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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Coronavirus

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 2-3, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,115 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 527 Democrats, 396 Republicans and 102 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval ± 4.9 percentage points for Democrats, ± 5.6 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 11.1 percentage points for independents.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Coronavirus/COVID-19:	Strongly approve	17%	3%	41%	6%
	Somewhat approve	11%	6%	19%	8%
	Lean towards approve	10%	6%	15%	9%
	Lean towards disapprove	9%	10%	6%	19%
	Somewhat disapprove	9%	13%	3%	11%
	Strongly disapprove	29%	53%	4%	27%
	Don't know	15%	10%	12%	21%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1805Y20. How familiar are you with the coronavirus/COVID-19, if at all?	Very familiar	29%	32%	30%	26%
	Somewhat familiar	51%	51%	53%	50%
	Not very familiar	9%	8%	9%	9%
	Have heard of it, but that's about it	8%	7%	7%	11%
	Never heard of it	2%	1%	0%	5%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM514Y15. On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat do the following beliefs, movements, trends or phenomena pose to the United States?... Coronavirus / COVID-19:	No threat 1	3%	2%	5%	1%
	2	14%	8%	21%	14%
	3	25%	22%	30%	27%
	4	25%	28%	21%	32%
	Imminent threat 5	28%	38%	20%	22%
	Not sure	4%	2%	2%	5%
	Total	1115	527	396	102



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TM514Y15. On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat do the following beliefs, movements, trends or phenomena pose to the United States?... Influenza (seasonal flu):	No threat 1	5%	3%	5%	6%
	2	14%	14%	14%	13%
	3	28%	28%	29%	29%
	4	27%	25%	31%	26%
	Imminent threat 5	22%	28%	18%	20%
	Not sure	3%	1%	2%	6%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM514Y15. On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat do the following beliefs, movements, trends or phenomena pose to the United States?... Ebola virus:	No threat 1	24%	19%	29%	26%
	2	29%	28%	32%	29%
	3	21%	23%	19%	22%
	4	10%	11%	7%	12%
	Imminent threat 5	9%	13%	7%	4%
	Not sure	8%	6%	6%	8%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply... I have kept my children home from school	No	98%	98%	98%	100%
	Yes	2%	2%	2%	0%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply... I have worked from home	No	95%	94%	97%	98%
	Yes	5%	6%	3%	2%
	Total	1115	527	396	102



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply... I have canceled or altered upcoming travel plans	No	94%	92%	97%	94%
	Yes	6%	8%	3%	6%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply... I have recently purchased surgical masks... other items to shield me from the virus	No	92%	89%	94%	91%
	Yes	8%	11%	6%	9%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply... I have avoided physical contact with others, such as handshakes	No	82%	79%	86%	83%
	Yes	18%	21%	14%	17%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply. I am washing my hands or using disinfectant more frequently	No	58%	52%	62%	64%
	Yes	42%	48%	38%	36%
	Total	1115	527	396	102



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply. Other	No	98%	99%	97%	97%
	Yes	2%	1%	3%	3%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply. I have not altered my daily routine	No	51%	60%	46%	42%
	Yes	49%	40%	54%	58%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/ COVID-19? Select all that apply. Don't know	No	97%	98%	98%	95%
	Yes	3%	2%	2%	5%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1807Y20. Have you, or someone in your immediate family, been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19? (Select all that apply) Yes, I have	No	98%	98%	97%	100%
	Yes	2%	2%	3%	0%
	Total	1115	527	396	102



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1807Y20 Have you, or someone in your immediate family, been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19? (Select all that apply) Yes someone in my family has	No	99%	99%	99%	100%
	Yes	1%	1%	1%	0%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1807Y20. Have you, or someone in your immediate family, been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19? (Select all that apply) No	No	3%	3%	4%	0%
	Yes	97%	97%	96%	100%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1808Y20. Has the coronavirus/COVID-19 impacted your work or business in any way?	Yes	9%	10%	9%	5%
	No	84%	83%	87%	86%
	Don't know	7%	7%	4%	9%
	Total	1115	527	396	102
TM1809Y20. How has the coronavirus/ COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply. Sales have decreased	No	74%	73%	74%	46%
	Yes	26%	27%	26%	54%
	Total	99	52	36	6
TM1809Y20. How has the coronavirus/ COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply. Conferences or other meetings have been cancelled or postponed	No	77%	72%	82%	83%
	Yes	23%	28%	18%	17%
	Total	99	52	36	6



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1809Y20. How has the coronavirus/ COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply. Problems with supply chains, such as decreased availability from usual suppliers	No	70%	60%	73%	86%
	Yes	30%	40%	27%	14%
	Total	99	52	36	6
TM1809Y20. How has the coronavirus/ COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply. Staff shortages due to illness	No	94%	94%	93%	85%
	Yes	6%	6%	7%	15%
	Total	99	52	36	6
TM1809Y20. How has the coronavirus/ COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply. Other	No	64%	71%	64%	69%
	Yes	36%	29%	36%	31%
	Total	99	52	36	6



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Full Questionnaire

REUP1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)

Yes

No

Don't know / Refused

P7. In November 2020, the next presidential election will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the next presidential election? (Select one)

SCALE 1-10

Don't know

TM1742Y19. For whom did you vote for President in 2016?

[RANDOMIZE FIRST TWO RESPONSES – CLINTON AND TRUMP]

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

Donald Trump (Republican)

Other

I did not vote in the 2016 presidential election

Unsure / Refuse

REUS8. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today? (Select from below or write in)

[RANDOMIZE: ANCHOR OTHER AND DON'T KNOW]

Economy generally

Unemployment / lack of jobs

War / foreign conflicts

Immigration

Terrorism / terrorist attacks

Healthcare

Energy issues

Morality

Education

Crime

Environment

Other [INSERT TEXT BOX]

Don't know



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[ASK ALL GROUPS]

[IF ECONOMY GENERALLY IN S8 ASK]

TM1692Y19. You mentioned the economy is the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about the economy?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Lack of high paying jobs

Lack of skilled workers

Too much government regulation

Not enough government regulation

High income taxes

High federal deficit

Tariffs on goods

Inflation

Interest rates

Stock market/ 401K account performance

Other [ANCHOR]

Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF UNEMPLOYMENT/LACK OF JOBS IN S8 ASK]

TM1693Y19. You mentioned unemployment as the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about unemployment?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

I personally can't find a job

Lack of high paying jobs

Lack of skilled workers

Not enough good jobs to go around

Jobs are disappearing because of technology

Jobs are being outsourced to other countries

Other [ANCHOR]

Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF WAR/FOREIGN CONFLICTS IN S8 ASK]

TM1694Y19. You mentioned war and foreign conflicts as the important problem facing the country. Which country concerns you most when you think of war and foreign conflict?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Iran



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North Korea
Russia
China
Afghanistan
Iraq
Venezuela
Saudi Arabia
Turkey
Yemen
Syria
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF IMMIGRATION IN S8 ASK]

TM1695Y19. You mentioned immigration as the most important problem facing the country. What is the most important issue to you concerning immigration?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Securing the U.S – Mexico border
Protecting American jobs from immigrants
Reforming the legal immigration process
Immigrant families being separated
Immigrants receiving public services/aid
Immigrants committing crimes
Immigrants not being able to assimilate
Turning away or mistreating asylum seekers
America as we know it being lost
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF TERRORISM IN S8 ASK]

TM1696Y19. You mentioned terrorism as the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about terrorism?

A foreign national committing an attack
A U.S. citizen committing an attack
Non-violent forms of terrorism, like cyberattacks
Terrorists killing Americans in other countries
Being the victim of a violent terrorist attack
Americans being radicalized
Other [ANCHOR]



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Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF HEALTHCARE IN S8 ASK]

TM1697Y19. You mentioned healthcare as the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about healthcare?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Insurance premiums are unaffordable
Out of pocket costs are too high for medical care
Quality healthcare isn't accessible to everyone
Cost of prescription drugs
I don't have access to specialists
The government is forcing people to buy insurance
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF ENERGY ISSUES IN S8 ASK]

TM1698Y19. You mentioned energy issues as the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about energy issues?

Gasoline/diesel prices are unaffordable
Running out of fossil fuels
Climate change
Not enough reliable renewable energy alternatives
Renewable energy is too expensive
Corporate America is not committed to renewable energy
Renewable options are not available in every state
Environmental damage from drilling/fracking/oil spills
Too many government subsidies for renewable energy
Not enough government subsidies for renewable energy
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF MORALITY IN S8 ASK]

TM1699Y19. You mentioned morality is the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about morality?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

America is losing its Judeo-Christian heritage
Abortion remains legal
Same-sex marriage is legal



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Over-sexualization in the media
Rampant drug use
Decline in marriage
Income inequality
Sexism/Gender inequality
Dishonest people get ahead in America
Increasing socialist values
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF EDUCATION IN S8 ASK]

TM1700Y19. You mentioned education is the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about education?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Cost of education
Teachers' unions
Bloated school administration
Low pay for teachers
Unequal funding of public schools
Curriculum/subject matter is inadequate
Not enough arts in school
Overcrowding in classrooms
Charter schools/school choice programs devastating schools
Not enough school choice
Schools aren't held accountable for poor performance
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF CRIME IN S8 ASK]

TM1701Y19. You mentioned crime is the most important problem facing the country. What concerns you most about crime?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Gun violence
Violent crime in general
"White-collar" crime, like tax evasion, wire fraud, etc.
Property crime
Corruption in the police force
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]



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[IF ENVIRONMENT IN S8 ASK]

TM1702Y19. You mentioned the environment is the most important problem facing the country. 2
What is the most important issue to you concerning the environment?

[RANDOMIZE, SINGLE PUNCH]

Climate change

Losing public lands to private businesses

Not allowing private businesses to operate on public lands

Habitat loss/Deforestation

Environmental regulations taking a toll on businesses

Lack of renewable energy sources

Disposable plastic usage

Pollution generally

Increasing extreme weather events, like fires, floods, tornados, hurricanes, etc.

Other [ANCHOR]

Don't know [ANCHOR]

REUAB1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]

Right direction

Wrong track

Don't know [ANCHOR]

REUAB11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]

Approve

Disapprove

Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF "APPROVE" OR "DISAPPROVE" TO REUAB11, ASK QUESTION REUAB12.]

REUAB12. Is that strongly [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST LETTER] or somewhat [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST LETTER]?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]

Strongly [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST LETTER]



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Somewhat [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-**DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST LETTER**]

[IF “DK” TO AB11, ASK QUESTION REUAB13]

AB13. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]

Approve

Disapprove

Don't know / Refused **[ANCHOR]**

[ASK FOR THIS WAVE]

TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues? (Select one per row)

[PROGRESSIVE GRID, ROTATE 1-6;6-1]

Strongly approve

Somewhat approve

Lean towards approve

Lean towards disapprove

Somewhat disapprove

Strongly disapprove

Don't know **[ANCHOR]**

[GRID DOWN: RANDOMIZE SPLIT SCREEN SHOWING 7 ON EACH]

The U.S. economy

U.S. foreign policy

Healthcare reform

Employment and jobs

Dealing with Congress

International trade

Taxation

Corruption

The environment

Immigration

The way he treats people like me

The effort he is making to unify the country

Russia

Iran

China

Coronavirus/COVID-19





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INFO BOX: A respiratory disease commonly known as the coronavirus or COVID-19 has spread from China to dozens of countries around the world, including the United States.

TM1805Y20. How familiar are you with the coronavirus/COVID-19, if at all?

[ROTATE 1:5, 5:1]

Very familiar

Somewhat familiar

Not very familiar

Have heard of it, but that's about it

Never heard of it

TM514Y15. On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat do the following beliefs, movements, trends or phenomena pose to the United States?

[RANDOMIZE]

Coronavirus / COVID-19

Influenza (seasonal flu)

Ebola virus

[ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

1 – No threat

2

3

4

5 – Imminent threat

Not sure **[ANCHOR]**

TM1806Y20. Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus/COVID-19? Select all that apply.

[RANDOMIZE 1-6]

I have kept my children home from school

I have worked from home

I have canceled or altered upcoming travel plans

I have recently purchased surgical masks, disinfectant, gloves and other items to shield me from the virus

I have avoided physical contact with others, such as handshakes

I am washing my hands or using disinfectant more frequently



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Other **[OPEN ENDED, ANCHOR]**

I have not altered my daily routine **[ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]**

Don't know **[ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]**

TM1807Y20. Have you, or someone in your immediate family, been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19? (Select all that apply)

[ROTATE 1-2, 2-1]

Yes, I have

Yes, someone in my family has

No **[ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]**

TM1808Y20. Has the coronavirus/COVID-19 impacted your work or business in any way?

[FLIP 1:2; 2:1]

Yes

No

Don't know **[ANCHOR]**

TM1809Y20. **[ASK IF TM1808Y20= YES]** How has the coronavirus/COVID-19 impacted your work or business? Select all that apply.

[RANDOMIZE]

Sales have decreased

Conferences or other meetings have been cancelled or postponed

Problems with supply chains, such as decreased availability from usual suppliers

Staff shortages due to illness

Other **[ANCHOR]**



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