The Economist/YouGov Poll
January 31 - February 2, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

YouGov

Sample   1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   January 31 - February 2, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 28%
Off on the wrong track 54%
Not sure 19%

2. 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%

3. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Joe Biden as president?

Enthusiastic 26%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic 20%
Dissatisfied but not upset 18%
Upset 26%
Not sure 11%

4. Looking back on Joe Biden's inauguration, more than 25,000 national guard members were present around the capitol due to security risks. Do you believe these security measures were...

Overreacting to the actual risks 36%
Appropriate 57%
Not taking the risks seriously enough 7%

5. 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	24%	23%	17%	24%	12%
Fencing off the Capitol Building from the public	28%	24%	14%	24%	10%

6. How much have you heard in the news about the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issuing a warning about the threat posed by domestic terrorism?

A lot 28%
A little 46%
Nothing at all 26%

7. 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. 28%
A minor threat to the U.S. 19%
No threat to the U.S. 10%
Not sure 10%

8. Do you think the U.S. government...

Should be doing more to fight domestic terrorism 47%
Is doing enough to fight domestic terrorism 21%
Is doing too much to fight domestic terrorism 12%
Not sure 20%

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

Yes 43%
No 32%
Not sure 25%

10. 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%	8%	32%	25%
Ilhan Omar	13%	14%	10%	30%	34%
Bernie Sanders	24%	22%	13%	28%	13%
Joe Manchin	5%	18%	17%	12%	48%
Ted Cruz	19%	15%	11%	34%	20%
Josh Hawley	11%	8%	9%	29%	43%
Liz Cheney	7%	21%	16%	20%	35%
Lauren Boebert	7%	7%	7%	22%	58%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	7%	8%	9%	31%	46%

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

Very closely 40%
Somewhat closely 40%
Not very closely 13%
Not following at all 6%

12. 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	20%
No	53%
Prefer not to say	3%

13. 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	32%
No	37%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, a family member	12%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	67%
Prefer not to say	5%

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	25%
Somewhat worried	37%
Not too worried	24%
Not worried at all	14%

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

Always	63%
Most of the time	19%
Some of the time	13%
Never	5%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	28%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	29%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	22%
Not sure	21%

18. Do you believe that the number of American deaths due to COVID-19 per day is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same?

Increasing	31%
Staying the same	26%
Decreasing	25%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	46%
No	23%
Not sure	24%
I have already been vaccinated	7%

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

Yes	36%
No	34%
Not sure	31%

21. 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 end of February 2021	17%
By the spring of 2021	22%
By the summer of 2021	27%
By the end of 2021	12%
2022 or later	6%
Not sure	16%

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

Too slow	51%
About right	21%
Too fast	11%
Not sure	17%

23. How well do you think you understand which groups of people are prioritized COVID-19 vaccine distribution?

Very well	26%
Fairly well	49%
Not very well	16%
Not at all	10%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the groups of people prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution?
Among those with at least some understanding of vaccine priority

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	11%

25. Do you think each of the following groups of people should be prioritized by COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts?

	Yes, should be prioritized	No, should not be prioritized	Not sure
Health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19	87%	6%	7%
Other health care workers	78%	12%	10%
First responders	83%	9%	8%
Law enforcement personnel	73%	16%	11%
Long-term care residents and staff	81%	10%	10%
Persons age 75 and older	79%	10%	11%
Persons age 65 – 74	75%	12%	13%
Persons age 16 – 64 with one or more high-risk medical conditions	65%	20%	15%
Teachers and other workers employed by preschools or K-12 schools	67%	22%	11%
Food delivery workers, including those working in supermarkets and food supply	56%	29%	15%
Employees of the US Postal Service	47%	37%	16%
Public transit workers, including bus, taxi, ride-share	63%	22%	15%
Staff of correctional facilities and detention centers	64%	21%	15%
Residents of correctional facilities and detention centers	45%	38%	18%
Staff of other congregate settings (i.e., group homes, treatment centers, homeless shelters, etc.)	62%	22%	16%
Residents of other congregate settings (i.e.,group homes, treatment centers, homeless shelters, etc.)	56%	26%	18%
Elected officials	28%	58%	14%
Essential employees in local government agencies and public utilities	51%	35%	15%
Essential employees working in media and mass communications	27%	58%	15%
Child care workers	69%	20%	11%
People like me	35%	45%	19%

26. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?

Very concerned	27%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not very concerned	23%
Not concerned at all	12%
Not sure	7%

27. How would you rate the Trump administration's distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Excellent	20%
Good	17%
Fair	12%
Poor	38%
Not sure	13%

28. Are you confident in the Biden administration's ability to effectively distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, or are you uneasy about their approach?

Confident	39%
Uneasy	39%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	16%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as President?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	7%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Pence handled his job as Vice President?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	13%

32. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot 40%
Some 10%
A little 10%
None 29%
Not sure 10%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives impeaching Donald Trump?

Strongly approve 36%
Somewhat approve 11%
Somewhat disapprove 7%
Strongly disapprove 38%
Not sure 9%

34. Now that the U.S. House of Representatives has voted to impeach Donald Trump, do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote to convict him?

Should vote to convict 45%
Should not vote to convict 43%
Not sure 12%

35. Do you think President Trump should be allowed to run for President again?

Yes 39%
No 49%
Not sure 12%

36. Turning now to the subject of climate change do you think...

The world is becoming warmer as a result of human activity 50%
The world is becoming warmer but NOT because of human activity 21%
The world is NOT becoming warmer 11%
Not sure 18%

37. Regarding climate change, do you think the federal government is doing...

Too much 24%
The right amount 13%
Not enough 45%
Not sure 18%

38. On January 20, President Biden formally accepted the terms of the Paris climate change agreement, rejoining nearly 200 countries in an effort to reduce global climate change. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to rejoin the Paris Agreement?

Strongly approve	37%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	14%

39. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	22%
Legal in most cases	32%
Illegal in most cases	32%
Illegal in all cases	13%

40. On Thursday, January 28th, President Biden rescinded the Mexico City policy, allowing foreign organization that provide family planning information, including abortion, to receive U.S. aid. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to end the Mexico City Policy and provide US aid to these organizations?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	22%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	12%

42. On Thursday, January 28th, President Biden signed an executive order re-opening enrollment in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchanges. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to re-open enrollment in the ACA?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	17%

43. How confident are you in the U.S. stock market?

Very confident	7%
Somewhat confident	29%
Not too confident	26%
Not at all confident	18%
Not sure	20%

44. How good of a job do you think the stock market explains the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	4%
Good	13%
Fair	27%
Poor	19%
Very poor	15%
Not sure	22%

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

A lot	16%
Some	30%
Not much	18%
Not at all	23%
Not sure	14%

46. Do you think the government is biased in favor of bankers or consumers or do you think the government is not biased in either direction?

Biased in favor of bankers	58%
Biased in favor of consumers	7%
Not biased in either direction	9%
Not sure	26%

47. How much have you heard in the news recently about the widespread purchase of Gamestop stocks?

A lot	39%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	17%

48. How interested, if at all, are you in watching the NFL Super Bowl this year?

Very interested	19%
Somewhat interested	13%
A little bit interested	17%
Not interested	46%
Don't know	5%

49. Which team do you think is MOST LIKELY to win the Super Bowl this year?

Kansas City Chiefs	32%
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	21%
Don't care	47%

50. Which team do you WANT to win the Super Bowl this year?

Kansas City Chiefs	27%
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	19%
Don't care	54%

51. Throughout the football season, the NFL (National Football League) has taken precautions against COVID-19 including testing and mask mandates for coaches and players. Do you believe these precautions were...

Overreacting to the actual risks	16%
Appropriate	60%
Not taking the risks seriously enough	24%

52. Due to COVID-19 concerns, only 22,000 fans will watch the Super Bowl in-person this year, about one-third of the stadium's capacity. Do you believe that...

More fans should be allowed to attend in-person	19%
This is a good number of fans to allow to attend in-person	35%
Fewer fans should be allowed to attend in-person	22%
No fans should be allowed to attend in-person	24%

53. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	23%	4%	2%
Immigration	45%	36%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	19%	13%
National Security and foreign policy	55%	35%	7%	3%
Education	60%	30%	8%	3%
Health care	66%	26%	7%	2%
Taxes and government spending	58%	31%	8%	3%
Abortion	39%	31%	21%	9%
Civil rights	55%	30%	11%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	32%	9%	3%
Guns	50%	28%	15%	8%
Crime and criminal justice reform	50%	36%	10%	4%

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

Jobs and the economy ……………………………………………………………22%
Immigration ………………………………………………………………… 6%
Climate change and the environment …………………………………………… 10%
National Security and foreign policy …………………………………………… 5%
Education ……………………………………………………………………7%
Health care ……………………………………………………………………18%
Taxes and government spending ………………………………………………9%
Abortion ……………………………………………………………………4%
Civil rights …………………………………………………………………… 7%
Civil liberties …………………………………………………………………4%
Guns …………………………………………………………………………4%
Crime and criminal justice reform ……………………………………………… 3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	14%	8%	44%	5%
Joe Biden	28%	21%	11%	33%	6%
Mike Pence	20%	20%	19%	28%	13%
Kamala Harris	27%	17%	9%	36%	11%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	20%	10%	42%	12%
Mitch McConnell	5%	14%	20%	42%	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	17%	12%	34%	24%

56. 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%	23%	12%	35%	10%
The Republican Party	13%	22%	17%	38%	10%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………… 30%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………… 16%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………… 9%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………… 29%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………15%

58. 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%	19%	9%	28%	20%
Climate change and the environment	29%	17%	8%	29%	17%
Health care	28%	18%	11%	25%	18%
Abortion	18%	15%	9%	29%	29%

59. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal 26%
Liberal 22%
Moderate 27%
Conservative 6%
Very conservative 2%
Not sure 17%

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

A lot 28%
Some 20%
Not much 11%
Doesn't care at all 31%
Not sure 11%

61. 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 7%
Dislike a lot 22%
Not sure 10%

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

Very strong 23%
Somewhat strong 28%
Somewhat weak 17%
Very weak 33%

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

Honest and trustworthy 43%
Not honest and trustworthy 40%
Not sure 18%

64. 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 16%

65. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes 40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear 44%
Not sure 16%

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

Yes 25%
No 46%
Not sure 29%

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

Optimistic 43%
Pessimistic 39%
Not sure 18%

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

Strongly approve 5%
Somewhat approve 13%
Neither approve nor disapprove 16%
Somewhat disapprove 21%
Strongly disapprove 34%
Not sure 11%

69. 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 17%
Somewhat approve 20%
Somewhat disapprove 8%
Strongly disapprove 40%
Not sure 15%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	25%

71. 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	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	26%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	26%

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

Getting better	9%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	44%
Not sure	14%

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

Higher	17%
About the same	22%
Lower	30%
Not sure	30%

76. 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 44%
No 56%

77. 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 45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 30%
Not sure 8%

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

More jobs 25%
The same amount of jobs 21%
Fewer jobs 34%
Not sure 20%

79. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried 15%
Somewhat worried 26%
Not very worried 59%

80. 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. 32%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 35%
Not very hard 21%
Not sure 12%

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

Very happy 24%
Happy 36%
Neither happy nor unhappy 30%
Unhappy 7%
Very unhappy 3%

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

Very liberal 10%
Liberal 15%
Moderate 30%
Conservative 19%
Very conservative 13%
Not sure 12%

83. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 79%
Not registered 21%

84. 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%

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

Democrat 31%
Republican 26%
Independent 30%
Other 3%
Not sure 9%

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

Strong Democrat 23%
Not very strong Democrat 9%
Lean Democrat 8%
Independent 19%
Lean Republican 8%
Not very strong Republican 9%
Strong Republican 17%
Not sure 7%

87. Are you...?

Male 48%
Female 52%

88. Respondent age by category

Under 30 .... 20%
30-44 .... 23%
45-64 .... 34%
65+ 22%

89. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White 67%
Black 13%
Hispanic 12%
Other 7%

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

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

91. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

93. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

94. 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%

95. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	30%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

98. 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	12%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	17%
Don't know	6%

99. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	16%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	7%

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 31 - February 2, 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 0.364 to 6.003, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.543.
Number of respondents	1500 1272 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.