

The Economist/YouGov Poll

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



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted April 17 - 20, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	49%
Not sure	16%

2. Since September 11, 2001, the United States has fought against the threat of terrorism through military operations abroad and increased security and surveillance inside of the United States. Do you think these actions have been worth the cost?

Worth cost	39%
Not worth cost	35%
Not sure	26%

3. Please indicate if you know personally...[Anyone who has served in Iraq?]

Yes, me	5%
Yes, a family member	16%
Yes, a close friend	19%
No	58%
Prefer not to say	5%

4. Please indicate if you know personally...[Anyone who has served in Afghanistan?]

Yes, me	4%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	20%
No	59%
Prefer not to say	4%

5. How closely are you following the news about the war in Afghanistan?

Very closely	11%
Somewhat closely	35%
Not very closely	38%
Not following at all	16%

6. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	36%
No	35%
Not sure	29%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the war in Afghanistan?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	24%

8. Do you think Joe Biden has a clear plan for U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan?

Yes	32%
No	41%
Not sure	27%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the plan to withdraw all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021?

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	18%

10. If the U.S. removes its troops from Afghanistan, does that mean the U.S. won or lost the war?

Won	18%
Lost	22%
Not sure	60%

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

Very closely	40%
Somewhat closely	38%
Not very closely	14%
Not following at all	8%

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

Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	21%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	4%

13. 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	21%
Yes, a close friend	22%
No	50%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	33%
Yes, a close friend	35%
No	35%
Prefer not to say	4%

15. 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	20%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	17%

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

Always	53%
Most of the time	21%
Some of the time	17%
Never	9%

17. 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	45%
Not sure	21%

18. 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%	17%	15%	10%	30%	6%
Donald Trump	18%	14%	15%	8%	42%	4%
Anthony Fauci	30%	16%	13%	10%	23%	9%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	27%	28%	15%	12%	14%	5%

19. Vaccine experiment group randomization

Economist vaccination question	50%
Yahoo! vaccination question	50%

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

Yes	25%
No	22%
Not sure	13%
I have already been vaccinated	40%

21. 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	57%
I would [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine	43%

22. Have you received one shot or two shots so far?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19

One shot	28%
Two shots	72%

23. Have you been vaccinated for COVID-19?

Yes	53%
No	47%

24. Have you received one shot or two shots so far?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19

One shot	37%
Two shots	63%

25. Do you plan to get vaccinated for COVID-19?

Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19

Yes	26%
No	45%
Not sure	29%

26. When do you plan to get vaccinated?

Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19

As soon as it is available to me	16%
I will wait and see what happens to others before deciding	22%
Never	45%
Not sure	18%

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

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
Pfizer-BioNtech	36%	23%	10%	9%	22%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	14%	22%	14%	11%	39%
Moderna	35%	26%	8%	10%	22%
Johnson & Johnson	17%	25%	18%	16%	23%

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	36%
By the summer of 2021	20%
By the end of 2021	10%
2022 or later	7%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	13%

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

It is safe right now	24%
By the spring of 2021	6%
By the summer of 2021	11%
By the end of 2021	15%
2022 or later	23%
Not sure	21%

31. 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	13%
By the end of 2021	13%
2022 or later	15%
Not sure	19%

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

It is safe right now	17%
By the spring of 2021	5%
By the summer of 2021	8%
By the end of 2021	12%
2022 or later	25%
Not sure	33%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	62%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	38%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling Russia?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	24%

35. How important is it to the United States to maintain friendly relations with Russia?

Very important	28%
Somewhat important	41%
Not very important	12%
Not important at all	4%
Not sure	15%

36. Do you believe that Russia interfered with the 2016 U.S. Presidential election?

Yes	46%
No	31%
Not sure	24%

37. Do you believe that Russia interfered with the 2020 U.S. Presidential election?

Yes	36%
No	37%
Not sure	26%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of new sanctions the U.S. imposed on Russia and certain Russian individuals in retaliation for computer hacking operations against the U.S. government and large U.S. companies?

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	8%
Not sure	26%

39. Do you think imposing new sanctions against Russia and certain Russian individuals is too strong or not strong enough of a response to Russian actions?

Too strong	12%
Just right	32%
Not strong enough	22%
Not sure	34%

40. Do you think blacks and whites receive equal treatment from the police?

Yes	34%
No	54%
Not sure	13%

41. Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are...?

Isolated incidents	41%
Signs of a broader problem	59%

42. Do you think relations between minorities in America and the police are generally...

Good	39%
Bad	61%

43. Do you think relations between minorities in your local community and the local police are generally...

Good	60%
Bad	40%

44. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the murder trial of Derek Chauvin?

A lot	47%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	15%

45. Do you believe Derek Chauvin will be found guilty of murder?

Yes	43%
No	19%
Not sure	38%

46. Do you believe Derek Chauvin should be found guilty of murder?

Yes	50%
No	24%
Not sure	26%

47. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about Daunte Wright, a 20 year-old black man, who was shot by police during a traffic stop in Minnesota on April 11, 2021?

A lot	44%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	17%

48. Kimberly Potter, the former police officer who shot Daunte Wright, allegedly meant to use her taser, but accidentally used her gun instead. Do you think it is or is not believable that a police officer could accidentally use their taser instead of their gun?

It is believable	42%
It is not believable	38%
Not sure	20%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of prosecutors filing second-degree manslaughter charges against Potter?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	21%

50. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about Adam Toledo, a 13 year-old hispanic boy, who was shot by police during foot chase in Chicago on March 29, 2021?

A lot	32%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	27%

51. Have you watched any video footage of Officer Eric Stillman chasing and then shooting Adam Toledo?

Yes	43%
No	45%
Not sure	11%

52. Do you think Officer Eric Stillman should or should not be charged with any crime for shooting Adam Toledo?

Should be charged with a crime	37%
Should not be charged with a crime	26%
Not sure	36%

53. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the decision to move the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game out of Georgia, in response to Georgia's new proposed voting restrictions?

A lot	44%
A little	31%
Nothing at all	25%

54. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to move the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game?

Among those who have heard at least a little about the move

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	9%

55. In their dealings with government and political candidates, do you think American businesses should or should not do any of the following things?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Donate money directly to political candidates	17%	64%	19%
Lobby federal/state/local governments for corporate/business tax cuts	29%	47%	25%
Lobby federal/state/local governments to reduce business regulations	29%	42%	30%
Lobby federal/state/local governments to increase voter registration and voting	39%	38%	23%
Lobby federal/state/local governments to expand civil rights	42%	35%	22%

56. When it comes to taking public positions, do you think American businesses should or should not do any of the following things?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Support LGBTQ rights organizations	40%	36%	24%
Support feminist organizations	41%	34%	25%
Support gun rights organizations	30%	49%	21%
Support voting rights organizations	51%	30%	19%
Support civil rights organizations	52%	29%	19%
Support religious freedom organizations	43%	34%	23%

57. When it comes to interacting with the public, do you think American businesses should or should not do any of the following things?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Refuse to offer services to LGBTQ people	15%	68%	17%
Refuse to offer birth-control coverage to employees	22%	58%	20%
Refuse to hold conferences or events in states with restrictive voting laws	37%	39%	24%
Refuse to hold conferences or events in states with laws that discriminate against LGBTQ people	38%	40%	22%
Require customers to wear face masks	58%	27%	15%
Permit customers to shop without wearing face masks	31%	54%	15%

58. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	23%	7%	3%
Immigration	47%	34%	13%	6%
Climate change and the environment	43%	25%	18%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	12%	6%
National Security	62%	26%	8%	3%
Education	58%	29%	8%	4%
Health care	63%	24%	9%	4%
Taxes and government spending	56%	31%	9%	3%
Abortion	40%	30%	19%	10%
Civil rights	54%	28%	13%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	29%	11%	4%
Guns	53%	27%	13%	8%
Crime	58%	29%	9%	4%
Criminal justice reform	49%	29%	16%	6%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	7%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	8%
Education	5%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	6%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	3%

60. 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%	16%	11%	34%	7%
Kamala Harris	26%	19%	11%	35%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	18%	20%	12%	40%	10%
Mitch McConnell	7%	17%	21%	40%	16%
Chuck Schumer	14%	21%	13%	32%	19%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	10%	42%	7%

61. 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	20%	23%	14%	34%	10%
The Republican Party	14%	21%	19%	35%	11%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	12%

63. 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	26%	21%	12%	27%	14%
Civil rights	21%	24%	11%	27%	16%
Civil liberties	19%	25%	12%	27%	17%
Crime	16%	24%	13%	29%	18%
Criminal justice reform	15%	24%	13%	27%	20%

64. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	5%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	29%
Some	20%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	30%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	27%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	21%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	43%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	17%

69. 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	15%

70. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	28%
No	45%
Not sure	27%

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

Optimistic	42%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	11%

74. 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	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	13%

75. 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	22%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	21%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	21%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	29%
Getting worse	29%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	26%
About the same	23%
Lower	24%
Not sure	27%

81. 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	45%
No	55%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	21%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	24%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	22%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	19%

84. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	55%

85. 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.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	16%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	32%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	6%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	11%

88. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	78%
Not registered	22%

89. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	26%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%

91. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	24%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	7%
92. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
93. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
94. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%
95. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%
96. What is your marital status?	
Married	47%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%
97. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	24%
No	76%

98. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

100. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	21%
Never	28%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	16%
Don't know	6%

104. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 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 0.446 to 3.441, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.347.
Number of respondents	1500 1225 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	39 questions not reported.