

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 71 July 2020
JULY 27-AUGUST 2, 2020
N=11,001

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-August 2, 2020	12	87	1
June 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 ¹	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 ³	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-August 2, 2020	38	59	3
June 16-22, 2020	39	59	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	53	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	52	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	58	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁴	44	56	1

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¹ In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

² The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

³ SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

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ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]:

COVIDEGFP How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Donald Trump					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	15	21	15	48	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	20	21	17	42	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	23	25	19	32	*
b. Your state elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	16	39	26	18	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	21	41	25	13	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	21	49	22	8	1
c. Your local elected officials					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	13	47	27	12	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	17	47	27	9	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	17	52	22	7	1
d. Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	16	47	25	11	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	24	48	21	7	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	30	49	17	4	*

No items E-F

g. Hospitals and medical centers in your area					
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	45	9	3	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	47	42	8	3	1

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVID_FDRLSM Which do you think should be mainly responsible for developing and executing policies to limit the spread of the coronavirus? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-Aug 2, 2020	
48	The federal government
51	State and local government
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVIDUSCOMP All in all, compared with other wealthy countries, would you say the United States' response to the coronavirus outbreak has been... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-Aug 2, 2020	
13	More effective
62	Less effective
25	About as effective
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,500]

COVID_ECONOPEN2 Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments have been... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

69	Lifting the restrictions too quickly
30	Not lifting the restrictions quickly enough
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

COVID_ECONOPEN Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 29-
May 5
2020

68	Lift the restrictions too quickly
31	Not lift the restrictions quickly enough
1	No answer

Apr 7-12
2020

66
32
1

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,501]

COVID_CONCPATH Which of these is the more effective way to help the U.S. economy recover? **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

73	Significantly reducing the number of coronavirus infections in the U.S. to a level where more people feel comfortable going to stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces
26	Opening up more stores, restaurants, schools and other workplaces, even if there hasn't been a significant reduction in coronavirus infections
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

COVID_REASON How much of a reason, if at all, is each of the following for why the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. has continued? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>NOT a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Not enough timely testing for the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	49	31	19	*
b. Not enough people are following guidelines about social distancing and mask wearing July 27-Aug 2, 2020	75	16	9	*
c. Inadequate response from the federal government July 27-Aug 2, 2020	53	23	23	1
d. Unclear instructions about how to prevent the spread of coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	32	28	*
e. Restrictions on businesses and individuals have been lifted too quickly in some places July 27-Aug 2, 2020	58	25	17	*
f. It is not possible to do much to control the spread of the coronavirus July 27-Aug 2, 2020	28	29	42	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

COVID_SCI5 Do you think each of the following is or is not a reason why there are new cases of coronavirus in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Yes, this is a major reason</u>	<u>Yes, this is a minor reason</u>	<u>No, this is NOT a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. There is not enough testing for coronavirus Apr 29-May 5, 2020	58	25	17	<1
b. Not enough people are following social distancing measures Apr 29-May 5, 2020	57	30	12	<1
c. Coronavirus spreads more easily than other infectious diseases Apr 29-May 5, 2020	68	21	11	1

ASK ALL:

COV_NEWINFECT

Which of these comes closer to your view about why there are increasing numbers of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the U.S.? [**RANDOMIZE**]July 27-
Aug 2,
2020

39	The increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily a result of more people being tested than in previous months
60	While more people are being tested compared with earlier in the outbreak, the increase in confirmed coronavirus cases is primarily because of more new infections, not just more tests
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁵

			Something	No	Lean	Lean	
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>else</u>	<u>answer</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
	28	29	27	14	1	17	21

⁵ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.