

PRESS RELEASE | United States

Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted on June 1 and June 2, 2020, among 1,000 American adults. The data has been statistically weighted according to U.S. census figures for age, gender and region. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

If a vaccine against COVID-19 ultimately becomes available, would you take it?

Definitely / Probably – 69% Probably not / Definitely not – 20% Not sure – 10%

Again thinking about the COVID-19 outbreak, which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?

The worst is behind us – 47% The worst is ahead of us – 41% Not sure – 13%

Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's performance as president?

Approve – 46% (+3) Disapprove – 51% (-1) Not sure – 3% (-2)

Federal Government's Handling of COVID-19 Splits Americans

Just over half of Americans (51%) disapprove of Donald Trump's performance as president, including 56% of Independents.

Vancouver, BC [June 3, 2020] – People in the United States are divided in their assessment of the federal government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 46% of Americans are satisfied with the way Washington has dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, while 48% are dissatisfied.

Americans who voted for Republican Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election are more likely to say they are satisfied with the federal government's efforts (76%) than those who cast a ballot for Democrat Hillary Clinton (29%).

Majorities of Americans are satisfied with the way their state governments (62%) and their local governments (64%) have managed the pandemic.

The approval rating for Trump stands at 46% this month, up three points since a similar Research Co. survey conducted in April. More than half of Americans (51%, -1) currently disapprove of the president, including 80% of Democrats and 56% of Independents.

Americans who usually watch Fox News are more likely to approve of the president's performance (72%) than those who get information from a local network (41%), CNN (31%) and MSNBC / CNBC (28%)

The disapproval rating for Trump is higher among African Americans (67%) and those with Hispanic or Latino ancestry (59%) than among White Americans (46%).

Almost seven-in-ten Americans (69%) say they would take a vaccine against COVID-19 if it ultimately becomes available. Men are more likely to say they would get themselves vaccinated (77%) than women (62%).

"Views on the possibility of inoculation against COVID-19 vary across the political spectrum in the United States," says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. "While 77% of Democrats would take the vaccine, the proportion drops to 65% among Republicans and 62% among Independents."



Almost half of Americans (47%) believe the worst is "behind us" when it comes to the COVID-19 outbreak, while 41% think the worst is "ahead of us."

More than a third of Americans consider that the United States has been better in dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak than Brazil (35%), Mexico (33%) and Italy (31%).

Fewer respondents believe the U.S. has done a better job handling the pandemic than France (26%), Spain (also 26%), South Korea (24%), the United Kingdom (also 24%), Germany (23%), Canada (22%) and Japan (also 22%).

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Simply put, we are curious about what people think and the decisions they will make. Some call it public opinion, others call it polling or public affairs.

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