

COVID-19: What Voters Think

Verified Voter Omnibus Survey N=1,000 National Registered Voters March 20 - 24, 2020



Key Findings

- \cdot American voters are united in the face of the coronavirus and don't think the threat is being taken the threat is being taken seriously enough to 26% who believe it's being exaggerated.
- these officials while 7% are less likely with virtually no partisan divide.
- his approval of handling the coronavirus (52-44).
- Voters are broadly supportive of economic stimulus proposals with the most support for economic well but all get at least plurality support for a bailout or economic assistance.



seriously enough. More than 8 in 10 agree with public health rationales for staying home, and 41% don't think

• This extends to support for elected officials who institute lockdowns. 50% more are more likely to vote for

\cdot There is a net 17 point positive swing between President Trump's overall job approval rating (45-54) and

assistance to small business (87% good idea), and individuals (83% good idea). Larger industries don't fare as

• The greatest hardships American voters report experiencing due to lockdowns are rooted in feelings of

anxiety and isolation. 30% say they feel down or anxious about the overall situation, 30% feel hardship over not being able to go about their routine, and 24% feel hardship about not being able to see friends and family. 13% report economic hardship such as a lost job or reduced hours — with 22% of those under 30 reporting this.

4 in 10 Say People Aren't Taking The Risk Seriously Enough

Q. In general, would you say that people in the United States are exaggerating the risks of the coronavirus, not taking them seriously enough, or getting the risks about right?







Americans Agree on Public Health Guidance

Q. Based on what you know, do you believe or not believe the following statements about the coronavirus?

Believe



Staying home is essential to slowing the spread of the coronavirus in my community.

Even if you're young and healthy, staying home reduces the chance that older people who are most at-risk will get the coronavirus.

Social distancing will reduce the number of cases of the coronavirus.

The coronavirus is much worse than the flu.

Social distancing is not primarily about reducing the total number of cases of the coronavirus. It is about spreading cases out over a longer period so the health care system isn't overwhelmed.



Unsure

- Do not believe





More Uncertainty on What Comes Next

Q. Based on what you know, do you believe or not believe the following statements about the coronavirus?

Believe

Uns

The U.S. economy will recover quickly once the coronavirus has passed.

The U.S. will get the spread of the coronavirus under co will return to normal within 3 months.

> A majority of the U.S. population will event infected with the coronavirus

Fully getting the coronavirus under control may requi and social distancing for more than a yea



| sure | Do not believe | | |
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| e the threat of I. | 43% | 26% | 31% |
| control and life | 41% | 35% | 24% |
| itually become s. | 40% | 26% | 33% |
| uire lockdowns ar. | 29% | 31% | 40% |
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No Political Downside to Lockdowns, with Bipartisan Agreement

Q. Would you be more or less likely to vote for an elected official who put your community under a lockdown to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, meaning civilians were not allowed to leave their homes except for work, health, or other necessary reasons?





Trump Coronavirus Approval Stronger than Job Approval

Q. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...



NET (Approve -**Disapprove**)





Strongest Support for Federal Assistance to Small Business, Individuals

Assistance or a bailout for small businesses

Provide all Americans with \$1,000

Assistance or a bailout for restaurants

Assistance or a bailout for hotels

Assistance or a bailout for airlines

Assistance or a bailout for the cruise ship industry











Personal Hardships Rooted in Anxiety, Isolation

Which <u>one or two</u> of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the Q. spread of the coronavirus?

- I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now
 - I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine
 - I haven't been able to see friends and family members
- I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials delivered to my home
- I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty
- I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.)



I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income I've had difficulty with travel I've had difficulty arranging childcare





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DRIVEN BY...

- **30%** Women Under 50 (36%)
- **30%** Men (36%)
- **26%** Seniors (38%)
- **19%** Under 30 (27%)
- **13%** Under 30 (22%)
- **9%** w/ Bachelor's Degree (13%)
- Employed (12%) 7%
- Income under \$30k (9%) 7%
- **2%** Parents (7%)



Partisan Divide on the Chinese Government's Responsibility, but a Majority of Democrats Hold Them At Least Partly Responsible

Q. Is the Chinese government responsible for the global spread of the coronavirus?



| partially nsible | They are not a responsibl | | Unsure | | |
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| | 359 | /0 | 13% | | 16% |
| 56% | 6 | | 30% | 6% | 8% |
| | 41% | 19% | | | 20% |





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