

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
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

Compare to other 100 days:

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?

4/21/21 - Summary table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	op.
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?

4/21/21 - Summary table

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	No opinion
a. held for release				
b. trying to reform police practices in this country	15	42	32	11

Questions 9 held for release.

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

Questions 13-21 held for release.

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
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
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 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 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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