

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 6 - 9, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted March 6 - 9, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	49%
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	10%
Equally positive and negative	37%
Mostly negative	37%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	16%

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

Very serious	51%
Somewhat serious	35%
A minor problem	7%
Not a problem	2%
Not sure	5%

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

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	20%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	14%

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	37%
The prices of goods and services you buy	29%
Your personal finances	13%
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%	9%
Greater than 8%	0%
Between 8% and 10%	12%
Between 10% and 12%	11%
Between 12% and 15%	9%
Greater than 15%	13%
Not sure	20%

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

Increased	26%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	27%
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	6%
Good	21%
Fair	36%
Poor	15%
Very poor	9%
Don't know	14%

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	58%
The government numbers are accurate	17%
Fewer unemployed people	6%
Don't know	19%

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

Something the president can do a lot about	51%
Something the president can do a little about	35%
Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control	14%

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

Very good	5%
Good	15%
Fair	32%
Poor	19%
Very poor	14%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	15%
Some	31%
Not much	22%
Not at all	20%
Not sure	13%

13. 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	19%	17%	9%	33%	22%
Bernie Sanders	23%	23%	12%	31%	10%
Joe Manchin	3%	17%	24%	16%	39%
Andrew Cuomo	5%	15%	20%	40%	20%
Ted Cruz	17%	17%	10%	40%	16%

14. 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	41%
A little	37%
Nothing at all	21%

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

A lot	50%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	18%

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

Yes, he should resign	48%
No, he should not resign	18%
Not sure	34%

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

Very closely	33%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	17%
Not following at all	9%

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

Yes, me	13%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a close friend	22%
No	52%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	35%
Yes, a close friend	34%
No	34%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Yes, a family member	13%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	67%
Prefer not to say	5%

21. 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	22%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	25%
Not worried at all	18%

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

Always	60%
Most of the time	20%
Some of the time	14%
Never	7%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	18%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	16%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	44%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	38%
No	26%
Not sure	18%
I have already been vaccinated	18%

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

Among those who have already been vaccinated

One	40%
Two	60%

26. 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	65%
I would [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine	35%

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

Yes	60%
No	19%
Not sure	22%

28. 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	32%
By the summer of 2021	30%
By the end of 2021	15%
2022 or later	7%
Not sure	15%

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

Too slow	43%
About right	31%
Too fast	10%
Not sure	16%

30. 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%

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

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	10%

33. 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	53%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	9%

34. 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	22%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	5%

35. 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	56%	22%	10%	9%	4%
\$160 billion nationwide vaccine program	53%	24%	8%	8%	7%
Additional \$300 unemployment benefits	46%	24%	13%	12%	5%
Additional funding to create state and local government jobs	42%	22%	11%	18%	7%
Expansion of the child tax credit for up to \$3,600 per child this year	42%	27%	13%	10%	8%

36. Would you have preferred that the COVID-19 relief bill include additional unemployment benefits of \$300, or additional unemployment benefits of \$400?

Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill

Additional unemployment benefits of \$300	27%
Additional unemployment benefits of \$400	45%
No additional unemployment benefits	28%

37. Would you support or oppose an increase of the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour?

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	6%

38. Do you think that a minimum wage increase should have been included in the COVID-19 relief bill, or not?

Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill

Yes	32%
No	52%
Not sure	16%

39. If the federal minimum wage were raised to \$15 an hour, do you think it would:

Directly help you and your family	21%
Directly hurt you and your family	26%
Not have a direct impact	40%
Not sure	13%

40. Some people say raising the minimum wage will help workers by giving them more income. Others say it will hurt workers because businesses will hire fewer people. What do you think?

It will help workers by increasing their wage	39%
It will hurt workers by causing some to lose their jobs	44%
Not sure	17%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%

42. What do you think was the bigger problem in the 2020 election?

Voter fraud	32%
Voter suppression	30%
About the same	17%
Not sure	21%

43. How much have you heard in the news recently about a Supreme Court case concerning Arizona voting laws?

A lot	12%
A little	37%
Nothing at all	51%

44. This week, the United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments for a case concerning an Arizona law that requires all votes cast in the wrong precinct and all mail votes collected by someone outside of the voter's immediate family to be thrown out. The law is being challenged on the grounds that it unfairly disadvantages rural voters, who have a more difficult time getting their mail ballots delivered to the correct precincts. Which comes closer to your view?

The Arizona law ensures secure elections and does not unfairly disadvantage rural voters	29%
The Arizona law unfairly disadvantages rural voters	37%
Not sure	34%

45. This week, the Capitol Police requested that the National Guard maintain their presence around the Capitol for another 60 days. Do you think this is...

Overreacting to the actual risks	39%
Appropriate	53%
Not taking the risks seriously enough	9%

46. 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	21%	22%	15%	28%	13%
Fencing off the Capitol Building from the public	25%	21%	14%	28%	13%

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

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	33%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	27%
A minor threat to the U.S.	23%
No threat to the U.S.	8%
Not sure	9%

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

Yes	40%
No	37%
Not sure	23%

49. How much have you heard about QAnon?

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

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

Among those who have heard of QAnon

Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	56%
Don't know	18%

51. 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	47%	33%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	24%	17%	16%
National Security and foreign policy	52%	35%	10%	3%

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Education	59%	29%	8%	4%
Health care	63%	25%	8%	4%
Taxes and government spending	56%	33%	8%	3%
Abortion	39%	28%	19%	14%
Civil rights	55%	26%	13%	6%
Civil liberties	57%	28%	10%	5%
Guns	48%	28%	16%	8%
Crime and criminal justice reform	54%	32%	10%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	11%
National Security and foreign policy	5%
Education	5%
Health care	19%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	5%
Guns	5%
Crime and criminal justice reform	5%

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	31%	20%	11%	33%	6%
Kamala Harris	27%	18%	10%	35%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	19%	12%	42%	10%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	19%	45%	16%
Chuck Schumer	13%	20%	11%	33%	22%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	7%	46%	6%

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	19%	25%	12%	36%	9%
The Republican Party	11%	22%	19%	40%	8%

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

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	11%

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	24%	21%	10%	29%	15%
Climate change and the environment	24%	19%	10%	27%	20%
Taxes and government spending	20%	23%	12%	30%	16%

57. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	24%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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	31%
Not sure	7%

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

Like a lot	27%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	34%

61. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?	
Honest and trustworthy	44%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	17%
62. 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	43%
Not sure	17%
63. Do you think Joe Biden...	
Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	15%
64. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?	
Yes	25%
No	47%
Not sure	28%
65. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?	
Optimistic	44%
Pessimistic	38%
Not sure	18%
66. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	9%
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	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	39%
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	14%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	22%

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	16%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	43%
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	31%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	25%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Brett Kavanaugh	11%	20%	13%	23%	34%
Neil Gorsuch	10%	19%	13%	10%	47%
Elena Kagan	13%	14%	11%	13%	49%
Sonia Sotomayor	20%	17%	11%	15%	38%
Samuel Alito	11%	17%	12%	12%	48%
John Roberts	7%	22%	16%	14%	41%
Stephen Breyer	7%	16%	12%	9%	56%
Amy Coney Barrett	13%	18%	14%	19%	36%
Clarence Thomas	19%	17%	10%	20%	33%

73. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?	
Getting better	20%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	11%
74. 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%
75. 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	41%
No	59%
76. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	28%
Not sure	8%
77. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
More jobs	33%
The same amount of jobs	22%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	21%
78. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	58%
79. 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.	33%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	21%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	16%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	12%

82. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	78%
Not registered	22%

83. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	31%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

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

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	4%

86. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
87. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
88. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%
89. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%
90. What is your marital status?	
Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%
91. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	24%
No	76%
92. Calculated from respondent's state of residence	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	47%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	11%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	7%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 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 0.174 to 3.329, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.37.
Number of respondents	1500 1242 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.