

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 64 MARCH 2020
Mar 19-24, 2020
TOTAL N=11,537

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>
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>
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

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 IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=11,302]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

BASED ON TOTAL:

	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
	<u>Approve</u>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>strongly</i>	<i>answer</i>	<u>answer</u>
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	34	10	1	52	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	29	10	*	59	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	29	9	*	60	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	26	10	*	63	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	27	12	*	61	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁵	44	30	13	*	56	43	12	*	1

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

COVIDFOL How closely have you been following news about the outbreak of the coronavirus strain known as COVID-19?

Mar 19-24, <u>2020</u>		Mar 10-16, <u>2020</u>
57	Very closely	51
35	Fairly closely	38
7	Not too closely	9
1	Not at all closely	2
*	No answer	*

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ASK ALL:

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 Mar 19-24, 2020	23	25	19	32	*
b. Your state elected officials Mar 19-24, 2020	21	49	22	8	1
c. Your local elected officials 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) Mar 19-24, 2020	30	49	17	4	*
e. Ordinary people in your local community Mar 19-24, 2020	14	49	26	11	1
f. The news media Mar 19-24, 2020	15	39	25	21	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDTHREAT How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>A major threat</u>	<u>A minor threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The health of the U.S. population as whole Mar 19-24, 2020	66	31	2	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	47	45	8	*
b. Your personal health Mar 19-24, 2020	36	52	11	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	27	51	22	*
c. The U.S. economy Mar 19-24, 2020	88	10	1	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	70	25	4	1
d. Your personal financial situation Mar 19-24, 2020	49	40	11	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	34	43	23	*

ASK ALL:

COVID_STEPS Now, thinking about how different people and groups are reacting to the coronavirus outbreak, how would you say each of the following is reacting? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEP 3 LAST]:

		Overreacting to the <u>outbreak</u>	Not taking the outbreak seriously <u>enough</u>	Reacting about <u>right</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Your state government Mar 19-24, 2020	13	14	72	1
b.	Your local government Mar 19-24, 2020	11	15	74	1
c.	Your local school system Mar 19-24, 2020	10	4	86	1
NO ITEM d.					
e.	Ordinary people in your community Mar 19-24, 2020	26	27	46	1
f.	Ordinary people across the country Mar 19-24, 2020	31	40	28	1
g.	The people in your household Mar 19-24, 2020	6	8	86	*

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

COVID_CRISIS Would you say the coronavirus outbreak is...

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67	A significant crisis
28	A serious problem but not a crisis
3	A minor problem
1	Not a problem at all
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVID_RESTRICTION Thinking about some steps that have been announced in some areas to address the coronavirus outbreak, in general do you think each of the following have been necessary or unnecessary? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Necessary</u>	<u>Unnecessary</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Restricting international travel to the U.S. Mar 19-24, 2020	95	5	*
b.	Requiring most businesses other than grocery stores and pharmacies to close Mar 19-24, 2020	71	28	1
c.	Asking people to avoid gathering in groups of more than ten Mar 19-24, 2020	87	12	*
d.	Cancelling major sports and entertainment events Mar 19-24, 2020	91	9	*
e.	Closing K-12 schools Mar 19-24, 2020	90	10	*
f.	Limiting restaurants to carry-out only Mar 19-24, 2020	85	14	*
g.	Postponing upcoming state primary elections Mar 19-24, 2020	70	29	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDWORK For each of the following, indicate whether or not it is something that happened to YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD because of the coronavirus outbreak. **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

		<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Been laid off or lost a job Mar 19-24, 2020	20	80	1
b.	Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work Mar 19-24, 2020	27	72	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_RECESSION

Based on what you have read and heard, what kind of economic impact do you believe that the coronavirus outbreak will have on the United States? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY 1-3 OR 3-1]**

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34	It will cause a slowdown of the economy but not a recession
48	It will cause a recession
17	It will cause a depression
1	No answer

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

COVID_HEALTHSYS

How confident, if at all, are you that each of the following will be able to handle the medical needs of people who are seriously ill during the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Hospitals and medical centers in your area Mar 19-24, 2020	22	49	22	7	*
b.	Hospitals and medical centers around the country Mar 19-24, 2020	18	50	24	8	*
c.	Nursing homes in your area Mar 19-24, 2020	13	41	33	12	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTION 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...⁶

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	1	17	23

⁶ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.