

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 13 - 17, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted March 13 - 17, 2021
 Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	41%
Off on the wrong track	44%
Not sure	15%

2. 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	18%	18%	9%	32%	22%
Bernie Sanders	22%	27%	12%	28%	11%
Joe Manchin	4%	16%	22%	15%	43%
Andrew Cuomo	5%	14%	18%	42%	21%
Ted Cruz	17%	18%	10%	38%	18%

3. 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	37%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	21%

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

A lot	51%
A little	33%
Nothing at all	16%

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

Yes, he should resign	52%
No, he should not resign	15%
Not sure	33%

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

Very closely	37%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	16%
Not following at all	5%

7. 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	17%
Yes, a close friend	17%
No	58%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	31%
Yes, a close friend	31%
No	39%
Prefer not to say	3%

9. 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	18%
No	68%
Prefer not to say	3%

10. 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	35%
Not too worried	27%
Not worried at all	18%

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

Always	57%
Most of the time	21%
Some of the time	15%
Never	8%

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

The pandemic is going to get worse	12%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	14%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	51%
Not sure	23%

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

Yes	36%
No	25%
Not sure	18%
I have already been vaccinated	20%

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

Among those who have already been vaccinated

One	38%
Two	62%

15. 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	66%
I would [wait/have waited] for a specific manufacturer's vaccine	34%

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

Yes	64%
No	14%
Not sure	22%

17. 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	40%
By the summer of 2021	27%
By the end of 2021	13%
2022 or later	4%
Not sure	15%

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

Too slow	36%
About right	37%
Too fast	10%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	12%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	10%

21. How much have you heard in the news recently about the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package that was recently passed by Congress?

A lot	59%
A little	34%
Nothing at all	7%

22. Do you support or oppose the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package that was recently passed by Congress?

Among those aware of the COVID-19 relief bill

Strongly support	43%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	19%
Not sure	6%

23. This past Thursday, March 11, President Joe Biden gave a speech concerning the struggle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Did you watch this speech?

I watched the entire speech	19%
I watched part of it	15%
I watched clips or highlights of the speech	16%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the speech	18%
I haven't heard anything about it	32%

24. From what you saw, do you approve or disapprove of what President Biden said in his speech?

Among those who heard about the speech

Strongly approve	40%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	7%

25. In his speech, President Biden said that all U.S. adults should "be able to get in line" for a vaccine by May 1st, 2021. Do you think this is...

Very likely	26%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	15%
Not likely at all	11%
Not sure	13%

26. In his speech, President Biden said that by July 4th, 2021, there is a "good chance that you, your family, and friends, could get together in your backyard or neighborhood and have a cookout". Do you think this is...

Very likely	33%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	12%
Not likely at all	7%
Not sure	13%

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

It is safe right now	19%
By the spring of 2021	4%
By the summer of 2021	13%
By the end of 2021	26%
2022 or later	21%
Not sure	17%

28. When do you think it will be safe to socialize with friends and family without socially distancing?

It is safe right now	22%
By the spring of 2021	7%
By the summer of 2021	19%
By the end of 2021	23%
2022 or later	14%
Not sure	15%

29. 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%

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

Voter fraud	32%
Voter suppression	31%
About the same	14%
Not sure	23%

31. Do you think it should be easier or harder for people to vote in American elections than it is currently?

Much easier	29%
Slightly easier	10%
No change	21%
Slightly harder	16%
Much harder	14%
Not sure	11%

32. How much have you heard in the news recently about many states proposing new laws that would restrict mail voting, early in-person voting, and Election Day voting?

A lot	29%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	31%

33. Since the 2020 elections, lawmakers in 43 states have proposed laws that would make it more difficult to vote. Would you support or oppose these new voting laws?

Strongly support	23%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	34%
Not sure	17%

34. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following voting regulations:

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Eliminating 'no excuse' mail voting	28%	10%	10%	29%	24%
Restricting election officials from sending absentee ballots to voters without a specific request	36%	14%	11%	23%	17%
Restricting election officials from sending absentee ballot applications to voters without a specific request	35%	12%	10%	26%	17%
Requiring a photo ID to vote in-person	53%	16%	9%	13%	9%
Eliminating student ID's and out-of-state driver's licenses as valid forms of ID	24%	13%	13%	33%	16%
Eliminating voter registration on Election Day	26%	12%	13%	31%	17%
Eliminating automatic voter registration	27%	13%	12%	31%	18%

35. Generally speaking, do you think it's a good or a bad thing for countries like the UK to have a monarchy?

Good thing	13%
Bad thing	20%
Neither a good nor a bad thing	45%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you think it would be a good or a bad thing for the United States to have a monarchy?

Good thing	5%
Bad thing	68%
Neither a good nor a bad thing	11%
Not sure	16%

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
Queen Elizabeth II	26%	35%	10%	9%	20%
Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh	14%	30%	15%	11%	30%
Charles, Prince of Wales	8%	24%	26%	18%	24%
Camilla (nee Parker Bowles), Duchess of Cornwall	7%	18%	21%	22%	32%
Prince William, Duke of Cambridge	21%	33%	12%	8%	26%
Catherine (nee Middleton), Duchess of Cambridge	21%	31%	11%	8%	29%
Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex	28%	26%	13%	13%	20%
Meghan (nee Markle), Duchess of Sussex	25%	23%	11%	22%	20%
Prince Andrew, Duke of York	6%	18%	14%	24%	38%
Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex	8%	24%	11%	7%	51%
Princess Ann, The Princess Royal	11%	27%	9%	6%	47%

38. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the late Lady Diana Spencer?

Very favorable	41%
Somewhat favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%
Very unfavorable	4%
Don't know	25%

39. Do you think the British royal family are:

Good role models	18%
Bad role models	15%
Neither good nor bad role models	49%
Not sure	18%

40. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Meghan) have "stepped back" from their roles in the Royal Family, opting to move to the United States and live financially independent from the Royal Family. Do you support or oppose their decision?

Support	61%
Oppose	11%
Don't know	27%

41. And how much sympathy, if any, do you feel towards Prince Harry and Meghan's decision to walk away from their roles in the Royal Family?

A lot of sympathy	17%
A fair amount of sympathy	23%
Not very much sympathy	13%
No sympathy at all	31%
Don't know	17%

42. As you may know, Prince Harry and Meghan did an interview with Oprah this week, where they talked about their experiences in the British royal family. Did you watch this interview?

I watched the entire interview	13%
I watched part of it	11%
I watched clips or highlights of the interview	24%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the interview	23%
I haven't heard anything about it	29%

43. Do you think that what Prince Harry and Meghan said in the interview with Oprah was...

Among those who have heard about the interview

Completely true	18%
Mostly true	21%
More true than untrue	15%
More untrue than true	14%
Mostly untrue	7%
Completely untrue	6%
Not sure	18%

44. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Oprah Winfrey?

Very favorable	26%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	18%
Don't know	12%

45. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	21%	4%	2%
Immigration	52%	31%	12%	5%
Climate change and the environment	46%	24%	16%	15%
National Security and foreign policy	59%	31%	7%	4%
Education	65%	25%	7%	3%
Health care	70%	22%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	58%	33%	7%	3%

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Abortion	44%	27%	18%	11%
Civil rights	61%	26%	8%	5%
Civil liberties	62%	28%	7%	4%
Guns	53%	26%	13%	8%
Crime and criminal justice reform	54%	34%	8%	4%

46. 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	7%
Education	6%
Health care	22%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime and criminal justice reform	3%

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

Legal in all cases	23%
Legal in most cases	31%
Illegal in most cases	31%
Illegal in all cases	15%

48. 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	35%	17%	10%	32%	6%
Kamala Harris	29%	18%	9%	35%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	20%	21%	10%	39%	10%
Mitch McConnell	5%	14%	20%	44%	17%
Chuck Schumer	15%	20%	11%	32%	22%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	8%	45%	6%

49. 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	22%	23%	12%	34%	10%
The Republican Party	12%	22%	20%	36%	10%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	9%

51. 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%	9%	27%	16%
Education	24%	21%	9%	23%	23%
Health care	27%	21%	9%	24%	18%
Abortion	15%	16%	7%	28%	34%

52. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	32%
Some	19%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	20%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	30%

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

Honest and trustworthy	47%
Not honest and trustworthy	36%
Not sure	16%

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

Confident	44%
Uneasy	41%
Not sure	14%

58. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	42%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	30%
No	44%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	48%
Pessimistic	36%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	21%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	10%

62. 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	20%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	14%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	11%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	24%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Amy Coney Barrett	13%	20%	14%	18%	35%
Brett Kavanaugh	11%	21%	14%	22%	32%
Neil Gorsuch	9%	21%	15%	9%	46%
Elena Kagan	13%	15%	10%	13%	49%
Sonia Sotomayor	21%	17%	10%	14%	37%
Samuel Alito	12%	18%	11%	11%	48%
John Roberts	7%	25%	16%	12%	40%
Stephen Breyer	7%	17%	12%	9%	55%
Clarence Thomas	20%	16%	10%	21%	34%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	32%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	28%
About the same	22%
Lower	24%
Not sure	26%

70. 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	40%
No	60%

71. 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	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	26%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	36%
The same amount of jobs	21%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	17%

73. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	57%

74. 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.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	35%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	15%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	13%

77. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	78%
Not registered	22%

78. 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%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	25%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

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

Strong Democrat	25%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	5%

81. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

82. Respondent age by category

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

83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

85. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

87. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	46%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	16%
Prefer not to say	12%

89. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

92. 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	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

93. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	7%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 13 - 17, 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 0.251 to 3.359, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.329.
Number of respondents	1500 1218 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.