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1. Facemask in public not near others

How often do you wear a face mask or other covering for your mouth and nose, when you are in public but not near other people (for instance, while taking a walk in a quiet area)?

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always	26%	28%		22%	30%	20%	25%	26%	33%	22%	36%	36%	34%
Most of the time	20%	20%		23%	17%	28%	20%	15%	18%	18%	25%	19%	27%
Once in a while	17%	17%		20%	14%	18%	19%	18%	11%	19%	13%	14%	12%
Never	29%	30%		27%	31%	23%	27%	34%	30%	34%	16%	27%	12%
Don't go out at all	8%	4%		7%	8%	11%	8%	6%	7%	7%	10%	4%	15%
Totals	100%	99%		99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(724)		(469)	(528)	(240)	(180)	(369)	(208)	(699)	(97)	(118)	(83)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always	26%	39%	20%	19%	39%	19%	24%	28%	27%	37%	20%	22%	29%
Most of the time	20%	21%	21%	17%	23%	14%	23%	22%	16%	22%	15%	22%	19%
Once in a while	17%	17%	16%	19%	14%	18%	17%	17%	15%	21%	16%	15%	17%
Never	29%	17%	33%	39%	17%	46%	28%	28%	39%	13%	38%	33%	29%
Don't go out at all	8%	6%	9%	7%	8%	2%	8%	5%	4%	6%	11%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(349)	(410)	(238)	(308)	(209)	(418)	(265)	(178)	(194)	(211)	(356)	(236)

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2. Facemask in public near others

How often do you wear a face mask or other covering for your mouth and nose, when you are in public and near other people (for instance, while grocery shopping)?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always	53%	59%	44%	60%	37%	49%	55%	68%	52%	51%	53%	58%
Most of the time	16%	16%	21%	10%	21%	20%	13%	10%	15%	19%	17%	15%
Once in a while	12%	10%	14%	10%	15%	13%	13%	6%	12%	14%	12%	7%
Never	11%	9%	12%	10%	11%	10%	12%	11%	13%	6%	8%	5%
Don't go near other people at all	9%	6%	8%	9%	16%	8%	7%	6%	8%	10%	9%	14%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(987)	(720)	(466)	(521)	(236)	(179)	(366)	(206)	(693)	(95)	(115)	(84)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always	53%	71%	41%	48%	74%	45%	46%	56%	67%	65%	58%	44%	51%
Most of the time	16%	13%	16%	18%	14%	15%	17%	20%	9%	18%	13%	16%	14%
Once in a while	12%	7%	14%	16%	2%	17%	14%	8%	12%	10%	8%	13%	15%
Never	11%	5%	16%	12%	2%	18%	15%	9%	6%	0%	13%	15%	13%
Don't go near other people at all	9%	5%	13%	7%	8%	5%	9%	6%	6%	6%	8%	11%	7%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(346)	(407)	(234)	(308)	(205)	(414)	(263)	(177)	(194)	(208)	(352)	(233)

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3. Facemask judgement

When you wear a face mask in public around other people, do you feel like other people are mostly:

Asked of those who wear a facemask in public near other people at least once in a while

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Judging you positively for wearing one	23%	24%	28%	19%	28%	29%	17%	20%	25%	29%	15%	6%
Judging you negatively for wearing one	8%	8%	6%	10%	16%	11%	5%	1%	7%	7%	11%	10%
Not judging you either way	54%	53%	51%	56%	43%	41%	60%	66%	54%	57%	47%	56%
Not sure	16%	14%	16%	16%	12%	19%	17%	13%	14%	7%	26%	28%
Totals	101%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(795)	(618)	(362)	(433)	(179)	(143)	(300)	(173)	(551)	(80)	(97)	(67)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Judging you positively for wearing one	23%	26%	20%	22%	31%	21%	24%	26%	24%	33%	17%	21%	22%
Judging you negatively for wearing one	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	4%	6%	6%	10%	7%	8%	8%	9%
Not judging you either way	54%	51%	55%	55%	47%	61%	53%	54%	53%	51%	60%	55%	49%
Not sure	16%	15%	18%	14%	13%	13%	16%	14%	13%	10%	16%	17%	19%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(795)	(312)	(299)	(184)	(282)	(157)	(311)	(231)	(156)	(179)	(160)	(268)	(188)

4. Facemask benefits

Which of these do you think is the main benefit of wearing a face mask?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It protects you from germs others may be carrying	9%	8%	11%	8%	17%	9%	9%	3%	8%	18%	9%	8%
It protects others from germs you may be carrying	31%	32%	31%	31%	32%	30%	28%	37%	32%	25%	33%	26%
It protects yourself and others equally	45%	49%	44%	46%	36%	45%	44%	55%	43%	52%	39%	57%
There is no benefit	8%	7%	7%	10%	5%	10%	13%	3%	10%	2%	4%	5%
Not sure	7%	3%	7%	6%	11%	6%	7%	3%	6%	2%	16%	4%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(724)	(471)	(525)	(241)	(179)	(369)	(207)	(698)	(97)	(118)	(83)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It protects you from germs others may be carrying	9%	11%	7%	11%	5%	9%	10%	10%	5%	14%	10%	9%	6%
It protects others from germs you may be carrying	31%	33%	33%	25%	34%	30%	28%	33%	36%	34%	34%	31%	26%
It protects yourself and others equally	45%	52%	38%	46%	58%	43%	44%	47%	49%	45%	39%	45%	49%
There is no benefit	8%	3%	11%	11%	2%	14%	11%	6%	6%	2%	11%	8%	11%
Not sure	7%	2%	11%	6%	1%	5%	7%	5%	4%	4%	6%	8%	8%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%

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	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Unweighted N	(996)	(350)	(409)	(237)	(307)	(210)	(418)	(265)	(178)	(193)	(211)	(356)	(236)

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5. Facemask personal decision or public health concern

Do you think deciding whether or not to wear a face mask is more:

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A matter of public health	62%	68%	64%	61%	59%	62%	56%	77%	63%	66%	56%	64%
A matter of personal choice	29%	28%	28%	30%	31%	24%	37%	20%	29%	26%	33%	26%
Not sure	9%	4%	8%	9%	11%	14%	7%	3%	8%	8%	11%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(724)	(469)	(526)	(239)	(179)	(369)	(208)	(699)	(95)	(118)	(83)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A matter of public health	62%	76%	59%	51%	84%	50%	59%	66%	71%	74%	66%	60%	53%
A matter of personal choice	29%	20%	27%	42%	15%	44%	33%	28%	20%	19%	28%	30%	36%
Not sure	9%	4%	14%	7%	1%	6%	8%	5%	9%	6%	6%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(995)	(348)	(408)	(239)	(308)	(211)	(416)	(267)	(178)	(195)	(211)	(353)	(236)

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6. Bothered by others wearing facemasks

Does seeing other people wearing face masks when in public bother you, or not?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It bothers me a lot	8%	8%	9%	8%	15%	7%	7%	6%	8%	14%	5%	6%
It bothers me a little	13%	12%	13%	12%	18%	16%	11%	7%	11%	14%	22%	10%
It does not bother me at all	74%	79%	72%	77%	61%	70%	79%	86%	76%	70%	65%	78%
Not sure	5%	1%	6%	3%	7%	8%	3%	1%	4%	2%	8%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(992)	(720)	(467)	(525)	(238)	(178)	(368)	(208)	(697)	(94)	(117)	(84)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It bothers me a lot	8%	11%	3%	13%	9%	7%	9%	5%	9%	9%	4%	10%	8%
It bothers me a little	13%	10%	13%	16%	8%	15%	12%	13%	15%	18%	9%	13%	11%
It does not bother me at all	74%	77%	76%	70%	81%	78%	73%	78%	74%	67%	84%	71%	76%
Not sure	5%	3%	8%	1%	1%	0%	6%	4%	2%	5%	3%	5%	5%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(347)	(407)	(238)	(307)	(209)	(413)	(266)	(179)	(193)	(209)	(353)	(237)

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7. Bothered by others NOT wearing facemasks

Does seeing other people NOT wearing face masks when in public bother you, or not?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It bothers me	33%	36%	29%	36%	24%	34%	30%	44%	32%	33%	34%	33%
It bothers me a little	27%	28%	30%	25%	32%	28%	23%	28%	28%	24%	27%	26%
It does not bother me at all	33%	32%	34%	33%	33%	29%	43%	23%	35%	33%	22%	38%
Not sure	7%	4%	7%	7%	11%	8%	4%	5%	5%	9%	16%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(718)	(468)	(522)	(238)	(177)	(368)	(207)	(697)	(94)	(118)	(81)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It bothers me	33%	44%	27%	26%	50%	21%	29%	37%	39%	45%	31%	28%	31%
It bothers me a little	27%	28%	27%	26%	31%	25%	28%	29%	22%	30%	33%	23%	26%
It does not bother me at all	33%	25%	34%	44%	17%	49%	37%	29%	33%	18%	33%	39%	38%
Not sure	7%	2%	12%	4%	1%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	3%	10%	5%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(346)	(409)	(235)	(305)	(209)	(415)	(265)	(176)	(194)	(211)	(351)	(234)

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8. Should Trump Administration wear facemasks

Do you think President Trump and other government officials should or should not wear face masks when in public and near other people?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They should	63%	66%	60%	65%	64%	63%	56%	72%	61%	64%	62%	70%
They should not	7%	5%	7%	6%	12%	10%	4%	1%	5%	16%	8%	2%
I don't care either way	24%	25%	25%	24%	15%	21%	32%	24%	26%	17%	21%	22%
Not sure	7%	3%	8%	6%	9%	6%	9%	2%	7%	3%	9%	6%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(725)	(469)	(525)	(238)	(180)	(369)	(207)	(698)	(95)	(117)	(84)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should	63%	83%	56%	46%	88%	44%	59%	67%	66%	76%	66%	57%	58%
They should not	7%	3%	8%	9%	3%	6%	9%	5%	6%	9%	5%	7%	5%
I don't care either way	24%	11%	27%	35%	8%	46%	24%	25%	23%	8%	23%	28%	31%
Not sure	7%	2%	9%	10%	1%	5%	8%	4%	5%	7%	6%	9%	5%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(994)	(347)	(408)	(239)	(308)	(211)	(413)	(267)	(179)	(195)	(211)	(353)	(235)

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9. Facemasks a sign of weakness

Do you think it is a sign of weakness to wear a face mask when in public and near other people?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it is	8%	9%	11%	5%	12%	11%	6%	5%	8%	6%	16%	2%
No, it is not	83%	86%	78%	87%	76%	76%	85%	94%	83%	88%	70%	92%
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	8%	12%	13%	9%	1%	9%	6%	14%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(724)	(468)	(523)	(238)	(179)	(366)	(208)	(696)	(96)	(117)	(82)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it is	8%	7%	5%	14%	5%	14%	7%	10%	12%	10%	6%	10%	6%
No, it is not	83%	90%	82%	76%	93%	79%	82%	85%	84%	80%	89%	81%	81%
Not sure	9%	3%	13%	10%	2%	7%	12%	6%	4%	10%	5%	9%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(991)	(346)	(407)	(238)	(307)	(211)	(412)	(267)	(177)	(195)	(210)	(354)	(232)

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10. Facemasks a sign of respect

Do you think it is a sign of respectfulness to others to wear a face mask when in public and near other people?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it is	69%	75%	68%	70%	68%	68%	62%	83%	68%	68%	71%	75%
No, it is not	19%	18%	18%	19%	19%	14%	25%	13%	19%	20%	18%	14%
Not sure	12%	8%	14%	11%	14%	18%	13%	3%	13%	12%	11%	11%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(724)	(469)	(525)	(238)	(180)	(368)	(208)	(698)	(95)	(117)	(84)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it is	69%	86%	62%	58%	92%	57%	65%	75%	77%	79%	72%	64%	67%
No, it is not	19%	9%	22%	25%	5%	33%	21%	16%	15%	14%	15%	22%	20%
Not sure	12%	4%	16%	17%	4%	10%	13%	10%	7%	7%	12%	14%	13%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(347)	(409)	(238)	(307)	(210)	(416)	(266)	(178)	(194)	(211)	(353)	(236)

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Interviewing Dates	May 14 - 16, 2020
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	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 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.014 to 5.916, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.877.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.