5%	12%	8%	30%	44%
Warren Buffett	13%	28%	16%	14%	29%
Mark Zuckerberg	6%	20%	22%	38%	14%

37. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the anniversary of the moon landing?

A lot	5%
A little	33%
Nothing at all	62%

38. Forty years ago, the United States spent a great deal of time, effort, and money to land men on the moon. Looking back now, do you think that effort was worth it, or not?

Definitely worth it	41%
Probably worth it	34%
Probably not worth it	17%
Definitely not worth it	8%

39. Should government funding of space exploration be increased, kept the same or decreased?

Increased a lot	17%
Increased a little	22%
Kept the same	29%
Decreased a little	8%
Decreased a lot	8%
Not sure	17%

40. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to the Moon?

Favor	52%
Oppose	17%
Not sure	31%

41. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to explore Mars?

Favor	53%
Oppose	19%
Not sure	28%

42. How much, if anything, have you heard about private companies, such as SpaceX, Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic, developing space exploration capabilities?

Heard a lot 23%
 Heard a little 51%
 Heard nothing at all 26%

43. Which statement do you agree with more?

Private companies and individuals should be able to build their own rockets to take people into space 64%
 Space travel should be left to national governments only 36%

44. If you could afford it, would you pay to be a passenger on a short commercial space flight?

Yes 24%
 No 61%
 Not sure 15%

45. If you could afford it, would you pay to be a passenger on a commercial flight to the Moon and back?

Yes 25%
 No 62%
 Not sure 14%

46. In your opinion, how likely is it that the following scenarios are true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
The 1969 landing on the moon didn't occur and was actually staged somewhere in Arizona.	3%	9%	17%	56%	15%
The threat of the coronavirus was exaggerated for political reasons.	21%	19%	13%	35%	12%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the 2020 general election.	23%	17%	11%	37%	13%
Vaccines have been shown to cause autism	5%	12%	19%	38%	25%
The U.S. government is using the COVID-19 vaccine to microchip the population	5%	15%	19%	46%	14%

47. How much have you heard about QAnon?

A lot 23%
 A little 43%
 Nothing at all 34%

48. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of QAnon?

Among those who have heard of QAnon

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	52%
Don't know	22%

49. Do you personally know anyone who supports QAnon?

Among those aware of QAnon

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	7%
Yes, a close friend	5%
Yes, an acquaintance	10%
No	75%
Prefer not to say	3%

50. Thinking of the people you know who support QAnon, would you say they believe...

Among those who personally know someone who supports QAnon

All QAnon theories are true	18%
Most QAnon theories are true	30%
Some QAnon theories are true	28%
QAnon theories might be true	17%
QAnon theories aren't true, but support the QAnon movement	8%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	28%	3%	2%
Immigration	48%	35%	13%	4%
Climate change and the environment	46%	27%	15%	12%
Foreign policy	37%	45%	14%	5%
National Security	60%	30%	7%	2%
Education	63%	28%	7%	2%
Health care	68%	24%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	62%	29%	7%	2%
Abortion	43%	30%	17%	10%
Civil rights	56%	29%	9%	6%
Civil liberties	56%	32%	8%	4%
Guns	51%	28%	13%	8%
Crime	62%	31%	6%	1%
Criminal justice reform	52%	32%	10%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	10%
Climate change and the environment	14%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	6%
Education	5%
Health care	18%
Taxes and government spending	9%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime	5%
Criminal justice reform	2%

53. 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	27%	24%	10%	35%	4%
Kamala Harris	20%	24%	10%	38%	8%
Nancy Pelosi	15%	21%	11%	41%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	5%	18%	14%	27%	36%
Mitch McConnell	4%	18%	18%	42%	19%
Chuck Schumer	10%	21%	11%	32%	25%
Donald Trump	26%	16%	8%	45%	5%

54. 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	15%	24%	14%	37%	10%
The Republican Party	11%	21%	21%	36%	11%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	10%

56. 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	21%	24%	12%	30%	13%
Education	16%	26%	10%	27%	21%
Health care	19%	24%	13%	26%	17%
Abortion	12%	18%	10%	28%	32%

57. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	25%
Some	22%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	32%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	23%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	36%

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

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	40%
Not sure	19%

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

Confident	38%
Uneasy	44%
Not sure	18%

63. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	23%
No	50%
Not sure	27%

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

Optimistic	42%
Pessimistic	39%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	11%

67. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	24%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	23%
Lower	24%
Not sure	34%

74. 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	39%
No	61%

75. 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	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	25%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	31%
Fewer jobs	17%
Not sure	20%

77. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	69%

78. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	32%
Not very hard	31%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	12%

81. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	77%
Not registered	23%
82. 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	33%
83. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	9%
84. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	5%
85. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
86. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	23%
87. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

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

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

89. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

90. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	13%

92. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	34%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	21%
Don't know	5%

96. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 10 - 13, 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 0.315 to 6.072, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.629.
Number of respondents	1500 1292 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	44 questions not reported.