

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

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
3/25/20	57	38	19	38	13	24	6
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6
9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5
8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

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

4. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Who would you like to see win the Democratic nomination for president this year - (Joe Biden) or (Bernie Sanders)? Would you lean toward (Biden) or (Sanders)?

	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/25/20	51	42	2	2	4
3/25/20 RV	55	39	2	3	1

Compare to:

I'll read a list of candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020. After I've read the full list, please tell me whom you'd vote for in the primary or caucus in your state. (IF NONE OR DK/REF) Which candidate would you lean toward? (ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Which candidate did you vote for in the 2020 Democrat primary/caucus held in your state

Among Democratic-leaning adults:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	9/5/19	7/1/19
Bernie Sanders	32	24	19	19	23
Joe Biden	17	28	27	27	29
Mike Bloomberg	14	8	NA	NA	NA
Elizabeth Warren	11	11	21	17	11
Pete Buttigieg	7	5	7	4	4
Amy Klobuchar	6	3	1	1	2
Tom Steyer	2	*	1	*	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	1	1
Michael Bennet*	0	1	1	*	1
John Delaney*	0	0	1	1	0
Deval Patrick*	0	*	NA	NA	NA
Andrew Yang*	0	7	2	3	1
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	1	1
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	*	*	*
Julián Castro	NA	NA	2	*	4
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	2	7	11
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	1	3	2
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	*	*	1
Other	1	*	1	*	*
None of these	1	4	2	3	1
Would not vote	1	1	1	3	*
No opinion	7	5	6	6	6

*2/17/20: Bennet, Delaney, Patrick and Yang were not named, but accepted for respondents who volunteered voting for them already.

Among Democratic-leaning registered voters:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	9/5/19	7/1/19
Bernie Sanders	32	23	17	19	19
Joe Biden	16	32	28	29	30
Mike Bloomberg	14	8	NA	NA	NA
Elizabeth Warren	12	12	23	18	12
Pete Buttigieg	8	5	9	4	4
Amy Klobuchar	7	3	2	2	2
Tom Steyer	2	*	1	1	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	2	1
Michael Bennet*	0	2	1	*	1
John Delaney*	0	0	1	*	0
Deval Patrick*	0	1	NA	NA	NA
Andrew Yang*	0	7	2	3	*
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	1	1
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	0	*	*
Julián Castro	NA	NA	1	*	3
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	2	7	13
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	1	3	2
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	*	*	1
Other	1	1	1	*	*
None of these	1	3	2	3	1
Would not vote	*	0	1	2	1
No opinion	5	3	4	6	6

*2/17/20: Bennet, Delaney, Patrick and Yang were not named, but accepted for respondents who volunteered voting for them already.

5. If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump, the Republican) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump) or (Biden)?

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
3/25/20	44	50	*	2	1	2
3/25/20 RV	47	49	*	2	1	1
2/17/20	44	52	*	2	1	1
2/17/20 RV	45	52	0	2	1	1
1/23/20	44	51	*	2	2	1
1/23/20 RV	46	50	*	2	1	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	1
10/30/19 RV	39	56	*	2	2	*
9/5/19	38	54	*	4	3	1
9/5/19 RV	40	55	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	41	55	*	2	1	1
7/1/19 RV	43	53	*	1	*	1

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
3/25/20	86	53	32	14	6	8	*
3/25/20 RV	86	55	31	13	6	7	*

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
3/25/20	74	24	49	26	14	11	1
3/25/20 RV	74	28	46	26	14	11	*

8. Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

3/25/20 - Summary Table

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. The economy	50	42	1	5	2
b. The coronavirus outbreak	45	43	1	6	5
c. Health care	39	52	*	5	4

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)?

Too slow Right speed No opinion
 3/25/20 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 No
 NET Very Somewhat NET Not too Not at all it (vol.) op
 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
 NET Very Somewhat NET Not too Not at all opinion
 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
 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: *
 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:
 3/5/06 41 13 28 59 36 23 *

The SARS virus:
 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
 NET A lot Some NET Just a little Not at all opinion
 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	No
	NET	Serious	Not serious	of stress	opinion
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	No
	NET	Serious	Not serious	of stress	opinion
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	Some people	No
	can get test	cannot get test	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	No, have not been	No
	refused test	refused test	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

	NET	High	Moderate	NET	Low	No risk	opinion
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

	----- Teleworking -----								
	-- Teleworked previously --				Just		Not		No
	NET	More	Less	Same	No op.	started	No op.	teleworking	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?

	----- Likely -----			----- Not likely -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	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
	NET	Very	Severe	NET	Moderate	Less than that	opinion
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 -----									
	Laid off/ lost job	-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No op.	No op.	
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	op.	op.		
3/25/20	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 opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
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 or pay cut	-- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned -----			No op.	No op.	
	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 parentheses 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
Registered voters	845	3.5
Leaned Democratic voters	388	5.5
Half sample	480-520	4.5-5

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