

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone August 29-September 1, 2021, among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?  
Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling [ITEM]?

9/1/21 - Summary table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. the economy	45	49	5
b. the coronavirus pandemic	52	41	6
c. the situation in Afghanistan	30	60	10

Trend where available:

a. the economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/1/21	45	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	5
4/21/21	52	33	19	41	8	33	7

b. the coronavirus pandemic

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/1/21	52	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	6
6/30/21	62	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	7
4/21/21	64	46	18	31	8	22	11

c. No trend.

3. Have you personally received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion/Refused
9/1/21	74	23	3
6/30/21	60	38	2
4/21/21	56	43	1

4. (ASK IF NOT RECEIVED VACCINATION OR UNSURE) Will you definitely get a coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it, or definitely not get it?

	----- Will get it -----			----- Will not get it -----			No op.
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably	Definitely	

9/1/21	24	7	17	71	23	48	5
6/30/21	24	8	16	74	23	52	2
4/21/21	41	16	25	55	18	37	3

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	Already got it	----- Have not gotten vaccine yet -----						No opinion
		-- Will get it	--- Def.	Prob.	- Will not get it -	NET	Prob.	Def.
	NET	NET	NET	NET	NET	NET	NET	NET
9/1/21	74	6	2	4	17	6	12	3

Compare to:

When it becomes available to you, will you definitely get the coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	----- Will get it -----			----- Will not get it -----			Already got it	No op.
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably	Definitely	(vol.)	op.
1/13/21	63	40	23	32	11	22	3	2

If a vaccine that protected you from the coronavirus was available for free to everyone who wanted it, would you definitely get it, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	---- Likely to get it ----			----- Not likely to get it -----			No op.
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably not	Definitely not	op.
5/28/20	71	43	28	27	12	15	2

5. How confident are you that the coronavirus vaccines are [ITEM] - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

9/1/21 - Summary table

	- More confident -			---- Less confident ----			Depends which (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not so	Not at all	*	op.
a. safe	71	43	28	27	12	15	*	1
b. effective at preventing serious illness and death	72	43	29	27	11	15	*	1

Compare to:

Do you think the coronavirus vaccine made by [ITEM] is very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

4/21/21 - Summary table

	----- Safe -----			----- Unsafe -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
a. Moderna	71	39	33	16	8	8	13
b. Pfizer	73	40	33	17	8	8	10
c. Johnson & Johnson	46	18	28	41	21	20	14

6. Which comes closer to your view: getting vaccinated against covid-19 (is a personal choice) OR getting vaccinated (is part of everyone's responsibility to protect the health of others)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Personal choice ----			Everyone's responsibility			Both	Neither	No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.

9/1/21	50	41	10	48	6	42	NA	NA	2
3/22/21*	46	NA	NA	53	NA	NA	0	0	1
2/23/21	45			52			2	*	1
1/18/21	44			51			3	*	1
12/8/20	49	"	"	49	"	"	2	*	1

\* March 2021 and previous, Kaiser Family Foundation.

7. Have/Did most people who care about you (encourage(d) you to get vaccinated), (discourage(d) you from getting vaccinated), or have/did they stay(ed) out of it?

	Encouraged to get vaccinated	Discouraged to get vaccinated	Stayed out of it	50/50 (vol.)	No opinion
9/1/21	47	5	43	4	1

8. How would you rate your level of risk of getting sick from the coronavirus - would you say you're at high risk, moderate risk, low risk or no risk? (ASK IF ALREADY CAUGHT CORONAVIRUS) How about the chance of catching it again? Would you say you're at high risk, moderate risk, low risk or no risk?

	----- More risk -----			---- Less risk ----			No opinion
	NET	High	Moderate	NET	Low	No risk	
9/1/21	47	18	29	51	38	13	2
6/30/21*	29	13	16	69	44	25	2

\*No "Already caught" option offered

9. (ASK IF MORE THAN NO RISK) Are you very worried about that, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

8/9 NET

	---- More worried ---			----- Less worried -----			No risk	No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
9/1/21	39	7	32	45	21	24	13	2

Compare to:

How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught it (vol.)	No op
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
1/13/21	60	30	31	30	14	16	10	*
10/9/20 RV	65	29	36	27	15	12	8	1
9/24/20	62	29	33	33	18	15	5	*
8/15/20	65	31	34	29	15	14	5	*
7/15/20	66	33	33	29	17	12	5	1
5/28/20	63	30	33	35	22	13	2	*
3/25/20	69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20* RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

\*NBC/Wall Street Journal

10. (ASK IF NOT VACCINATED) Has information you've heard or read about coronavirus vaccines swayed you more (in favor of) getting vaccinated, more (against) getting vaccinated, or has it not made a difference one way or the other?

	In favor	Against	No difference	No opinion
9/1/21	4	33	62	2

11. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of the following steps relating to the coronavirus pandemic. [READ ITEM].

9/1/21 - Summary table

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
a. School districts requiring teachers, staff and students to wear masks	67	30	3
b. School districts requiring teachers and staff to be vaccinated	59	39	2
c. School districts requiring students to be vaccinated if a vaccine is approved for their age	54	44	3
d. Businesses requiring that employees who come into work be vaccinated	52	45	2
f. State or local orders requiring masks indoors in public places	67	32	2

\*full sample asked items a-c, half sample asked item d, other half asked f

Compare to:

After all Americans have had the opportunity to get vaccinated, would you support or oppose businesses requiring that employees who come into work get vaccinated?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/21/21	45	51	4

12. (ASK IF NOT VACCINATED) Does the FDA's approval of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine make you more likely to get vaccinated, or does it make no difference in your decision? (IF MORE LIKELY) Is that much more likely, or somewhat?

	NET	---- More likely ----	Makes no difference	No opinion
		Much	Somewhat	
9/1/21	16	7	9	82

13. Are you self-employed, employed by someone else, or not employed for pay?

	Self-employed	Employed by someone else	Not employed for pay	No opinion
9/1/21	16	48	36	*

14. (ASK IF EMPLOYED BY SOMEONE ELSE) Does your employer require employees to be vaccinated before they come in to work, or not?

	Yes	No	Fully remote/no one comes in to work (vol.)	No opinion
9/1/21	18	79	2	1

15. (ASK IF NOT VACCINATED AND VACCINE IS NOT REQUIRED BY EMPLOYER) If your employer required you to get vaccinated before coming in to work, what would you be most likely to do - (get vaccinated), (ask for a medical or religious exemption), or (quit your job)?

	Get vaccinated	Ask for exemption	Quit	No opinion
9/1/21	16	35	42	7

16. (ASK IF ASK FOR MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION) If you didn't get an exemption, would you be more likely to (get vaccinated) or to (quit your job)?

15/16 NET

	Get vaccinated	Quit your job	Unsure if exemption refused	No opinion
9/1/21	18	72	3	7

17. Do you think the coronavirus pandemic will change this country in a lasting way, or not? (IF YES) Is it a change for the better or a change for the worse?

	----- Yes, will change -----			No opinion	
	NET	Better	Worse	No op.	No opinion
9/1/21	82	21	50	11	14

On another subject,

18. From what you've heard or read about it, do you support or oppose the federal government spending three and a half trillion dollars on new or expanded social programs, educational assistance and programs to address climate change? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/1/21	53	34	19	41	10	31	6

Thinking about the situation in Afghanistan,

19. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan has been fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/1/21	36	22	14	54	16	38	10
12/14/14	38	19	19	56	18	38	6
12/15/13	30	16	14	66	15	50	4
7/21/13	28	15	14	67	18	49	5
3/10/13	39	18	21	56	17	38	5
4/8/12	30	15	15	66	19	47	4
3/10/12	35	17	18	60	16	44	5
6/5/11	43	23	20	54	15	40	3
3/13/11	31	17	14	64	16	49	5
12/12/10	34	18	16	60	18	43	5
7/11/10	43	24	19	53	15	38	4
6/6/10	44	26	18	53	13	41	3
4/25/10	45	26	19	52	15	38	3
12/13/09	52	33	19	44	10	35	4
11/15/09	44	30	14	52	14	38	4
10/18/09*	47	28	19	49	13	36	4
9/12/09	46	28	18	51	14	37	3
8/17/09	47	31	15	51	10	41	3
7/18/09	51	34	18	45	11	34	4
3/29/09	56	37	19	41	12	28	4
2/22/09	50	34	17	47	9	37	3
12/14/08	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
7/13/08	51			45			4
2/25/07	56	"	"	41	"	"	3

\*10/18/09 "was" and "has been" wording half sampled. Previous "was."

20. Which of these comes closest to your opinion regarding the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan? Would you say you (support the withdrawal and approve of how Biden has handled it), support the withdrawal but disapprove of how Biden has handled it or (oppose the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan)?

	NET	--- Support withdrawal --- Approve handling	Disapprove handling	Oppose withdrawal	No opinion
9/1/21	77	26	52	17	6

21. Do you think the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan makes the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or makes no difference?

	NET	Safer	Less safe	Makes no difference	No opinion
9/1/21		8	44	45	3

Compare to:

Do you think the war in Afghanistan has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? (IF YES) Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

	NET	----- Contributed ----- Great deal	Somewhat	Has not	No opinion
12/14/14	48	19	29	47	6
7/21/13	43	17	26	50	6
3/10/13	51	21	30	42	6
6/5/11	57	25	32	39	4
12/12/10	53	22	32	40	6
7/11/10	53	25	28	44	3

22. Do you support or oppose the United States taking in refugees from Afghanistan after screening them for security? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	----- Support ----- Strongly	Somewhat	NET	----- Oppose ----- Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
9/1/21	68	42	26	27	10	17	5

Compare to:

Do you support or oppose the United States taking in refugees from the conflicts in Syria and other Mideast countries after screening them for security? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	----- Support ----- Strongly	Somewhat	NET	----- Oppose ----- Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
11/19/15	43	23	20	54	14	40	3

23. How confident are you that the United States can identify and keep out possible terrorists who may be among these refugees - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	NET	-- More confident -- Very	Somewhat	NET	---- Less confident ---- Not so	Not at all	No opinion
9/1/21	53	16	37	46	20	25	1

Compare to:

How confident are you that the United States can identify and keep out possible terrorists who may be among these refugees [from the conflicts in Syria and other Mideast countries] very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
11/19/15	47	13	34	52	23	29	1

24. Thirteen members of the U.S. military and at least 170 Afghans were killed near the Kabul airport in a suicide bombing by the Islamic State. How much, if at all, do you blame this attack on Biden's handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan - a great deal, a good amount, not much, or not at all?

	---- More blame ----			--- Less blame ---			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
9/1/21	53	38	15	43	22	21	4

One last topic,

25. Do you think the events of September 11th, 2001 have changed this country in a lasting way, or not? (IF YES) Is it a change for the better or a change for the worse?

	----- Yes, changed -----				No	
	NET	Better	Worse	DK/REF	No	opinion
9/1/21	86	33	46	7	11	3
9/1/11	87	39	42	6	13	*
9/6/02*	83	55	27	NA	13	5
3/10/02	86	67	16	4	13	1
12/19/01	91	63	25	4	8	1

\*Washington Post: "terrorist attacks of last September 11th"

26. Compared to before September 11, 2001, do you think the country today is safer from terrorism or less safe from terrorism? (IF SAFER) Would you say the country is much safer or somewhat safer? (IF LESS SAFE) Would you say the country is much less safe or somewhat less safe?

	----- Safer -----			---- Less safe ----			No difference	No
	NET	Much	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Much	(vol.)	opinion
9/1/21	49	16	33	41	21	20	6	4
9/1/11	64	26	38	26	13	12	8	2
9/2/10	48	15	33	42	24	18	8	2
9/7/08	62	25	37	29	19	10	7	2
9/7/07	60	24	36	29	17	11	11	1
10/8/06	50	20	30	42	NA	NA	7	1
9/7/06	55	19	36	37			6	2
6/25/06	59	24	35	33			7	1
3/5/06	56	22	33	35			8	1
1/26/06	64	24	41	30			6	*
8/21/05	49	14	35	38			11	2
10/3/04 LV	62	29	33	29			7	2
9/26/04 RV	59	24	35	34			5	2
9/8/04 RV	64	26	38	28			5	3
8/29/04 RV	60	24	36	31			7	2
1/18/04	67	28	39	24			8	1
9/7/03	67	24	42	27	"	"	4	2

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
9/1/21	30	24	36	6	4
6/30/21	30	24	37	5	4
4/21/21	33	24	35	6	3
1/13/21	31	25	36	5	3
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4
9/24/20	31	27	37	4	2
8/15/20	31	26	37	3	3

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#### METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 252 interviews completed on landlines and 754 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 572 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match vaccination status according to the Centers for Disease Control.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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