The Economist/YouGov Poll
February 19 - 22, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

YouGov

Sample   1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   February 19 - 22, 2021
Margin of Error   ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 33%
Off on the wrong track 52%
Not sure 15%

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2. 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	22%	17%	8%	30%	23%
Bernie Sanders	23%	26%	12%	27%	12%
Joe Manchin	4%	17%	20%	12%	47%
Andrew Cuomo	7%	20%	16%	34%	24%
Ted Cruz	14%	16%	14%	39%	17%
Josh Hawley	10%	10%	8%	27%	45%
Liz Cheney	7%	20%	18%	20%	35%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	10%	10%	6%	32%	43%
Rush Limbaugh	21%	13%	8%	35%	22%

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3. How much have you heard in the news this week about accusations that New York state under-reported COVID-19 deaths in New York nursing homes?

A lot 31%
A little 44%
Nothing at all 25%

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

Very closely 29%
Somewhat closely 43%
Not very closely 20%
Not following at all 8%

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5. 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 19%
Yes, a close friend 19%
No 54%
Prefer not to say 3%

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

Yes, me	6%
Yes, a family member	35%
Yes, a close friend	33%
No	37%
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	10%
Yes, a close friend	19%
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	23%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	25%
Not worried at all	17%

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

Always	61%
Most of the time	20%
Some of the time	13%
Never	6%

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

Yes	39%
No	27%
Not sure	22%
I have already been vaccinated	12%

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

Yes	45%
No	25%
Not sure	30%

12. 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 end of February 2021	13%
By the spring of 2021	26%
By the summer of 2021	25%
By the end of 2021	14%
2022 or later	5%
Not sure	17%

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

Too slow	46%
About right	25%
Too fast	12%
Not sure	17%

14. How well do you think you understand which groups of people are prioritized COVID-19 vaccine distribution?

Very well	21%
Fairly well	49%
Not very well	21%
Not at all	9%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the groups of people prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution?
Among those with at least some understanding of vaccine priority

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	44%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes, should be prioritized	37%
No, should not be prioritized	40%
Not sure	23%

17. Are you confident in the Biden administration's ability to effectively distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, or are you uneasy about their approach?

Confident	42%
Uneasy	36%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve ……………………………………………………………………… 30%
Somewhat approve ……………………………………………………………………… 23%
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 12%
Strongly disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 22%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………… 14%

19. 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 ……………………………………………………………………… 38%
A little ……………………………………………………………………… 48%
Nothing at all ……………………………………………………………………… 14%

20. 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 ……………………………………………………………………… 42%
Somewhat support ……………………………………………………………………… 24%
Somewhat oppose ……………………………………………………………………… 10%
Strongly oppose ……………………………………………………………………… 15%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………… 9%

21. Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals for the $1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package?
Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
$1400 relief checks to every individual making less than $75,000	61%	18%	9%	7%	5%
Minimum wage increase to $15 per hour	39%	17%	10%	28%	6%
$160 billion nationwide vaccine program	52%	22%	8%	9%	9%
Additional $400 unemployment benefits	48%	24%	12%	9%	6%
Additional funding to create state and local government jobs	40%	24%	10%	17%	8%
Extending eviction ban through September	51%	22%	11%	8%	8%
Expansion of the child tax credit for up to $3,600 per child this year	44%	25%	12%	10%	9%

22. Turning now to the subject of climate change do you think. . .

The world is becoming warmer as a result of human activity 49%

The world is becoming warmer but NOT because of human activity 19%

The world is NOT becoming warmer 14%

Not sure 18%

23. Do you think the severity of recent hurricanes, Western wildfires, and winter storms is most likely the result of global climate change, or is it just the kind of severe weather events that happen from time to time?

Global climate change 49%

They just happen from time to time 36%

Not sure 15%

24. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have 43%

No, I have not 35%

Not sure 22%

25. Do you believe we should be using each of the following energy sources more or less?

	Should be used more	Usage should not change	Should be used less
Wind (energy generated from wind turbines)	61%	24%	15%
Solar	68%	22%	9%
Oil	18%	35%	47%
Natural gas	33%	40%	27%

26. How prepared would you be for a power outage lasting 5 days or more?

Completely prepared 10%

Somewhat prepared 34%

Somewhat unprepared 26%

Completely unprepared 25%

Not sure 6%

27. How prepared would your state be for widespread power outages lasting 5 days or more?

Completely prepared 5%

Somewhat prepared 21%

Somewhat unprepared 27%

Completely unprepared 31%

Not sure 16%

28. What would you say the responsibilities of elected Senators and Congresspeople should be during a natural disaster in their state? Check all that apply.

They should be responsible for coordinating relief efforts on-the-ground 63%
They should be responsible for raising funds to aid relief efforts 58%
They should be responsible for providing moral support and hope to their constituents ...58%
They should not have any responsibility at all 8%

29. How much have you heard in the news recently about Senator Ted Cruz leaving his state of Texas during a winter storm?

A lot 52%
A little 30%
Nothing at all 18%

30. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal 33%
Liberal 24%
Moderate 18%
Conservative 4%
Very conservative 2%
Not sure 19%

31. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like or dislike Kamala Harris as a person?

Like a lot 26%
Like somewhat 13%
Neither like nor dislike 17%
Dislike somewhat 7%
Dislike a lot 24%
Not sure 12%

32. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy 39%
Not honest and trustworthy 38%
Not sure 23%

33. Would you say Kamala Harris is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong 32%
Somewhat strong 27%
Somewhat weak 17%
Very weak 24%

34. Who do you think will make most of the important decisions in the Biden administration?

Joe Biden	45%
Kamala Harris	26%
Not sure	29%

35. Do you think Kamala Harris has too much power or too little power in the Biden administration?

Too much power	30%
Too little power	6%
The right amount of power	39%
Not sure	25%

36. Which comes closer to your opinion?

Joe Biden won the presidential election fairly	53%
The presidential election was stolen from Donald Trump	33%
Not sure	14%

37. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Joe Biden as president?

Enthusiastic	28%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	19%
Dissatisfied but not upset	18%
Upset	22%
Not sure	12%

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

Very favorable	26%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	30%
Don't know	11%

39. Has your opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement changed over the past year?

Become more favorable	24%
Become less favorable	31%
No change	45%

40. How serious a threat are right-wing militia groups?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	34%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	17%
A minor threat to the U.S.	16%
No threat to the U.S.	14%
Not sure	19%

41. Would you vote for a candidate for Congress or Governor who has criticized former President Trump?
Asked of Republicans and Republican leaners

Yes 23%
No 45%
Not sure 31%

42. If Donald Trump endorses a candidate in a Republican primary election in 2022, would it make you more or less likely to support that candidate?
Asked of Republicans and Republican leaners

Would definitely vote for candidate endorsed by Trump 30%
Would make me more likely to vote for them 29%
Would have little or no effect 25%
Would make me less likely to vote for them 5%
Not sure 11%

43. How important do you think it is for a President to have the following attributes?

	Most important	Very important	Somewhat important	Least important
Business experience	25%	35%	26%	14%
Government experience	28%	32%	25%	15%
Honesty	64%	26%	7%	2%
Toughness	32%	43%	19%	5%
Intelligence	57%	34%	6%	3%
Religious convictions	17%	23%	27%	33%
Sense of humor	15%	32%	38%	15%
Generosity	26%	40%	27%	7%

44. We would like you to compare Presidents Biden and Trump on these attributes.

	Biden better	About the same	Trump better
Business experience	21%	22%	57%
Government experience	68%	20%	12%
Honesty	49%	21%	30%
Toughness	33%	20%	47%
Intelligence	47%	18%	35%
Religious convictions	46%	30%	25%
Sense of humor	45%	22%	33%
Generosity	49%	22%	30%

45. Should the number of people allowed to immigrate to the U.S. be increased or decreased?

Increased a lot ……………………………………………………………………12%
Increased a little ……………………………………………………………………15%
Kept the same ……………………………………………………………………20%
Decreased a little ……………………………………………………………………10%
Decreased a lot ……………………………………………………………………27%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………16%

46. Should tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. be increased or decreased?

Increased a lot ……………………………………………………………………11%
Increased a little ……………………………………………………………………16%
Kept the same ……………………………………………………………………24%
Decreased a little ……………………………………………………………………12%
Decreased a lot ……………………………………………………………………10%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………27%

47. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups of workers?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Teachers	51%	22%	11%	9%	7%
Doctors	51%	30%	7%	4%	7%
Scientists	50%	28%	9%	5%	8%
Farmers	63%	22%	4%	3%	8%
Business owners	34%	40%	11%	4%	11%
Public employees	32%	37%	14%	7%	9%
Computer programmers	33%	41%	9%	3%	13%

48. Under the next Congress, should spending on the following parts of the federal government be increased or decreased?

	Increased a lot	Increased a little	Kept the same	Decreased a little	Decreased a lot	Not sure
Social Security	38%	30%	19%	3%	3%	7%
Medicare	39%	28%	19%	4%	3%	7%
The military	20%	20%	27%	12%	14%	7%
Education	42%	23%	16%	5%	7%	6%
Foreign aid	7%	12%	24%	16%	33%	10%
Space exploration	13%	21%	33%	12%	13%	8%
Aid to the poor	40%	22%	20%	7%	5%	7%

49. Do you support or oppose raising the federal minimum wage to $15.00/hour?

Support ……………………………………………………………………………… 55%
Oppose ……………………………………………………………………………… 32%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 14%

50. What do you think should happen to the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?

Expand it ……………………………………………………………………………… 34%
Leave it as is ……………………………………………………………………………… 13%
Repeal some of it ……………………………………………………………………………… 12%
Repeal all of it ……………………………………………………………………………… 27%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 13%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	4%	2%
Immigration	42%	34%	17%	7%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	15%	16%
National Security and foreign policy	51%	36%	10%	3%
Education	57%	30%	8%	5%
Health care	67%	23%	6%	4%
Taxes and government spending	56%	34%	8%	3%
Abortion	38%	27%	20%	15%
Civil rights	54%	28%	13%	6%
Civil liberties	53%	34%	9%	4%
Guns	46%	30%	16%	9%
Crime and criminal justice reform	54%	32%	9%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy ……………………………………………………………………………… 21%
Immigration ……………………………………………………………………………… 6%
Climate change and the environment ……………………………………………………………………………… 11%
National Security and foreign policy ……………………………………………………………………………… 5%
Education ……………………………………………………………………………… 7%
Health care ……………………………………………………………………………… 21%
Taxes and government spending ……………………………………………………………………………… 7%
Abortion ……………………………………………………………………………… 5%
Civil rights ……………………………………………………………………………… 7%
Civil liberties ……………………………………………………………………………… 3%
Guns ……………………………………………………………………………… 4%
Crime and criminal justice reform ……………………………………………………………………………… 3%

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	35%	15%	10%	32%	8%
Kamala Harris	31%	17%	9%	34%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	20%	19%	9%	41%	11%
Mitch McConnell	5%	12%	19%	46%	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	20%	11%	32%	23%

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	22%	22%	12%	35%	9%
The Republican Party	10%	19%	20%	40%	11%

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

Strongly approve 33%
Somewhat approve 18%
Somewhat disapprove 8%
Strongly disapprove 28%
Not sure 13%

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	25%	21%	8%	29%	17%
Civil rights	23%	22%	12%	23%	20%
Civil liberties	22%	22%	11%	23%	22%
Crime and criminal justice reform	18%	21%	10%	25%	26%

57. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal 26%
Liberal 24%
Moderate 26%
Conservative 6%
Very conservative 2%
Not sure 17%

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58. 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%

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

Like a lot ……………………………………………………………………………30%
Like somewhat ……………………………………………………………………14%
Neither like nor dislike …………………………………………………………19%
Dislike somewhat …………………………………………………………………6%
Dislike a lot …………………………………………………………………………21%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………9%

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

Very strong …………………………………………………………………………25%
Somewhat strong …………………………………………………………………29%
Somewhat weak ……………………………………………………………………14%
Very weak ……………………………………………………………………………31%

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

Honest and trustworthy …………………………………………………………45%
Not honest and trustworthy ……………………………………………………37%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………18%

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

Confident ……………………………………………………………………………44%
Uneasy …………………………………………………………………………………41%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………15%

63. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes ……………………………………………………………42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear ………………………………………42%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………16%

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

Yes ……………………………………………………………………………………29%
No ………………………………………………………………………………………43%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………27%

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

Optimistic 44%
Pessimistic 38%
Not sure 17%

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

Strongly approve 7%
Somewhat approve 12%
Neither approve nor disapprove 16%
Somewhat disapprove 20%
Strongly disapprove 33%
Not sure 12%

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 19%
Somewhat approve 19%
Somewhat disapprove 9%
Strongly disapprove 38%
Not sure 14%

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 13%
Somewhat approve 22%
Somewhat disapprove 11%
Strongly disapprove 31%
Not sure 24%

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 5%
Somewhat approve 11%
Somewhat disapprove 19%
Strongly disapprove 46%
Not sure 19%

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

Strongly approve 10%
Somewhat approve 28%
Somewhat disapprove 22%
Strongly disapprove 15%
Not sure 25%

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

Very liberal …………………………………………………………………………… 6%
Liberal ………………………………………………………………………………… 8%
Moderate ……………………………………………………………………………… 27%
Conservative …………………………………………………………………………… 24%
Very conservative ……………………………………………………………………… 10%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………… 24%

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

Getting better ………………………………………………………………………… 15%
About the same ……………………………………………………………………… 29%
Getting worse ………………………………………………………………………… 41%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 14%

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

Higher ………………………………………………………………………………… 25%
About the same ……………………………………………………………………… 22%
Lower ………………………………………………………………………………… 24%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 29%

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 …………………………………………………………………………………… 40%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………… 60%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago ………………………………………… 15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago …………………………………… 47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago ………………………………………… 29%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 9%

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

More jobs ……………………………………………………………………………… 31%
The same amount of jobs …………………………………………………………… 20%
Fewer jobs …………………………………………………………………………… 33%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 16%

77. How worried are you about losing your job?

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

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. 29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 34%
Not very hard 23%
Not sure 15%

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

Very happy 22%
Happy 40%
Neither happy nor unhappy 26%
Unhappy 7%
Very unhappy 5%

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

Very liberal 10%
Liberal 15%
Moderate 30%
Conservative 20%
Very conservative 12%
Not sure 14%

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 34%

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

Democrat 33%
Republican 26%
Independent 29%
Other 3%
Not sure 9%

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

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	6%

85. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

86. Respondent age by category

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

87. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
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	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

90. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	25%
No	75%

91. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	45%
$50-100K	25%
$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	12%

93. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

96. 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	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	20%
Don't know	5%

97. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	7%

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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 4.642, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.401.

Number of respondents 1500
1201 (Registered voters)

Margin of error ± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting)
± 3% (Registered voters)

Survey mode Web-based interviews

Questions not reported 48 questions not reported.