

# Daily Survey: Defamation

June 10 - 14, 2022 - 1000 US Adult Citizens



## 1. Defamation Exception Free Speech

Currently, one exception to the First Amendment protection of free speech is defamation. Defamation occurs in cases when a person's untrue statement is proved to have caused real harm to another person. In your opinion, should defamation be considered an exception to free speech?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should be	48%	49%	47%	47%	43%	48%	55%	52%	35%	36%	51%
No, it should not be	29%	31%	27%	24%	33%	32%	25%	29%	31%	30%	27%
Not sure	23%	20%	26%	30%	24%	20%	20%	19%	34%	34%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(990)	(455)	(535)	(240)	(187)	(319)	(244)	(730)	(124)	(70)	(66)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should be	48%	59%	40%	47%	62%	50%	45%	50%	58%	50%	45%	44%	57%
No, it should not be	29%	25%	27%	36%	22%	33%	28%	31%	29%	32%	27%	32%	23%
Not sure	23%	16%	33%	17%	16%	18%	28%	19%	13%	18%	28%	24%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(347)	(375)	(268)	(377)	(345)	(383)	(292)	(210)	(179)	(198)	(386)	(227)

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## 2. Agree Depp Verdict

The actor Johnny Depp was recently awarded \$15 million in a defamation lawsuit against his ex-wife Amber Heard, who claimed that she was a victim of abuse. Do you agree or disagree with this verdict?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	56%	56%	56%	65%	63%	57%	40%	57%	49%	69%	47%
Disagree	13%	14%	12%	16%	10%	10%	19%	13%	14%	12%	18%
Not sure	30%	29%	32%	20%	27%	33%	41%	31%	37%	18%	35%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(454)	(533)	(239)	(187)	(319)	(242)	(730)	(122)	(70)	(65)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	56%	50%	54%	68%	46%	66%	61%	56%	56%	53%	54%	60%	56%
Disagree	13%	17%	11%	12%	18%	9%	12%	13%	17%	14%	16%	11%	14%
Not sure	30%	33%	35%	20%	37%	25%	27%	31%	28%	34%	31%	29%	30%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(346)	(373)	(268)	(376)	(342)	(382)	(291)	(210)	(180)	(197)	(384)	(226)

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**3. Agree Heard Verdict**

In her countersuit against Johnny Depp, Amber Heard was awarded \$2 million in damages. Do you agree or disagree with this verdict?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	26%	28%	25%	31%	24%	26%	24%	25%	23%	34%	32%
Disagree	33%	34%	32%	36%	38%	33%	25%	35%	29%	32%	27%
Not sure	41%	38%	43%	32%	38%	41%	50%	40%	48%	34%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(454)	(535)	(239)	(187)	(319)	(244)	(730)	(124)	(69)	(66)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	26%	34%	17%	30%	31%	29%	24%	28%	31%	31%	20%	28%	25%
Disagree	33%	26%	36%	39%	24%	39%	38%	30%	33%	24%	39%	33%	35%
Not sure	41%	41%	47%	31%	45%	33%	38%	41%	36%	45%	41%	39%	40%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(347)	(376)	(266)	(377)	(344)	(384)	(291)	(209)	(180)	(198)	(386)	(225)

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**4. Defamation Domestic Violence**

Do you think that defamation lawsuits will prevent victims of domestic violence from speaking out about abuse they've experienced?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	22%	20%	24%	31%	25%	16%	20%	20%	23%	26%	31%
No	50%	52%	47%	40%	54%	53%	48%	50%	47%	52%	42%
Not sure	28%	28%	28%	28%	21%	31%	32%	29%	31%	22%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(981)	(451)	(530)	(239)	(185)	(316)	(241)	(724)	(124)	(68)	(65)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	22%	30%	19%	18%	29%	18%	22%	23%	25%	22%	21%	22%	24%
No	50%	42%	48%	61%	41%	59%	48%	50%	57%	50%	48%	50%	50%
Not sure	28%	28%	33%	22%	30%	22%	30%	27%	19%	29%	31%	28%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(981)	(344)	(371)	(266)	(374)	(342)	(379)	(290)	(207)	(177)	(197)	(382)	(225)

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 10 - 14, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.243 to 6.523, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.569.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	80 questions not reported.