

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 1 - 4, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted May 1 - 4, 2021
Margin of Error $\pm 2.6\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	41%
Off on the wrong track	45%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	27%
Fair	37%
Poor	22%
Don't know	7%

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

Very closely	31%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	20%
Not following at all	7%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	29%
Yes, a close friend	33%
No	38%
Prefer not to say	2%

5. 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	19%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	55%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	20%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	4%

7. 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	21%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	28%
Not worried at all	22%

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

Always	49%
Most of the time	21%
Some of the time	19%
Never	12%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	13%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	15%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	48%
Not sure	24%

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	22%	19%	14%	8%	29%	6%
Donald Trump	18%	14%	14%	8%	40%	6%
Anthony Fauci	26%	16%	14%	11%	23%	10%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	24%	27%	15%	15%	12%	7%

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	42%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	14%
I plan to get vaccinated	13%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	14%

12. Is there anything that could change your mind and convince you to get vaccinated?

Among those who do not plan on getting vaccinated

Yes	5%
No	79%
Not sure	16%

13. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the (MANUFACTURER) vaccine IS?

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
Pfizer-BioNtech	35%	21%	11%	10%	23%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	14%	22%	14%	12%	39%
Moderna	33%	25%	11%	10%	21%
Johnson & Johnson	17%	25%	20%	18%	20%

14. 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	12%

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

It is safe right now	26%
By the spring of 2021	6%
By the summer of 2021	13%
By the end of 2021	16%
2022 or later	19%
Not sure	19%

16. When do you think it will be safe for YOU to safely travel to another U.S. state?

It is safe right now	34%
By the spring of 2021	6%
By the summer of 2021	15%
By the end of 2021	10%
2022 or later	15%
Not sure	20%

17. When do you think it will be safe for YOU to safely travel internationally?

It is safe right now	14%
By the spring of 2021	5%
By the summer of 2021	11%
By the end of 2021	10%
2022 or later	24%
Not sure	36%

18. How safe do you believe it is for fully vaccinated people to do each of the following?

	Completely safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Completely unsafe	Not sure
Socialize outdoors without wearing a mask	32%	33%	14%	11%	11%
Socialize indoors with vaccinated people without wearing a mask	30%	33%	15%	11%	11%
Socialize indoors with unvaccinated people without wearing a mask	20%	20%	26%	23%	11%
Travel by plane	21%	32%	21%	13%	13%
Go on a cruise ship	19%	24%	21%	21%	15%

19. How safe do you believe it is for unvaccinated people to do each of the following?

	Completely safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Completely unsafe	Not sure
Socialize outdoors without wearing a mask	22%	20%	24%	25%	9%
Socialize indoors with vaccinated people without wearing a mask	18%	21%	24%	27%	10%
Socialize indoors with unvaccinated people without wearing a mask	16%	12%	21%	42%	9%
Travel by plane	15%	15%	23%	35%	11%
Go on a cruise ship	16%	12%	18%	43%	12%

20. Do you plan on traveling anywhere this summer?

Yes	36%
No	45%
Not sure	19%

21. Do you plan on traveling in any of the following ways? Select all that apply

Among those who plan on traveling over the summer

Flying	42%
Driving in a car	69%
Taking a train	13%
Taking a bus	10%
Going on a cruise ship	15%
None of the above	1%

22. Do you plan to travel within the U.S., or outside the U.S.?

Among those who plan on traveling over the summer

Within the U.S.	77%
Outside the U.S.	11%
Both	10%
Neither	2%

23. Should the U.S. government be spending more money or less money on each of the following?

	A lot more money	Somewhat more money	About the same amount	Somewhat less money	A lot less money
The military	23%	23%	30%	13%	12%
Education	31%	30%	25%	7%	8%
Climate change	28%	19%	23%	10%	21%
Police reform	23%	25%	28%	12%	12%
Coronavirus	23%	22%	36%	9%	11%
Childcare	24%	27%	30%	11%	9%
Infrastructure	32%	28%	28%	7%	6%
Health care	35%	25%	26%	6%	7%

24. Would you favor or oppose raising taxes on corporations and Americans making more than \$400,000 to help pay for spending on any of those issues?

Favor	53%
Oppose	31%
Not sure	16%

25. As you may know, President Joe Biden gave a speech last week to a joint session of Congress. Did you watch this speech?

I watched the entire speech	17%
I watched part of it	15%
I watched clips or highlights of the speech	18%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the speech	21%
I haven't heard anything about it	30%

26. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about President Biden's infrastructure proposal?

A lot	29%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	29%

27. President Biden recently proposed a \$2 trillion legislative package designed to modernize America's infrastructure and combat climate change. Do you favor or oppose the following aspects of his plan?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Increasing funding for rural broadband internet access	58%	23%	19%
Investing in electric vehicles	41%	38%	21%
Providing advanced training for workers in manufacturing and other industries	57%	23%	20%

28. Do you think it is more important for the government to...

Spend money on programs that could create jobs and improve the economy, even if taxes increase	62%
Keep spending and taxes low.	38%

29. Do you think that President Biden's infrastructure plan would help you or harm you?

Help me	27%
Harm me	25%
Not really affect me	26%
Not sure	22%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	33%	18%	10%	30%	9%
Michelle Obama	33%	18%	12%	28%	10%
Doug Emhoff	11%	12%	12%	12%	54%
Jill Biden	27%	18%	15%	22%	18%
Hunter Biden	11%	20%	11%	35%	23%
Joe Manchin	9%	20%	19%	13%	39%
Andrew Cuomo	8%	17%	19%	34%	21%
Matt Gaetz	12%	14%	12%	26%	36%
Rudy Giuliani	16%	21%	13%	32%	20%
Ron DeSantis	23%	11%	10%	22%	33%
Nikki Haley	15%	18%	15%	17%	35%
Tim Scott	24%	13%	12%	14%	38%

31. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Rudy Giuliani's home being raided by the F.B.I.?

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

32. Do you think public schools should be allowed to punish students for what they say online, outside of school?

Yes 25%
 No 52%
 Not sure 23%

33. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a Supreme Court case concerning the free speech rights of a cheerleader who was suspended by her school for posting profanity on social media?

A lot 15%
 A little 36%
 Nothing at all 49%

34. The Supreme Court of the United States recently ruled that a sentence of life in prison without parole for a 15-year old juvenile convicted of murder was constitutional, effectively ruling that judges may sentence minors to life without parole. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve 20%
 Somewhat approve 25%
 Somewhat disapprove 17%
 Strongly disapprove 19%
 Not sure 19%

35. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	64%	26%	7%	4%
Immigration	48%	32%	14%	7%
Climate change and the environment	38%	27%	18%	17%
Foreign policy	38%	40%	15%	7%
National Security	59%	27%	9%	4%
Education	53%	29%	12%	6%
Health care	59%	26%	9%	5%
Taxes and government spending	53%	32%	10%	5%
Abortion	38%	28%	22%	13%
Civil rights	51%	29%	12%	8%
Civil liberties	52%	31%	11%	6%
Guns	49%	28%	14%	9%
Crime	58%	29%	8%	4%
Criminal justice reform	45%	34%	15%	7%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Foreign policy	2%
National Security	8%
Education	6%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%

37. 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%	17%	9%	34%	8%
Kamala Harris	24%	17%	13%	36%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	19%	13%	40%	11%
Mitch McConnell	6%	19%	21%	35%	18%
Chuck Schumer	14%	18%	13%	33%	22%
Donald Trump	26%	14%	10%	41%	8%

38. 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	21%	21%	13%	34%	11%
The Republican Party	14%	23%	19%	31%	12%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	9%

40. 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%	12%	27%	12%
Climate change and the environment	25%	21%	11%	27%	16%
National Security	23%	21%	13%	28%	16%
Taxes and government spending	23%	20%	11%	32%	14%

41. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	28%
Some	20%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	45%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	16%

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

Confident	42%
Uneasy	43%
Not sure	16%

47. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	34%
No	42%
Not sure	24%

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

Optimistic	44%
Pessimistic	39%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	11%

51. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	12%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	20%

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

Getting better	30%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	25%
Lower	24%
Not sure	27%

58. 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	48%
No	52%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	25%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	17%

61. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	56%

62. 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.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	35%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	14%

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

Very happy	33%
Happy	32%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	11%

65. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	77%
Not registered	23%
66. 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%
67. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	37%
Republican	25%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%
68. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	26%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	5%
69. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
70. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
71. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

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

73. What is your marital status?

Married	54%
Separated	4%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	4%
Never married	24%
Domestic / civil partnership	3%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

75. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

76. What is your gender?

Man	48%
Woman	48%
Non-binary	3%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	26%
Prefer not to say	11%

78. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	20%

79. 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	9%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	27%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	36%
No	64%

81. 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	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	15%
Don't know	5%

82. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 1 - 4, 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 0.449 to 2.854, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.29.
Number of respondents	1500 1187 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	38 questions not reported.