

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 20 - 23, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted March 20 - 23, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	47%
Not sure	17%

2. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Andrew Cuomo?

Very favorable	8%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	34%
Don't know	23%

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

A lot	40%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	20%

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

A lot	52%
A little	31%
Nothing at all	17%

5. Do you think Governor Andrew Cuomo should resign his office?

Yes, he should resign	51%
No, he should not resign	16%
Not sure	34%

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

Very closely	34%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	18%
Not following at all	9%

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

Yes, me	11%
Yes, a family member	18%
Yes, a close friend	20%
No	54%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	33%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	37%
Prefer not to say	3%

9. 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	68%
Prefer not to say	3%

10. 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	18%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	17%

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

Always	54%
Most of the time	21%
Some of the time	17%
Never	7%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	17%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	15%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	43%
Not sure	25%

13. 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	23%	19%	12%	10%	32%	4%
Donald Trump	17%	14%	14%	8%	43%	4%
Anthony Fauci	31%	15%	11%	12%	20%	10%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	27%	29%	14%	12%	13%	6%

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

Yes	32%
No	25%
Not sure	17%
I have already been vaccinated	27%

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

Among those who have already been vaccinated

One	44%
Two	56%

16. 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	67%
I would [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine	33%

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

Yes	62%
No	16%
Not sure	23%

18. 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	38%
By the summer of 2021	28%
By the end of 2021	13%
2022 or later	5%
Not sure	16%

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

Too slow	32%
About right	39%
Too fast	11%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	11%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Governor of [your state] is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	10%

22. When do you think it will be safe to go out in public without a mask on?

It is safe right now	19%
By the spring of 2021	4%
By the summer of 2021	15%
By the end of 2021	19%
2022 or later	24%
Not sure	18%

23. When do you think it will be safe to socialize with friends and family without socially distancing?

It is safe right now	22%
By the spring of 2021	6%
By the summer of 2021	19%
By the end of 2021	21%
2022 or later	15%
Not sure	17%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	58%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	42%

25. What do you think was the bigger problem in the 2020 election?	
Voter fraud	34%
Voter suppression	31%
About the same	15%
Not sure	21%
26. Do you think it should be easier or harder for people to vote in American elections than it is currently?	
Much easier	29%
Slightly easier	9%
No change	20%
Slightly harder	17%
Much harder	14%
Not sure	10%
27. How much have you heard in the news recently about many states proposing new laws that would restrict mail voting, early in-person voting, and Election Day voting?	
A lot	27%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	28%
28. Since the 2020 elections, lawmakers in 43 states have proposed laws that would make it more difficult to vote. Would you support or oppose these new voting laws?	
Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	33%
Not sure	18%
29. Should voters always be able to vote by mail, or should they only be able to vote by mail if they give officials a specific reason why they can't vote in-person?	
Voters should always be able to vote by mail	41%
Voters should only be allowed to vote by mail if they can't vote in-person	47%
Not sure	13%
30. Should election officials send absentee ballots only to voters who request them, or should they send absentee ballots to every voter?	
Absentee ballots should be sent to voters who request them	62%
Absentee ballots should be sent to every voter	23%
Not sure	15%

31. Should a photo ID be required to vote in-person, or should voters be able to cast a ballot without showing a photo ID?

Photo ID should be required to vote in-person	66%
Voters should be able to vote without showing a photo ID	21%
Not sure	13%

32. Should voters be allowed to register to vote on the day of the Election, or should they be required to register to vote on a specific day before Election Day?

Voters should be allowed to register on Election Day	36%
Voters should be required to register on a specific day before Election Day	49%
Not sure	15%

33. Should all eligible voters be automatically registered to vote, or should voters be required to register themselves?

Voters should be automatically registered	31%
Voters should have to register themselves	54%
Not sure	15%

34. How much have you heard in the news recently about Joe Biden's first press conference being scheduled for March 25th?

A lot	14%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	47%

35. How important is it to you that a president have regular press conferences to answer questions from journalists?

Very Important	42%
Somewhat Important	38%
Not very Important	13%
Unimportant	7%

36. Do you think that Joe Biden waited too long to hold his first press conference, do you think he didn't wait long enough, or do you think he waited the right amount of time?

Biden waited too long	37%
Biden did not wait long enough	6%
Biden waited the right amount of time	32%
Not sure	25%

37. Which is more important?

The right of people to own guns	23%
Protecting people from gun violence	32%
Both are equally important	38%
Not sure	6%

38. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	48%
No change	29%
Make gun laws less strict	13%
Not sure	10%

39. How much discrimination do the following people face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Conservatives	22%	27%	30%	20%
Jewish people	21%	43%	27%	10%
Muslim people	37%	34%	21%	8%
Immigrants	39%	30%	22%	9%
Black people	39%	29%	24%	8%
Asian people	33%	36%	24%	8%
Women	21%	40%	28%	10%

40. Thinking about the nation as a whole, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	31%
Somewhat higher	25%
About the same	20%
Somewhat lower	7%
Much lower	5%
Not sure	12%

41. Thinking about the town or city in which you live, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	10%
Somewhat higher	17%
About the same	39%
Somewhat lower	8%
Much lower	8%
Not sure	19%

42. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday?

Heard a lot	45%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	15%

43. How would you classify the mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia where a man shot and killed 8 people, 6 of them Asian women, at three massage parlors? Select all that apply.

Question wording was changed midfield to align with updated news reports. 875 respondents saw '4 of them Asian women' and 625 respondents saw '6 of them Asian women'.

Terrorism	23%
Mental illness	39%
Violent crime	52%
Hate crime	47%
None of these	2%
Not sure	11%

44. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	24%	4%	2%
Immigration	50%	34%	12%	5%
Climate change and the environment	42%	25%	18%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	14%	5%
National Security	63%	27%	7%	3%
Education	61%	29%	8%	2%
Health care	64%	26%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	56%	33%	7%	4%
Abortion	39%	30%	22%	9%
Civil rights	55%	29%	12%	4%
Civil liberties	56%	29%	11%	3%
Guns	49%	32%	13%	7%
Crime	56%	34%	6%	4%
Criminal justice reform	47%	35%	13%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	12%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	8%
Education	5%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%

46. 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	32%	18%	10%	34%	6%
Kamala Harris	27%	17%	10%	36%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	18%	20%	11%	42%	10%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	22%	41%	16%
Chuck Schumer	11%	22%	13%	33%	21%
Donald Trump	27%	15%	8%	44%	6%

47. 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	19%	24%	12%	37%	8%
The Republican Party	13%	23%	17%	38%	9%

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

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	10%

49. 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	23%	23%	10%	30%	13%
Civil rights	21%	25%	12%	25%	18%
Civil liberties	18%	24%	14%	26%	19%
Crime	16%	23%	13%	27%	21%
Criminal justice reform	15%	22%	13%	27%	21%

50. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	25%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	15%

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

A lot	28%
Some	19%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	43%
Not honest and trustworthy	41%
Not sure	17%

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

Confident	41%
Uneasy	44%
Not sure	15%

56. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	25%
No	49%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	9%

60. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	14%

61. 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	10%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	23%

62. 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	15%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	11%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	23%
Lower	25%
Not sure	28%

67. 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 43%
- No 57%

68. 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 48%
- Worse off financially than you were a year ago 27%
- Not sure 8%

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

- More jobs 34%
- The same amount of jobs 21%
- Fewer jobs 27%
- Not sure 17%

70. How worried are you about losing your job?

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

71. 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 21%
- Not sure 16%

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

- Very happy 21%
- Happy 40%
- Neither happy nor unhappy 26%
- Unhappy 9%
- Very unhappy 5%

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

- Very liberal 11%
- Liberal 14%
- Moderate 30%
- Conservative 21%
- Very conservative 13%
- Not sure 12%

74. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	78%
Not registered	22%
75. 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%
76. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	31%
Republican	27%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%
77. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	5%
78. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
79. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
80. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

82. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

84. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	13%

86. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	31%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

90. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	4%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 20 - 23, 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 0.136 to 5.361, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.585.
Number of respondents	1500 1267 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.