

The Economist/YouGov Poll
February 6 - 9, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 6 - 9, 2021
 Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	16%

2. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	7%
Equally positive and negative	29%
Mostly negative	50%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	14%

3. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	57%
Somewhat serious	32%
A minor problem	5%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	4%

4. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	26%
Somewhat serious	39%
A minor problem	18%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	15%

5. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports	46%
The prices of goods and services you buy	23%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	16%

6. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 4%	1%
Between 4% and 5%	3%
Between 5% and 6%	4%
Between 6% and 7%	18%
Between 7% and 8%	10%
Between 8% and 10%	11%
Between 10% and 12%	11%
Between 12% and 15%	9%
Greater than 15%	12%
Not sure	20%

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	38%
Stayed the same	24%
Decreased	19%
Don't know	19%

8. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate does explaining the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	7%
Good	23%
Fair	34%
Poor	14%
Very poor	8%
Don't know	15%

9. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	63%
The government numbers are accurate	16%
Fewer unemployed people	5%
Don't know	17%

10. Do you think improving the economy is...

Something the president can do a lot about	52%
Something the president can do a little about	35%
Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control	13%

11. 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%

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

Enthusiastic	32%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	18%
Dissatisfied but not upset	17%
Upset	24%
Not sure	9%

13. Looking back on Joe Biden's inauguration, more than 25,000 national guard members were present around the capitol due to security risks. Do you believe these security measures were...

Overreacting to the actual risks	38%
Appropriate	57%
Not taking the risks seriously enough	6%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the following security measures around federal buildings in Washington D.C.?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Fencing off Lafayette Square and other streets around the White House from the public	26%	23%	15%	24%	12%
Fencing off the Capitol Building from the public	30%	21%	15%	25%	10%

15. How much have you heard in the news about the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issuing a warning about the threat posed by domestic terrorism?

A lot	27%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	28%

16. Do you believe that domestic terrorism poses a threat to the U.S.?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	36%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	24%
A minor threat to the U.S.	20%
No threat to the U.S.	9%
Not sure	10%

17. Do you think the U.S. government...

Should be doing more to fight domestic terrorism	48%
Is doing enough to fight domestic terrorism	17%
Is doing too much to fight domestic terrorism	14%
Not sure	21%

18. Do you believe that members of Congress are in danger of a domestic terrorism attack?

Yes	41%
No	35%
Not sure	24%

19. 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	21%	16%	7%	33%	23%
Ilhan Omar	13%	15%	8%	32%	31%
Bernie Sanders	26%	22%	13%	28%	11%
Joe Manchin	5%	21%	19%	12%	43%
Ted Cruz	18%	15%	9%	38%	20%
Josh Hawley	13%	10%	8%	29%	40%
Liz Cheney	7%	21%	20%	19%	33%
Lauren Boebert	7%	7%	9%	21%	56%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	10%	11%	9%	36%	33%

20. This past Thursday, February 4th, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to remove Marjorie Taylor Greene from her positions on the House Budget Committee and House Education and Labor Committee. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	26%

21. How much have you heard about QAnon?

A lot	28%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	29%

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

Among those aware of QAnon

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	55%
Don't know	16%

23. Do you personally know anyone who supports QAnon?

Among those aware of QAnon

Yes, me	2%
Yes, a family member	4%
Yes, a close friend	5%
Yes, an acquaintance	12%
No	76%
Prefer not to say	4%

24. 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	14%
Most QAnon theories are true	28%
Some QAnon theories are true	33%
QAnon theories might be true	19%
QAnon theories aren't true, but support the QAnon movement	6%

25. How much have you heard or read about the political movement known as the Tea Party?

A lot	31%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	27%

26. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement?

Among those aware of the Tea Party movement

Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	28%
Don't know	19%

27. Do you personally know anyone who supports the Tea Party movement?

Among those aware of the Tea Party movement

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	10%
Yes, a close friend	9%
Yes, an acquaintance	19%
No	58%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Very closely	41%
Somewhat closely	38%
Not very closely	13%
Not following at all	8%

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

Yes, me	12%
Yes, a family member	22%
Yes, a close friend	22%
No	50%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	33%
Yes, a close friend	36%
No	35%
Prefer not to say	3%

31. 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	19%
No	69%
Prefer not to say	4%

32. 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	26%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	23%
Not worried at all	16%

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

Always	62%
Most of the time	17%
Some of the time	14%
Never	7%

34. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse	25%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	29%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	26%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you believe that the number of American deaths due to COVID-19 per day is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same?

Increasing	25%
Staying the same	23%
Decreasing	35%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	42%
No	28%
Not sure	22%
I have already been vaccinated	8%

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

Yes	40%
No	30%
Not sure	30%

38. 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	15%
By the spring of 2021	24%
By the summer of 2021	26%
By the end of 2021	14%
2022 or later	5%
Not sure	16%

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

Too slow	55%
About right	20%
Too fast	9%
Not sure	16%

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

Very well	25%
Fairly well	44%
Not very well	20%
Not at all	11%

41. 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	28%
Somewhat approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes, should be prioritized	39%
No, should not be prioritized	39%
Not sure	22%

43. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?

Very concerned	26%
Somewhat concerned	34%
Not very concerned	22%
Not concerned at all	11%
Not sure	7%

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

Confident	41%
Uneasy	38%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	17%

46. 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	44%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	14%

47. 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	43%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	7%

48. 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	59%	20%	9%	8%	4%
Minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour	39%	18%	10%	29%	4%
\$160 billion nationwide vaccine program	53%	26%	6%	8%	8%
Additional \$400 unemployment benefits	47%	23%	12%	12%	5%
Additional funding to create state and local government jobs	43%	25%	10%	16%	7%
Extending eviction ban through September	52%	23%	9%	10%	7%
Cancelling \$10,000 worth of student loan debt for every borrower	43%	17%	7%	28%	5%

49. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot	43%
Some	8%
A little	10%
None	30%
Not sure	9%

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives impeaching Donald Trump?

Strongly approve	41%
Somewhat approve	8%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	8%

51. Now that the U.S. House of Representatives has voted to impeach Donald Trump, do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote to convict him?

Should vote to convict	47%
Should not vote to convict	42%
Not sure	11%

52. Do you think President Trump should be allowed to run for President again?

Yes	37%
No	53%
Not sure	10%

53. How confident are you in the U.S. stock market?

Very confident	7%
Somewhat confident	31%
Not too confident	26%
Not at all confident	15%
Not sure	21%

54. How good of a job do you think the stock market does explaining the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	3%
Good	14%
Fair	29%
Poor	20%
Very poor	15%
Not sure	20%

55. How much does the way the stock market performs matter to you and your personal finances?

A lot	16%
Some	28%
Not much	21%
Not at all	21%
Not sure	14%

56. Do you think the government is biased in favor of bankers or consumers or do you think the government is not biased in either direction?

Biased in favor of bankers	61%
Biased in favor of consumers	7%
Not biased in either direction	8%
Not sure	25%

57. How much have you heard in the news recently about the widespread purchase of Gamestop stocks?

A lot	39%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	16%

58. Who was the best President in U.S. history?

Respondents were shown the names of each of the 44 former presidents

Barack Obama	18%
Abraham Lincoln	17%
Donald Trump	13%
Franklin D. Roosevelt	12%
Ronald Reagan	10%
George Washington	9%
John F. Kennedy	6%
Theodore Roosevelt	3%
Bill Clinton	2%
Thomas Jefferson	2%
The Other Presidents	9%

59. Who was the worst President in U.S. history?

Respondents were shown the names of each of the 44 former presidents

Donald Trump	46%
Barack Obama	24%
Richard Nixon	5%
George W. Bush	4%
Bill Clinton	4%
Jimmy Carter	3%
Woodrow Wilson	2%
Andrew Johnson	2%
George Bush	2%
James Buchanan	1%
The Other Presidents	9%

60. Washington's birthday will be observed this year on Monday, February 15th. Do you have to work on that day or do you have that day off from work?

Have to work	26%
It's a day off	15%
Not sure	8%
Doesn't apply	51%

61. What do you plan on doing this year on Washington’s birthday holiday?

Watch sports	3%
Go shopping	4%
Spend time with family	17%
Go on a trip somewhere	2%
Participate in winter sports	1%
Volunteer	2%
Something else	11%
Do nothing	49%
Not sure	17%

62. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?

Outstanding	16%
Above Average	13%
Average	8%
Below Average	10%
Poor	44%
Not Sure	9%

63. As a President, how do you think Joe Biden will go down in history?

Outstanding	11%
Above Average	21%
Average	18%
Below Average	7%
Poor	25%
Not Sure	18%

64. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	3%	1%
Immigration	46%	37%	13%	5%
Climate change and the environment	45%	25%	14%	16%
National Security and foreign policy	57%	34%	6%	3%
Education	61%	28%	8%	3%
Health care	69%	23%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	56%	34%	7%	3%
Abortion	42%	30%	17%	11%
Civil rights	59%	28%	8%	5%
Civil liberties	60%	30%	7%	3%
Guns	49%	30%	14%	7%
Crime and criminal justice reform	51%	38%	7%	4%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	5%
Climate change and the environment	12%
National Security and foreign policy	7%
Education	8%
Health care	22%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	5%
Guns	4%
Crime and criminal justice reform	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	26%	13%	10%	47%	4%
Joe Biden	29%	22%	11%	31%	7%
Mike Pence	17%	21%	20%	29%	12%
Kamala Harris	29%	17%	8%	35%	11%
Nancy Pelosi	20%	19%	10%	42%	10%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	20%	43%	18%
Chuck Schumer	14%	20%	10%	33%	23%

67. 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%	23%	11%	34%	10%
The Republican Party	10%	20%	21%	38%	11%

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

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	13%

69. 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	27%	21%	8%	27%	16%
Climate change and the environment	27%	19%	8%	28%	18%
Taxes and government spending	22%	22%	8%	30%	18%

70. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	31%
Some	19%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	7%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	22%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	31%

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

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

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

Confident	45%
Uneasy	42%
Not sure	14%

76. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	28%
No	45%
Not sure	28%

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

Optimistic	45%
Pessimistic	38%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	13%

80. 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	9%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	14%

81. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	25%

82. 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	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	12%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	20%
Lower	24%
Not sure	31%

87. 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	44%
No	56%

88. 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	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	28%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	31%
The same amount of jobs	20%
Fewer jobs	30%
Not sure	19%

90. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not very worried	55%

91. 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.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	4%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	13%

94. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	79%
Not registered	21%
95. 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%
96. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	35%
Republican	23%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%
97. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	6%
98. Are you...?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
99. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
100. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

102. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

104. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	45%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	14%

106. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	31%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

109. 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	5%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

110. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 6 - 9, 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 0.115 to 6.029, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.656.
Number of respondents	1500 1306 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	48 questions not reported.