

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone March 22-25, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,003 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

Question 2 held for release.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
3/25/20	51	36	15	45	8	36	4
3/7/20*	41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	11

*CNN

Compare to:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling the federal government's response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/26/14 LV	49	29	20	43	9	34	8
10/26/14	49	26	23	41	11	30	10
10/12/14	41	19	22	43	13	30	16

Questions 4-8 held for release.

On another topic...

9. How confident are you that the federal government will be able to handle the outbreak of the coronavirus in this country - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
3/25/20	66	26	40	32	20	12	2
3/13/20*	61	24	37	38	22	16	*
2/16/20*	77	31	46	22	16	6	*

* Gallup, instead of "not so confident," Gallup's option was "not too confident"

Compare to:

How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to an outbreak of Zika virus in the United States - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
8/4/16	69	24	45	29	15	14	2
6/23/16	66	18	48	33	21	12	1

The Ebola virus

10/26/14	63	18	44	36	22	14	2
10/12/14	62	19	43	37	21	16	*

The H1N1 virus known as swine flu:

10/18/09	69	19	50	31	18	12	1
8/17/09	73	23	50	26	18	9	1

Bird flu:

3/5/06	59	16	44	40	25	15	*
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10. How about [ITEM]- how confident are you in their ability to respond effectively to the coronavirus outbreak - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

3/25/20 - Summary Table

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	op.
a. your state government	78	30	48	21	10	10	1
b. your local hospitals and health agencies	78	31	47	20	12	8	2

*half sample asked item a, other half asked item b

Compare to:

How much confidence do you have in your state government to deal with the outbreak of the coronavirus - a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or no confidence at all?

	----- More confidence -----						
	NET	Great deal	Fair amount	Not very much	Not at all	Not sure	
3/13/20* RV	75	22	53	15	8	2	

*NBC/Wall Street Journal

11. In the early days of the outbreak, do you think Trump (was too slow to take action to address the problem), or do you think he (acted with the right amount of speed)?

3/25/20	Too slow	Right speed	No opinion
	58	38	4

12. How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught it (vol.)	No op
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
3/25/20	69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20* RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

*NBC/Wall Street Journal

Compare to:

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
The Zika virus							
8/4/16*	35	12	23	65	37	28	*
6/23/16*	33	11	22	67	39	28	*

*"be infected by"

The Ebola virus							
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
10/26/14	36	13	23	63	29	34	1
10/12/14	43	20	23	57	27	29	*

The H1N1 virus known as swine flu:*							
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
10/18/09*	52	21	30	46	26	20	*
8/17/09	39	13	26	61	30	31	*

* 2 percent volunteered "already have"

Bird flu:							
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
3/5/06	41	13	28	59	36	23	*

The SARS virus:							
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
4/27/03	33	11	22	67	34	33	1
4/3/03	38	11	27	62	37	24	3

13. How much, if at all, has your life been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak - a lot, some, just a little, or not at all?

	--- A lot/Some ---			----- Less disrupted -----			No opinion
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Just a little	Not at all	
3/25/20	77	50	27	23	15	8	*
3/15/20*	40	16	24	59	29	31	*

*KFF

14. Would you describe the coronavirus outbreak as a source of stress in your life or not? (ASK IF YES) Is it a source of serious stress, or stress, but not serious?

	---- Source of stress ----			Not a source of stress	No opinion
	NET	Serious	Not serious		
3/25/20	70	36	33	30	*

Compare to:

Is the current economic situation a cause of stress in your life, or not? (IF YES) Is it a cause of serious stress, or stress, but not serious?

	--- Yes, cause of stress ---			Not a cause of stress	No opinion
	NET	Serious	Not serious		
12/13/09	57	28	30	42	*
9/12/09	55	33	23	44	*
3/29/09	61	33	28	39	*
2/22/09	57	27	30	43	0

15. As far as you are aware, can everyone in your area who wants a coronavirus test get one, or are there some people in your area who cannot get a coronavirus test even if they want one?

	Everyone can get test	Some people cannot get test	No opinion
3/25/20	23	44	33

16. Have you or any members of your immediate family been refused a coronavirus test when you or they wanted one?

	Yes, have been refused test	No, have not been refused test	No opinion
3/25/20	6	92	3

Compare to:

Have you, yourself, or someone in your household experienced any of the following because of coronavirus? Tried to be tested for coronavirus and haven't been able to.

	Yes	No	Unsure
3/14/20	2	97	1

*NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist

17. Do you personally know anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/25/20	11	89	*

18. As far as you are aware, has anyone in your local community been diagnosed with the coronavirus, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/25/20	41	55	4

19. How would you rate your own risk of coming down with the coronavirus - do you think there's a high risk of that, a moderate risk, a low risk or no risk?

	- High/Moderate risk -			---- Lower risk ---			No opinion
	NET	High	Moderate	NET	Low	No risk	
3/25/20	56	20	36	43	35	8	1

20. Please tell me if you have done or if you are doing any of these things because of the coronavirus outbreak. [ITEM], or not?

3/25/20 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Have you canceled travel plans	53	46	1
b. Are you maintaining distance from other people	93	7	0
c. Are you staying home as much as possible	91	9	0
d. Have you stocked up on food or household supplies	61	39	*
e. Have you stopped going to restaurants or bars	88	11	1
f. Are you washing your hands more often than usual	82	18	0

*half sample asked items a-c, other half asked d-f

Trend where available:

a. Have you canceled travel plans?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/25/20	53	46	1
3/15/20*	42	57	1
2/18/20*	13	86	1

*KFF: "Decided not to travel or changed travel plans"

b-c. No trend.

d. Have you stocked up on food or household supplies?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/25/20	61	39	*
3/15/20*	35	65	*

*KFF: "Stocked up on items such as food, household supplies, or prescription medications"

e-f. No trend.

21. Have you been teleworking in the past week, which is working online from home for pay, or is this something you have not been doing?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/25/20	20	80	*

22. (ASK IF TELEWORKING) Were you teleworking previously, or have you only started teleworking since the coronavirus outbreak began?

	Teleworking previously	Started teleworking since outbreak began	No opinion
3/25/20	41	59	0

Q21/Q22 NET

	NET	Teleworking Previously	Just started	No op.	Not teleworking	No opinion
3/25/20	20	8	12	*	80	*

23. (ASK IF TELEWORKED PREVIOUSLY) Since the coronavirus outbreak, have you been teleworking more than you did previously, less, or about the same amount?

	More	Less	Same	No opinion
3/25/20	36	9	55	0

Q21/Q22/Q23 NET

	NET	Teleworked previously More	Less	Same	No op.	Just started	No op.	Not teleworking	No op.
3/25/20	20	3	1	4	0	12	*	80	*

24. How likely do you think it is that the coronavirus outbreak will cause an economic recession - do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely or not likely at all?

	NET	Likely Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
3/25/20	92	59	33	7	4	3	2

25. If a recession happens, do you think it will be (worse than) the Great Recession that started in 2008, (not as bad as) that recession, or about the same?

	Worse	Not as bad	About the same	No opinion
3/25/20	33	26	33	8

26. As part of its response to the coronavirus outbreak, would you support or oppose the federal government giving cash payments of one-thousand dollars or more to all Americans with incomes less than 100-thousand dollars?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
3/25/20	86	12	2

27. Would you support or oppose the federal government giving billions of dollars of financial assistance to [ITEM] that have been impacted by the coronavirus outbreak?

3/25/20 - Summary Table

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
a. small businesses	90	8	2
b. large corporations	46	47	7

28. How would you describe the economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on your community - would you say the economic impacts have been very severe, severe, moderate, or less than that?

	----- Severe -----			----- Not severe -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	
3/25/20	43	16	27	53	42	10	4

29. Because of the coronavirus outbreak, have you or has anyone in your immediate family [ITEM]?

3/25/20 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. been laid off or lost their job	33	67	*
b. had work hours or pay cut	51	48	1
c. [Held for release]			

30. (ASK IF NOT LAID OFF) How concerned are you that you or someone in your immediate family might be laid off or lose their job as a result of the coronavirus outbreak - are you very concerned about this, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
3/25/20	58	22	36	42	18	24	*

Q29a/Q30 NET

	----- No one in family laid off -----									
	-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No op.	No op.		
	Laid off/	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	op.	op.	
3/25/20	lost job	33	39	15	24	28	12	16	*	*

31. (ASK IF NO HOURS OR PAY CUT) How concerned are you that you or someone in your immediate family might have their work hours or pay cut as a result of the coronavirus outbreak - are you very concerned about this, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
3/25/20	53	23	29	47	17	30	*

Q29b/Q31 NET

	---- No one in family had cut in work hours or pay ----										
	Work hours			-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No	No
	or pay cut	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	op.	op.		
3/25/20	51	25	11	14	23	8	15	*	1		

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
3/25/20	30	24	37	4	5
2/17/20	29	25	37	4	5
1/23/20	27	24	39	6	4
10/30/19	29	23	38	5	5
9/5/19	28	24	37	7	5
7/1/19	29	23	37	5	5
4/25/19	29	26	36	5	5

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 251 interviews completed on landlines and 752 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 539 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision

due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted	
	sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,003	+/- 3.5 points
Half sample	480-520	4.5-5

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