

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 17 - 20, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted July 17 - 20, 2021
Margin of Error $\pm 2.7\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	24%
Fair	37%
Poor	29%
Don't know	6%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	19%
Inflation	30%
Both equal	41%
Not sure	9%

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

Very closely	27%
Somewhat closely	43%
Not very closely	21%
Not following at all	9%

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

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	14%
No	65%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	29%
Yes, a close friend	28%
No	44%
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	9%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	73%
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	14%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	23%

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

Always	27%
Most of the time	16%
Some of the time	26%
Never	31%

10. 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	58%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	5%
I plan to get vaccinated	8%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	12%

11. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	47%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	12%

12. Have you experienced any negative reactions to the vaccine?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	21%
No	76%
Not sure	3%

13. Which of do you think is a greater risk: possibly contracting COVID-19, or possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Possibly contracting COVID-19	59%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	41%

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

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	13%

15. Are most new cases of COVID-19 among people who are...

Vaccinated	7%
Unvaccinated	58%
Equally split between vaccinated and unvaccinated	14%
Not sure	21%

16. Do you believe that most unvaccinated Americans have a good reason for not being vaccinated?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated or plan on getting vaccinated

Yes	17%
No	62%
Not sure	20%

17. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot	40%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	12%

18. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions, and now makes up the majority of COVID-19 cases in the United States. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing this new variant?

Very worried	15%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	29%
Not worried at all	21%

19. Thinking about the Summer Olympics this year, how much of the games do you expect you will you watch?

I will watch events every day	6%
I will watch lots of events when I can	11%
I will watch a few events	31%
I will not watch any of them	40%
Not sure	12%

20. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in holding the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Good decision	21%
Bad decision	35%
Not sure	44%

21. Do you expect the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan to be successful or unsuccessful?

Very successful	9%
Somewhat successful	31%
Somewhat unsuccessful	19%
Very unsuccessful	10%
Not sure	31%

22. If you could afford it and were permitted to attend, would you want to go see the Olympic Games in person in Tokyo this year or not?

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Yes	23%
No	70%
Not sure	8%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to not allow spectators at any events in the Summer Olympics this year?

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	22%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision for the United States to send athletes to the Summer Olympics Games in Tokyo, Japan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	26%

25. Do you believe that Olympics athletes should be required to get vaccinated in order to participate in the Summer Olympic Games?

They should be required to get vaccinated	56%
They should not be required to get vaccinated	26%
Not sure	18%

26. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that there will be a serious outbreak of COVID-19 among the athletes or staff of the Summer Olympics Games?

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	38%
Not very likely	19%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	21%

27. How much, if anything, have you heard about the expanded child tax credits this year?

A lot	26%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	19%

28. This year, expanded child tax credits worth up to \$300 a month per child will be distributed to those who qualify via cash payments. Do you personally know anyone who received an expanded child tax credit?

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	22%
Yes, a close friend	8%
Yes, an acquaintance	10%
No	56%
Prefer not to say	4%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the expanded child tax credits this year?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	21%

30. The expanded child tax credit payments are scheduled to expire in one year. Should Congress make them permanent?

Yes, they should be permanent	29%
No, they should not be permanent	43%
Not sure	28%

31. In general, do you think immigration has made the U.S. better off or worse off, or has it not made much difference?

Better off	33%
Worse off	32%
Hasn't made much difference	18%
Not sure	17%

32. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Increase LEGAL immigration	29%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	23%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	31%
Not sure	17%

33. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	37%
Somewhat serious	22%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	6%
Not sure	11%

34. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	12%
Somewhat serious	17%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	27%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you personally know anyone who is an illegal immigrant?

Yes	20%
No	63%
Not sure	18%

36. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship.	48%
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens.	13%
They should be required to leave the U.S.	39%

37. If you had to choose, what do you think should happen to illegal immigrants?

They should be given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status. ..	51%
They should be deported back to their native country.	37%
Not sure	12%

38. Do you think crossing the border into the United States without proper documentation should be treated by government officials as a civil matter or a criminal matter?

Civil matter	38%
Criminal matter	43%
Not sure	19%

39. Do you think undocumented immigrants are more likely or less likely to commit crimes than American citizens?

More likely	29%
Less likely	22%
Equally likely	32%
Not sure	17%

40. Overall, do you think the United States should or should not offer asylum to people who come to the US to escape violence or political persecution in their home country?

Should offer asylum	52%
Should not offer asylum	22%
Not sure	25%

41. Overall, do you think the United States should or should not offer asylum to people who come to the US to escape religious persecution in their home country?

Should offer asylum	53%
Should not offer asylum	20%
Not sure	27%

42. Do you support or oppose, DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which is a policy that grants temporary legal status to "dreamers", otherwise law-abiding children and young adults who were brought into the United States at a very young age by parents who are illegal immigrants?

Support strongly	32%
Support somewhat	20%
Oppose somewhat	12%
Oppose strongly	19%
Not sure	18%

43. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news this week about the DACA program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, being ruled illegal by a federal judge?

A lot	17%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	41%

44. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news this week about an immigration bill supported by Democrats in Congress?

A lot	9%
A little	34%
Nothing at all	58%

45. An immigration bill proposed by Democrats in Congress would grant protections from deportation and a path to citizenship for a greater group of undocumented immigrants, including those brought to the U.S. as children, those under temporary protected status, and those working as essential and farm workers. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

Strongly support	28%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	19%

46. The legislation would also provide billions of dollars' worth of aid to Central American countries to attempt to stem migration trends. Would you support or oppose this aid to Central American countries to try and keep their citizens from trying to move to the U.S.?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	22%

47. Republicans are likely to filibuster this new immigration reform bill. Would you support the U.S. Senate using budget reconciliation to avoid a filibuster and pass this immigration reform on a simple majority vote?

Asked of those who support the immigration proposal

Yes	55%
No	18%
Not sure	28%

48. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about flooding in western Europe?

A lot	19%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	35%

49. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	53%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	24%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%
Not sure	14%

50. Do you think the recent floods in western Europe are the result of climate change, or do these kind of events just happen from time to time?

Result of climate change	41%
Just happen from time to time	36%
Not sure	23%

51. Do you think the severity of the weather events listed below are the result of climate change or do these kind of events just happen from time to time?

	Result of climate change	Just happen from time to time	Not sure
California drought emergency	46%	37%	17%
Polar vortex	38%	35%	28%
Rising sea levels	54%	30%	16%
Pacific Northwest heat wave in 2021	50%	34%	16%
Texas cold snap in 2021	42%	39%	19%
Severe hurricanes (e.g. Katrina, Harvey)	41%	44%	15%

52. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	68%	27%	4%	1%
Immigration	45%	35%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	46%	28%	15%	11%
Foreign policy	38%	42%	15%	5%
National Security	62%	28%	7%	3%
Education	61%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	65%	27%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	59%	31%	8%	2%
Abortion	42%	25%	20%	13%
Civil rights	59%	27%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	58%	29%	9%	4%
Guns	52%	26%	14%	8%
Crime	62%	30%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	53%	31%	11%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	13%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	13%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	6%
Education	6%
Health care	18%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime	5%
Criminal justice reform	3%

54. 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	29%	21%	8%	35%	6%
Kamala Harris	22%	21%	8%	38%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	18%	10%	41%	14%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	15%	12%	30%	35%
Mitch McConnell	4%	18%	17%	40%	21%
Chuck Schumer	13%	18%	10%	32%	26%
Donald Trump	24%	15%	9%	46%	6%

55. 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%	13%	34%	11%
The Republican Party	10%	22%	19%	37%	11%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	12%

57. 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%	24%	10%	29%	14%
Immigration	13%	25%	10%	35%	16%
Climate change and the environment	18%	26%	10%	27%	19%
Civil rights	18%	25%	12%	28%	17%
Civil liberties	17%	25%	10%	29%	18%
Crime	15%	23%	10%	33%	20%
Criminal justice reform	14%	22%	12%	31%	21%

58. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	26%
Some	23%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	20%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	36%

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

Honest and trustworthy	44%
Not honest and trustworthy	40%
Not sure	17%

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

Confident	39%
Uneasy	45%
Not sure	16%

64. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	23%
No	51%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	39%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	13%

68. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	25%

70. 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	39%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	24%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	24%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	21%
About the same	24%
Lower	24%
Not sure	32%

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	38%
No	62%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	28%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	29%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	21%

78. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	63%

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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	30%
Not very hard	30%
Not sure	16%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

82. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	79%
Not registered	21%
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	23%
Independent	30%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%
85. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	7%
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	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%
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	42%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	14%
93. How important is religion in your life?	
Very important	35%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	24%
94. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
More than once a week	6%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	17%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

97. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	9%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 17 - 20, 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 0.377 to 3.709, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.416.
Number of respondents	1500 1272 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.