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Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted from October 16 to October 18, 2020, among 1,100 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 +/- 3.0 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

All things considered, are you satisfied with the way these levels of governments have dealt with the COVID-19 outbreak?

The federal government – 45% (+6)
Your state government – 65% (+9)
Your local government – 69% (+13)

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

The worst is behind us – 44% (-3)
The worst is ahead of us – 43% (-+3)
Not sure – 13% (+3)

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

Approve – 43% (+1)
Disapprove – 54% (-1)
Not sure – 3% (=)

Americans Divided on What's Next in COVID-19 Pandemic

Satisfaction with how various levels of government have handled the situation has increased since September.

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Vancouver, BC [October 19, 2020] – Adults in the United States are split in their assessment of the future during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 44% of Americans believe the worst of the pandemic has been left “behind”, while 43% think it is still “ahead.”

“Most Americans aged 55 and over (56%) believe the worst of COVID-19 lies ahead,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “The proportion is lower among those aged 18-to-34 (32%) and those aged 35-to-54 (33%).”

Practically seven-in-ten Americans (69%) are satisfied with the way their local government has dealt with the COVID-19 outbreak, up 13 points since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in September](#).

The level of satisfaction also improved for state governments (65%, +9) and for the federal government (45%, +6).

Americans who voted for Republican Party nominee Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election are more likely to be satisfied with the way the federal government has handled the pandemic (78%) than those who cast a ballot for Democratic Party contender Hillary Clinton (22%).

The approval rating for President Trump stands at 43% this month (-1), with 54% of Americans (-1) saying they disapprove of his performance.

There is a significant gender gap when it comes to public perceptions of the president. While 52% of men approve of the way Trump has handled his duties, only 36% of women concur.

In addition, while 48% of White Americans are satisfied with Trump's performance, the rating drops to 28% among Hispanic / Latino Americans and 13% among African Americans.

Nine-in-ten Americans (90%, unchanged since September) agree with requiring all customers or visitors entering an indoor premise to wear a mask or face covering while inside, while only 8% disagree (+1) and 2% (-1) are undecided.



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Three-in-five Americans (61%, -5) say they would take a vaccine against COVID-19 if one ultimately becomes available, while 26% (+4) would not follow this course of action.

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About Research Co.

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.

We never compromise facts for profit. Our agenda is the truth. We have a global network of partners in the qualitative, data collection and data visualization specialities.

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