

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone April 18-21, 2021, among a random national sample of 1,007 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of error 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

Compare to other 100 days:

	Date	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
Trump	4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5
Obama	4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
Bush	4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
Clinton	4/26/93	59	22	37	39	21	17	2
Bush	4/3/89	71	23	47	22	13	9	8
Reagan	4/22/81	73	NA	NA	19	NA	NA	8
Carter*	4/18/77	63			18			19
Ford	11/18/74	48			32			20
Nixon	4/15/69	61			12			23
Johnson	3/4/64	79			9			12
Kennedy	5/3/61	83			5			13
Eisenhower	4/24/53	73			10			17
Truman	6/5/45	87	"	"	3	"	"	10

*Carter and previous: Gallup

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

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	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	
a. the economy	52	33	19	41	8	33	7
b. the coronavirus pandemic	64	46	18	31	8	22	5
c. the immigration situation at the U.S.-Mexico border	37	16	20	53	10	42	11

3. Do you think Biden's views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
4/21/21	40	7	48	5
8/15/20	36	10	47	8
2/17/20	25	19	42	15
8/25/12	34	7	36	22

4. Would you rather see Biden try to (win support from Republicans in Congress by making major changes to his proposals) or try to (have his proposals enacted without major changes, even if that means getting no support from Republicans in Congress)?

	Try to win support from Republicans	Try to enact proposals without major changes	No opinion
4/21/21	60	30	10

5. Given what you know about it, do you support or oppose the economic stimulus package that took effect last month in response to the coronavirus pandemic?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/21/21	65	31	4

6. Again, given what you know about it, do you support or oppose the two-trillion dollar infrastructure development plan that the Biden administration has proposed?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/21/21	52	35	12

7. The top tax rate on corporate profits used to be 35 percent, then was cut to 21 percent. Would you support or oppose raising the corporate tax rate to 28 percent?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/21/21	58	36	6

8. In terms of [ITEM], do you think Biden is doing too (much), too (little) or about the right amount?

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	Too much	Too little	Right amount	No opinion
a. enacting new laws to try to reduce gun violence	32	32	28	8
b. trying to reform police practices in this country	15	42	32	11

9. Which do you think should be a higher priority right now - (enacting new laws to try to reduce gun violence) or (protecting the right to own guns)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Enacting new laws			Right to own guns			Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
	NET	Strg	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Strg			
4/21/21	50	42	8	43	5	38	4	1	3
4/11/18	57	50	7	34	3	31	5	1	2
10/18/15	46	38	8	47	7	40	4	1	2
4/14/13	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	3	2	3

10. Generally speaking, would you say you favor (smaller government with fewer services), or (larger government with more services)?

	Smaller govt. fewer services	Larger govt. more services	No opinion
4/21/21	48	45	7
8/25/12	56	38	7
8/5/12*	55	40	5
9/1/11	56	38	6
10/28/10 RV	57	37	5
4/25/10	56	40	4

1/15/10		58		38		4
6/21/09		54		41		4
1/16/09		53		43		4
6/15/08		50		45		5
11/1/07		50		44		5
6/20/04		50		46		4
11/4/02	LV	61		34		5
11/3/02	LV	60		34		5
11/2/02	LV	62		34		3
7/15/02		53		42		6
1/27/02		54		41		5
10/9/00	RV	58		32		10
10/1/00	RV	58		33		9
7/23/00		59		34		7
4/2/00		56		38		7
8/16/98		59		35		6
8/5/96		63		32		5
2/28/93		67		30		2
7/8/92		55		38		7
7/13/88		49		45		6
7/8/84		49		43		7

*Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation: "... many services"

11. How concerned are you, if at all, that Biden will do too much to increase the size and role of government in U.S. society? Are you very concerned about that, 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
4/21/21	53	32	21	45	22	23	2

12. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
4/21/21	42	4	38	58	37	20	1
9/24/20	40	9	31	59	37	22	1
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1
3/29/15	40	2	38	59	40	19	1
1/15/15	41	3	39	58	40	18	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12	RV	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*

10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1	
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*	
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0	
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0	
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0	
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*	
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*	
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*	
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0	
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*	
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*	
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*	
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*	
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*	
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*	
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*	
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*	
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*	
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*	
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1	
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*	
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*	
9/26/04	RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*	
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*	
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*	
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1	
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0	
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1	
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*	
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*	
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*	
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*	
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*	
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1	
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1	
11/4/02	LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02	LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02	LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*	
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1	
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*	
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*	
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2	
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*	
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*	
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*	
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1	
10/27/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*	
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*	
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1	
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1	
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1	
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1	
11/1/98	LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*	

*Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation

Changing topics...

13. Do you think the coronavirus outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

		-- More under control --			---- Less under control ----			
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	No opinion	
4/21/21	28	6	22	71	55	15	1	
1/13/21	11	3	8	88	36	52	1	
10/9/20 RV	21	5	17	78	43	35	1	
8/15/20	14	3	10	85	39	46	1	
7/15/20* RV	20	8	12	78	27	51	2	
6/16/20 RV	23	7	16	75	43	33	2	
5/20/20 RV	21	5	15	78	43	35	1	

*7/15/20 and previous: Fox News, "coronavirus in the United States"

14. Have you personally received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/21/21	56	44	*

15. (ASK IF NOT RECEIVED VACCINATION OR UNSURE) Will you definitely get a coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it, or definitely not get it?

	----- Will get it -----			----- Will not get it -----			No
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably	Definitely	op.
4/21/21	41	16	25	55	18	37	3

14/15 NET

	Already got it	----- Have not gotten vaccine yet -----			----- Will not get it -----			No opinion
	NET	Def.	Prob.	NET	Prob.	Def.	opinion	
4/21/21	56	18	7	11	24	8	16	2

Compare to:

When it becomes available to you, will you definitely get the coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	----- Will get it -----			----- Will not get it -----			Already got it	No
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably	Definitely	(vol.)	op.
1/13/21	63	40	23	32	11	22	3	2

If a vaccine that protected you from the coronavirus was available for free to everyone who wanted it, would you definitely get it, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	---- Likely to get it ----			----- Not likely to get it -----			No
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably not	Definitely not	op.
5/28/20	71	43	28	27	12	15	2

16. Do you think the coronavirus vaccine made by [ITEM] is very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

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----- Safe ----- ----- Unsafe ----- No

	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
a. Moderna	71	39	33	16	8	8	13
b. Pfizer	73	40	33	17	8	8	10
c. Johnson & Johnson	46	18	28	41	21	20	14

17. (ASK IF NOT RECEIVED VACCINATION) Has the halt in distribution of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine made you (less) inclined to get vaccinated, (more) inclined to get vaccinated, or does it make no difference in your decision?

	Less inclined	More inclined	Makes no difference	No opinion
4/21/21	24	1	74	2

18. (ASK IF NOT RECEIVED VACCINATION) If it's put back in use, would you be willing or not willing to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

	Willing	Not willing	No opinion
4/21/21	22	73	4

19. After all Americans have had the opportunity to get vaccinated, would you support or oppose [ITEM]?

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	Support	Oppose	No opinion
a. businesses requiring that employees who come into work get vaccinated	45	51	4
b. colleges and universities requiring that students get vaccinated before being allowed on campus	50	47	3
c. your state issuing printed or digital certificates that people can use to show businesses, employers and schools that they have been vaccinated	55	42	3

20. Compared to before coronavirus shutdowns began in March 2020, is your family's financial situation today (better), (worse), or is it about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
4/21/21	14	22	64	1

21. Overall, have your relationships with family and friends (gotten stronger), (gotten weaker) or stayed about the same as before the coronavirus pandemic began?

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	No opinion
4/21/21	17	21	61	1

22. Do you think Black people and other minorities receive equal treatment as White people in the criminal justice system, or not?

	Receive equal treatment	Do not receive equal treatment	No opinion
Among all:			
4/21/21	30	63	7
7/15/20	26	69	5
12/14/14	43	54	4
7/21/13	45	50	6
4/8/12	37	55	7

2/4/97	55	38	6
5/7/96	36	55	9
10/6/95	44	50	6
10/3/95	47	44	8
9/27/95	47	46	6
4/30/92	39	50	11
7/2/88**	43	43	15

*2014 and earlier "Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?"

**Associated Press/Media General Poll

Among White adults:

4/21/21	36	57	7
7/15/20	33	62	6
12/14/14	52	44	4
7/21/13	54	41	6
4/8/12	44	49	7
2/4/97	61	32	7
5/7/96	41	49	10
10/6/95	52	42	6
10/3/95	52	40	8
9/27/95	54	39	7
4/30/92	46	43	12

Among Black adults

4/21/21*	8	88	4
7/15/20	2	97	1
12/14/14	10	89	1
7/21/13	8	86	6
4/8/12	10	84	6
2/4/97	19	78	3
5/7/96	12	81	7
10/6/95	9	88	2
10/3/95	19	73	8
9/27/95	12	87	2
4/30/92	8	89	3

*4/21/21: n=88 interviews for Black adults.

Among Hispanic adults:

4/21/21	25	68	7
7/15/20	24	68	8
12/14/14	35	60	5
7/21/13*	36	60	4

*Sample sizes in other polls are too small to report.

23. How confident are you that the police in this country are adequately trained to avoid the use of excessive force - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	----- Confident -----			----- Not confident -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
4/21/21 All	44	16	28	55	25	30	2
White	50	19	31	48	25	23	2
Black*	20	3	16	79	25	54	1
Hispanic	34	12	22	65	30	35	1

*4/21/21: n=88 interviews for Black adults.

7/15/20 All	47	17	30	52	25	27	2
White	50	19	31	48	25	23	2
Black	28	7	21	71	19	52	1
Hispanic	51	19	32	48	30	17	1

12/14/14 All	54	20	34	44	23	21	2
White	62	23	39	36	20	16	2
Black	29	4	25	71	30	41	0
Hispanic	44	22	22	52	25	27	4

24. Which of these statements comes closest to your own opinion, even if neither is exactly right? (The country should do more to hold police accountable for mistreatment of Black people.) or (The country is doing too much to interfere in how police officers do their job.)

	Do more to hold police accountable	Doing too much to interfere	No opinion
4/21/21 All	60	33	8
White	53	39	8
Black*	83	9	7
Hispanic	67	26	7

*4/21/21: n=88 interviews for Black adults.

25. Do you think the federal government should or should not pay money to Black Americans whose ancestors were slaves as compensation for that slavery?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
4/21/21 All	28	65	6
White	18	76	6
Black*	67	27	6
Hispanic	35	54	10

*4/21/21: n=88 interviews for Black adults.

7/15/20 All	31	63	6
White	18	75	7
Black	82	17	1
Hispanic	42	56	2

6/18/97 All*	19	77	4
White	10	88	2
Black	65	28	7

*Sample sizes for Hispanic adults too small to report.

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
4/21/21	33	24	35	6	3
1/13/21	31	25	36	5	3
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4
9/24/20	31	27	37	4	2
8/15/20	31	26	37	3	3
7/15/20	30	24	39	4	4
5/28/20	31	24	37	5	3
3/25/20	30	24	37	4	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 253 interviews completed on landlines and 754 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 528 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 1.3 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.

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