



Americans prioritize frontline workers for coronavirus vaccine

New ABC News/Ipsos survey finds many Americans believe elected officials and athletes should be towards the back of the line

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Washington DC, December 14, 2020

As the first coronavirus vaccine reaches approval for use in the United States, a new ABC News/Ipsos survey finds that Americans prioritize getting the vaccine to health care workers, first responders, and those most at risk. When it comes to themselves, most Americans say they are likely to get the vaccine eventually, but people are split on getting it as soon as possible versus waiting a while.

Detailed findings:

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conditions (64%) should be high priority.

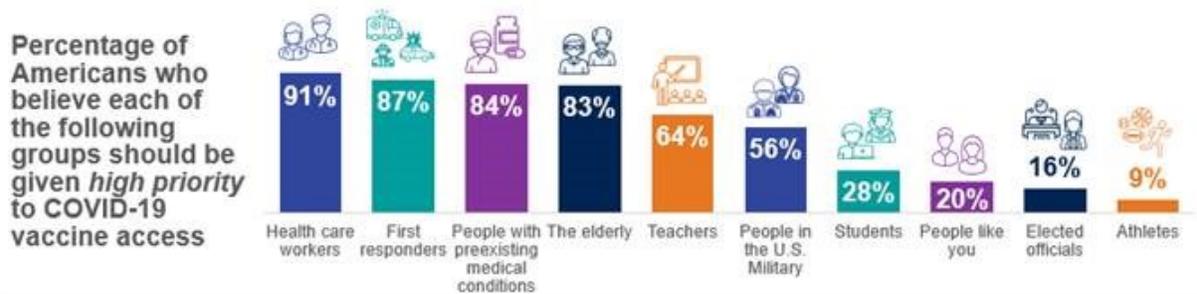
- Comparatively, only 16% say elected officials and 9% athletes should be high priority.
- When asked about ‘people like you’, most Americans say medium (44%) or low (36%) priority.

2. The majority of Americans indicate they intend to get the coronavirus vaccine... eventually.

- Two in five (40%) say they will get the vaccine as soon as it is available, particularly those over 65 years in age (57%).
- Almost half (44%) say they will wait a bit, particularly minority respondents (52%).
- Fewer than one in five (15%) say they will never get the vaccine, particularly Republicans (26%).
- Only about a third (39%) of Americans think states should make the vaccine mandatory for residents.

Americans prioritize frontline workers for coronavirus vaccine

Most Americans say they are likely to get the vaccine eventually, but are split on getting it as soon as possible or waiting a while



Which comes... You will get the COVID-19... You will wait a bit to get... You will never get

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Americans' willingness to be out of home has only declined slightly from the 'coronavirus lull' in early June. This comes as most oppose restarting in-school instruction in the fall.

Detailed findings:

1. Americans are increasingly concerned about being infected with the coronavirus, although not at levels seen in early April.

- Three-quarters (77%) of Americans are somewhat or very concerned, the highest level since May.
- Virtually all Democrats (99%) are concerned compared to only half (52%) of Republicans.
- Women (81%) and older Americans (ages 65+, 82%) are also more likely to be concerned.

2. A majority of Americans oppose re-opening in-school instruction this fall. However, parents are concerned about their children falling behind in their education.

- More than half (55%) of Americans oppose re-opening schools. Democrats (78% oppose) and Republicans (79% support) are polar opposites on this issue.
- Three in five parents (59%) are concerned about their children falling behind in their education because of COVID-19.

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Do you support or oppose public schools in your community re-opening with in-school instruction in the fall?

All Americans



Democrats



Republicans



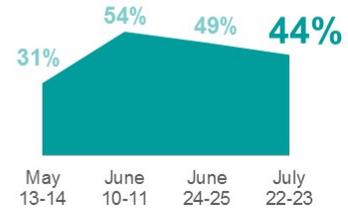
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Percentage of American parents who...

Are *very* or *somewhat concerned* about their children falling behind in their education because of COVID-19



Would be *willing* to send their child to school



3. Americans are slow to change their willingness to engage in out-of-home activities in the face of the new coronavirus surge.

- As opening day of the baseball season gets underway, fewer than a quarter (22%) of people who would normally go to a sporting event are willing to now.
- Fewer Americans continue to express a willingness to engage in other crowded-type activities like going to a bar (27%), going to a gym (28%), going to a movie theater (27%), or attending a protest (17%). These have declined slightly from late June.
- However, more are willing to engage in more individual-level activities like going to work (78%), getting a haircut (67%), staying in a hotel (51%), or eating at a restaurant (54%). These are all essentially unchanged from last month.

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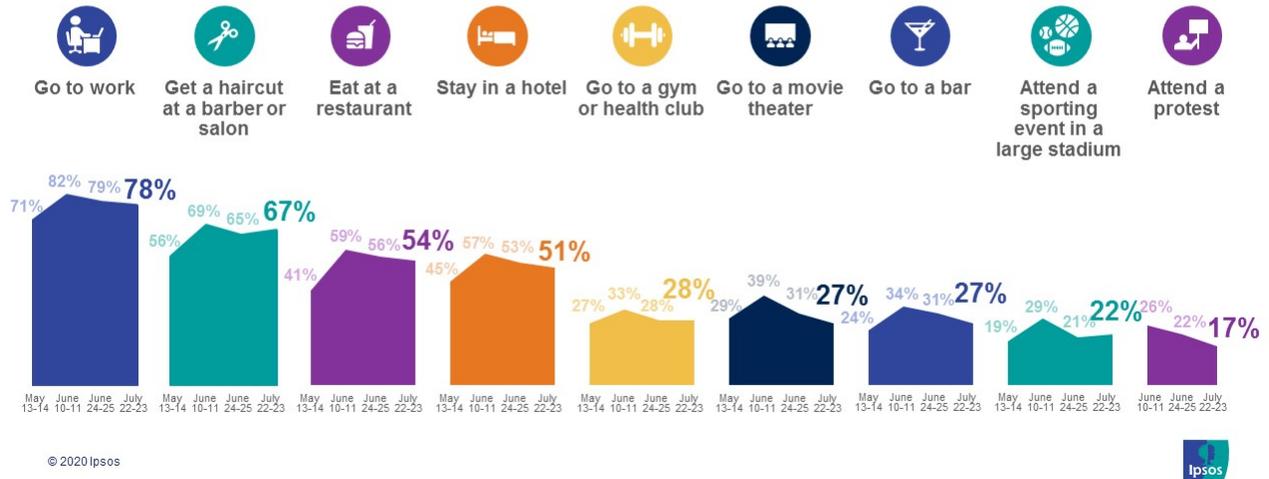
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as they were a month ago to engage in out-of-home activities

Percentage of Americans willing to...



Washington DC, July 10, 2020

According to the latest ABC News/Ipsos poll, just one in three Americans approve of the way President Donald Trump is handling the response to COVID-19. This not only represents the lowest approval rating since the question was asked in March, but also an 8-point drop from mid-June. Moreover, a majority of Americans feel the U.S. is reopening the economy too quickly, though there are significant partisan differences.

Detailed findings:

1. Thirty-three percent of Americans approve of Trump’s handling of the response to the coronavirus, down from 41% three weeks ago. This is Trump’s lowest approval rating on the issue to date.
 - Seventy-eight percent of Republicans approve of the president’s handling of the COVID-19 response, compared to 26% of Independents and just 7% of Democrats.

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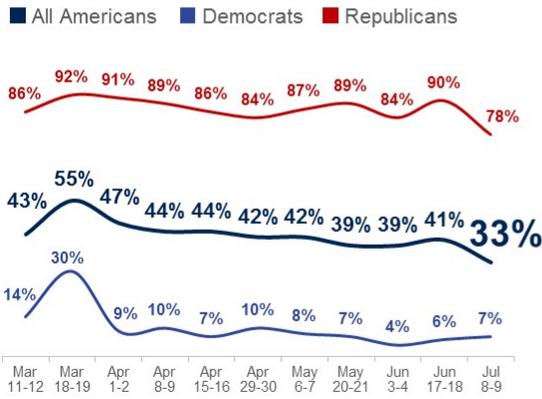
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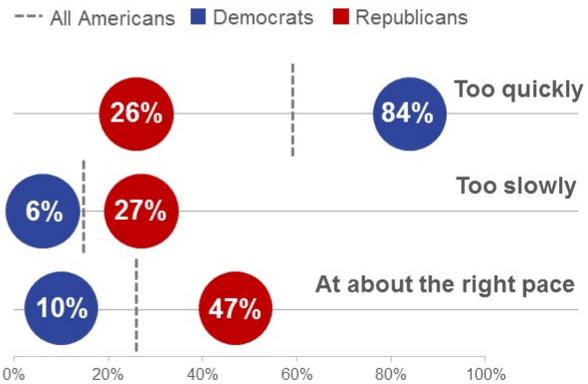
majority thinks the U.S. is reopening the economy too quickly

Percentage of Americans who *approve* of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus



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Do you think the U.S. is reopening the economy too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?



2. Fifty-nine percent of Americans believe the U.S. is re-opening the economy too quickly, more than double the number that believe it is happening at the right pace (26%).

- Views are similar to two weeks ago, when 56% said the reopening was happening too quickly.
- There is a nearly 60 percentage point difference between Democrats (84%) and Republicans (26%) on whether we are re-opening too quickly.

3. President Trump’s approval on race relations is equal to that of his handling of COVID-19 (32%).

- While many more Americans have a negative reaction than positive (43% vs. 5%, respectively) to seeing the Confederate flag displayed, most (52%) have neither a negative nor positive reaction.
- Majorities of white (58%) and Hispanic (54%) Americans have neither reaction to

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Americans are increasingly concerned with the coronavirus as cases surge across the Southern and Western United States.

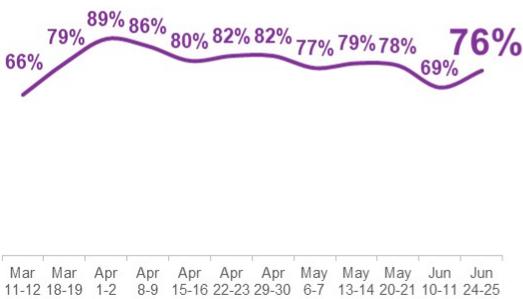
- Three-quarters of Americans (76%) are concerned about being infected by the coronavirus, up from 69% in early June. This reversed a two-month declining trend since April.
- Almost four to one (56% to 15%), most Americans believe the U.S. is reopening the economy too quickly rather than too slowly. An additional 29% believe the economy is being reopened at the right pace.

Concern over contracting COVID-19 ticks upward

Additionally, Americans in states with new record high number of cases more likely to believe economy reopening too quickly

How concerned are you that you or someone you know will be infected with the coronavirus?

% Very/Somewhat concerned

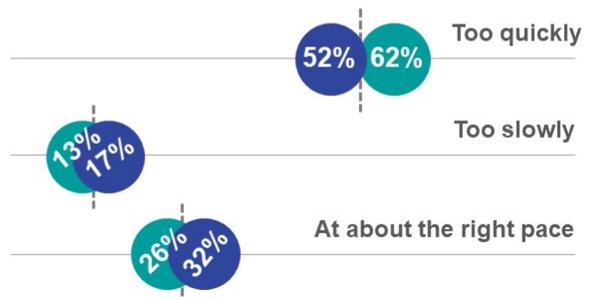


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Do you think the U.S. is reopening the economy too quickly, too slowly, or at about the right pace?

--- All States ■ 12 States with New Record High Number of COVID cases* ■ Other 38 States



The increase in concern is connected to an increase in protective behavior and reduction in willingness to be out in public.

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groups of crowds such as attend a sporting event (21% willing, down from 27%), go to a movie theater (31%, down from 39%), go to church (49%, down from 57%), or fly on an airplane (36%, down from 44%).

- Smaller-scale activities see a smaller reduction including going to a gym (28%, down from 33%), staying in a hotel (53%, down from 57%), and getting a haircut (65%, down from 69%).

Washington DC, June 19, 2020

New ABC News/Ipsos polling shows that while a clear majority of Americans support banning chokeholds from police use, removing Confederate statues produces more mixed opinions and most Americans are opposed to the idea of renaming military bases and are opposed to reparations for the descendants of slaves.

Detailed findings:

1. Almost two-thirds of Americans (63%) support ‘banning the use of chokeholds by police officers’.

- This includes a clear majority of all demographic groups, including 71% of African Americans.
- Republicans are split, with 51% supporting a ban and 48% opposing one.

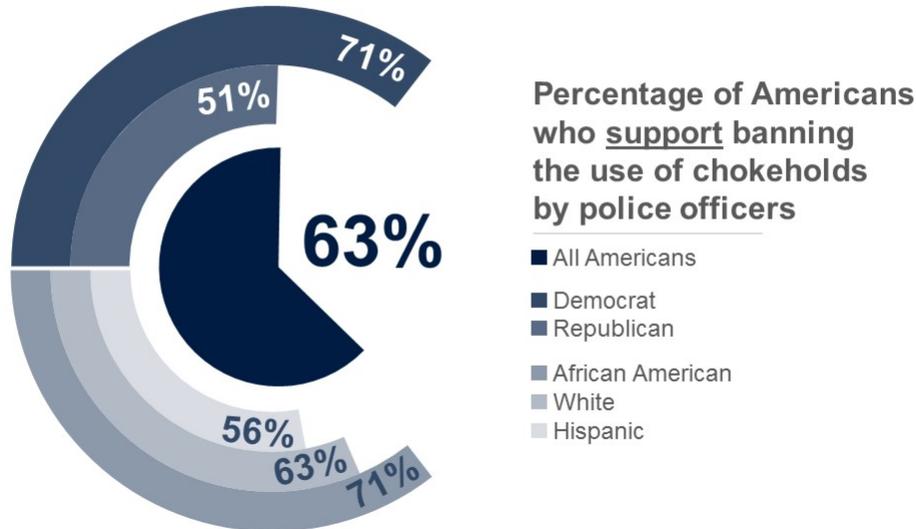
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Significant differences among partisans and by race/ethnicity, but majorities across all groups support chokehold ban



2. A majority of Americans (56%) oppose ‘changing the names of U.S. military bases that are named after Confederate leaders’.

- Independents, who are split on removing statues, are more opposed to renaming bases (59%) than supportive (40%).
- African Americans are also less supportive (67%) of renaming bases.

3. Almost three-quarters of Americans (73%) think the federal government should not ‘pay money to black Americans whose ancestors were slaves as compensations for that slavery’.

- Only about one in eight white Americans (14%) support reparations compared to three-quarters of African Americans (72%).
- Democrats are split on reparations (54% should, 45% should not), with the majority of Republicans (94%) and Independents (82%) opposed.

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...sation of eating in a restaurant, than they were a month ago.

1. The declining levels of concern about COVID-19 are due to fewer people reporting they are *very* concerned.

- Currently, 28% are very concerned that they, or someone they know, will be infected with the virus, down from 36% last week. Overall, 69% are concerned.
- Democrats remain significantly more concerned about the virus than Republicans (82% vs. 59% concerned, respectively).

2. More Americans are willing to go to a salon, restaurant, church, and resume other pre-COVID activities than they were last month.

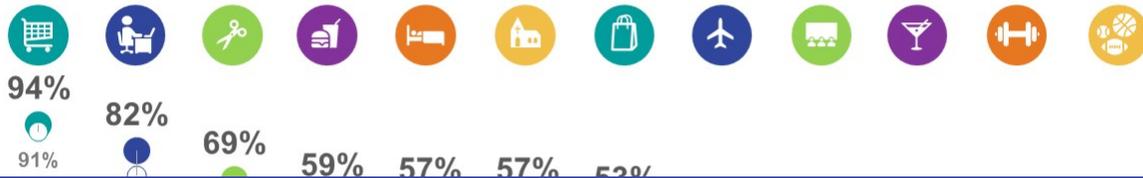
- We have seen a significant increase in every single activity, with the biggest increases coming from going to church, going to the mall, and flying on an airplane (15 percentage point increases each).
- At least half of Americans now say they are willing to go to a mall, attend church, go to a salon, stay in a hotel, or go to work. A majority of parents are willing to send their child to school.
- More than one in four (26%) are willing to attend a protest.

Majorities now willing to resume many public activities

Americans are more likely to be willing to go out in public for various activities in June than they were a month ago

Percentage of Americans willing to...

● This week (June 10–June 11) ○ A month ago (May 13–14)



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based on race, partisanship, and age.

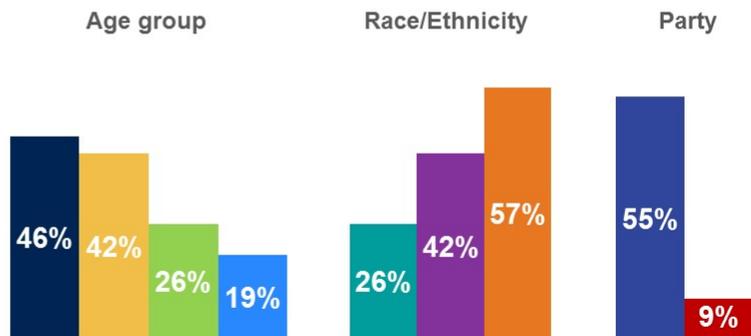
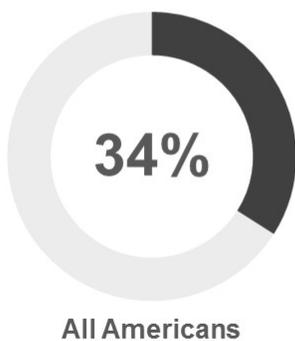
- Just one in three (34%) support the movement to “defund the police.” Slightly more, 39%, support reducing the budget of their local police department if the money is shifted to programs related to mental health, housing, and education.
- A majority of Democrats (55%) support the movement, yet just one in ten Republicans (9%) agree. Black Americans are more than twice as likely as white Americans to support, and support is also higher among Americans under age 50.

Most oppose the “defund the police” movement

Significant differences based on age, race/ethnicity, and partisanship

Percentage of Americans who support the movement to “defund the police”

■ 18-29 ■ 30-49 ■ 50-64 ■ 65+ ■ White ■ Hispanic ■ African American ■ Democrat ■ Republican



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Washington DC, June 5, 2020

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Problem in the treatment of African Americans by police.

- Virtually all Democrats (92%) and African Americans (94%) believe this killing is part of a broader problem.
- Republicans are split with 55% saying it's part of a broader problem and 45% saying it is an isolated incident.

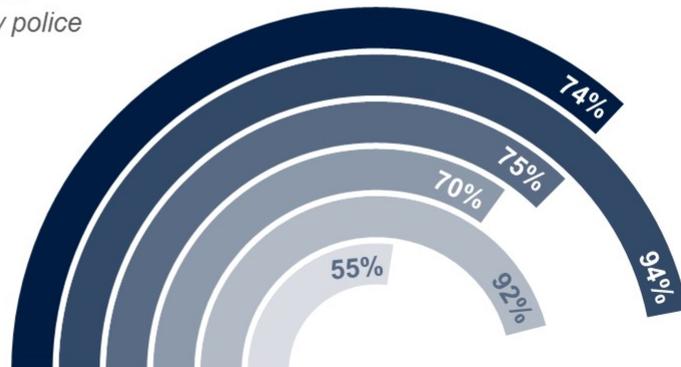
Americans view Floyd killing as part of larger problem

Majorities across groups think Floyd's death is a sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police

Do you think the recent death of George Floyd in Minneapolis is an isolated incident or a sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police?

% A sign of broader problems in the treatment of African Americans by police

- All Americans
- African American
- Hispanic
- White
- Democrat
- Republican



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2. Two-thirds (66%) of Americans disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to Floyd's death.

- Only 7% of African Americans and 22% of people under the age of 30 approve of the President's handling of the aftermath of Floyd's killing. Two-thirds (69%) of Republicans approve of his job here.

3. Two in five (39%) Americans approve of President Trump's handling of the response to coronavirus, unchanged over the last two weeks.

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The latest ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that while fewer than one in five Americans

report they know anyone who has died from the coronavirus or its complications, there are significant differences between white and non-white Americans.

Detailed findings

1. Though just 15 percent personally know anyone who has died from the coronavirus or complications related to the coronavirus, there are significant differences between white and non-white Americans.

- White Americans (10%) are less likely than non-white Americans (25%) to personally know someone who has died from the coronavirus or its complications – a 15 percentage point difference. Black Americans are the most likely to know someone who has died (30%).

2. A majority are confident that they know where to go to get tested for the coronavirus if they believe it to be necessary (77%), and that they would be able to get tested (71%).

- Confidence about where to go is highest among white Americans (80%), with non-white Americans less so (72%).
- A similar pattern emerges among perceived ability to get tested, with 75% white Americans feeling confident, compared to 65% non-white Americans.

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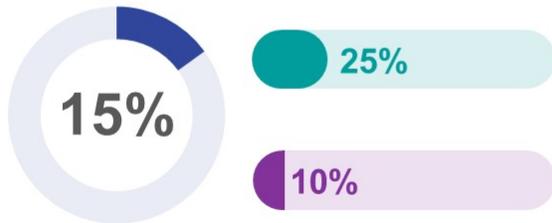


are less confident they would be able to access testing

Non-White Americans more likely to know someone who has died of COVID, less confident they could get tested if needed

Percentage of Americans who personally know someone who has died from the coronavirus or related complications

■ All Americans ■ Non-White ■ White



Percentage of Americans who are confident they would be able to get tested for the coronavirus if they thought they needed to

■ All Americans ■ Non-White ■ White



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3. Sixty percent of Americans disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus, compared to 57% last week and 54% in mid-April

Washington, DC, May 15, 2020

The latest ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that a strong majority of Americans believe there is a shortage of coronavirus tests available in the United States. Compared to mid-April, concern about being infected with coronavirus has decreased slightly.

Detailed findings:

- Nearly three in four (73%) Americans believe there is a shortage of coronavirus tests available in the United States.
- Democrats (90%) are more likely than Republicans (50%) to think there are not enough coronavirus tests – by a margin of 40 percentage points. There is an 11-point difference between respondents with a high school degree or less (69%) and those with a bachelor's degree or higher (80%) who hold this view

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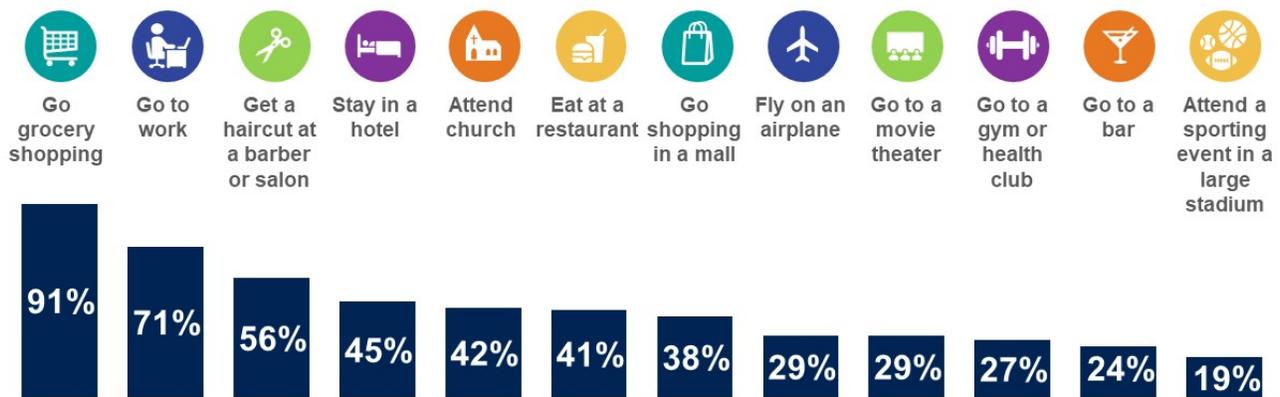


- Americans are more willing to participate in essential activities and are less willing to participate in non-essential activities or those that involve large groups of people. A majority report they would go grocery shopping (91%), go to work (71%), and get a haircut at a barber or salon (56%). Very few are willing to go to a gym or health club (27%), go to a bar (24%), or attend a sporting event in a large stadium (19%)

Americans willing to go out in public for essentials, but fewer willing to do so for nonessentials

Most Americans willing to go to work, but fewer are ready to do most other public activities

Percentage of Americans willing to...



Q4. Are you currently willing or unwilling to do each of the following?

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- Overall, Republicans are more likely than Democrats to participate in most activities right now. The greatest differences are going shopping in a mall, eating at a restaurant, and getting a haircut at a barber or salon with at least a 35-point difference for all. Men are more willing than women to stay in a hotel and go to a gym or health club (51% and 34% vs. 39% and 21% of women, respectively).

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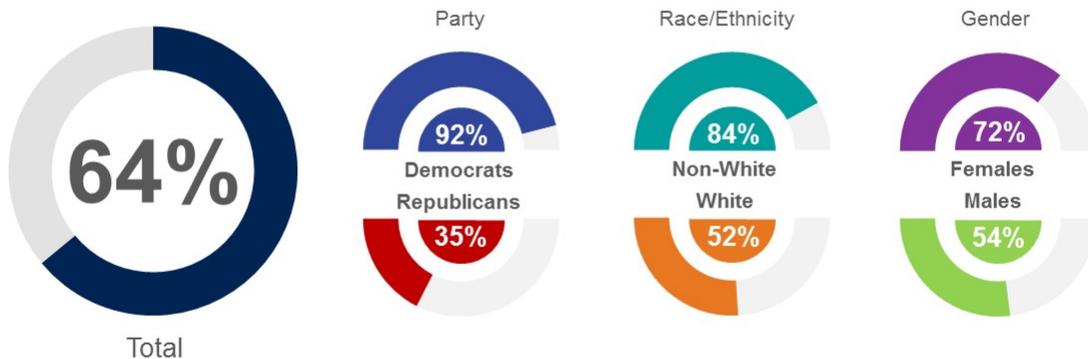
Detailed findings

- Nearly all Democrats (92%) say opening the country is not worth it, nearly 60 percentage points higher than Republicans (35%). There is a more than a 30-point difference between non-white Americans (84%) and white Americans (52%) who hold this view. At the same time, 72% of women do not believe opening the country is worth it due to more lives being lost, compared to 54% of men.

Most Americans say opening the country now is not worth it

Significant differences among partisans, by race, and by gender

Opening the country now is not worth it because it will mean more lives being lost



Q3. Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?
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- Compared to two months ago, more Americans are working from home, and the number of Americans working from their regular workplace has been more than halved. Currently, 22% are now working from home (up from 3% in March), and 21% are working from their regular workplace (down from 55%). Nearly half

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unlikely to resume activities where big groups are present, even if coronavirus-related restrictions were lifted tomorrow. However, partisanship plays a role in decision-making, with Republicans more likely than Democrats to resume activities they did pre-COVID.

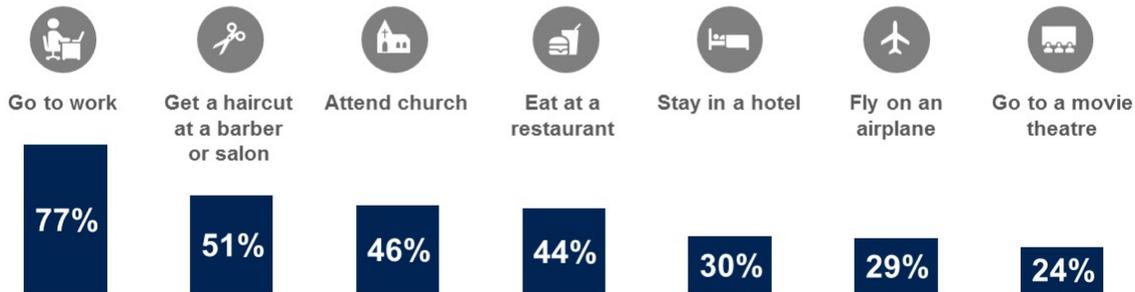
1. Less than one in four would be likely to go to places where big crowds tend to gather for leisure activities, including a movie theater (24%), bowling alley (22%), bar (21%), or a sporting event in a large stadium (20%).

Majorities of Americans not ready to resume most activities, even if restrictions were lifted tomorrow

Most Americans would go to work, but they would forgo resuming most other public activities

If social distancing orders and restrictions on public activity were lifted tomorrow, how likely would you be to do each of the following?

% Very/Somewhat likely among those who did activity pre-COVID-19



Q4. If social distancing orders and restrictions on public activity were lifted tomorrow, how likely would you be to do each of the following?

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2. Americans are more open to going to restaurants, church, and sending their children to school, but a majority still stay they would be *unlikely* to do these activities if restrictions were lifted tomorrow.

- Forty-five percent of parents with school-aged children would be likely to send their kids back. More than one in three (36%) say they are not likely at all.

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than Democrats. The greatest differences are on attending church, staying in a hotel, and eating at a restaurant.

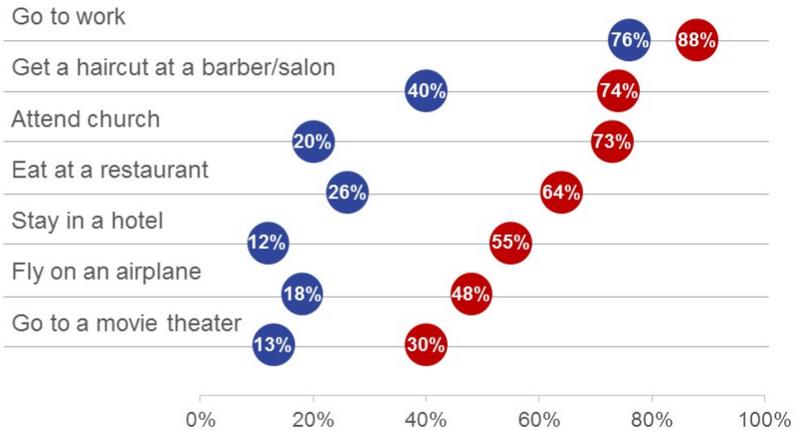
Partisan differences in likelihood of resuming activities

Republicans considerably more likely than Democrats to resume public activities if restrictions were lifted tomorrow

If social distancing orders and restrictions on public activity were lifted tomorrow, how likely would you be to do each of the following?

% Very/Somewhat likely among those who did activity pre-COVID-19

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



Q4. If social distancing orders and restrictions on public activity were lifted tomorrow, how likely would you be to do each of the following?

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Washington, DC, April 24, 2020

The latest ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that Americans are supportive of social distancing measures and are much more concerned about moving too quickly and costing lives than moving too slowly and damaging the economy.

- Almost three-quarters (72%) of Americans say that they are more concerned with moving too quickly rather than too slowly.
 - Republicans are much more likely to say they are more concerned about ‘moving too slowly to loosen stay-at-home orders which would make the economic impact worse, with more jobs being lost’, evenly split 47% to 53% (more concerned about moving too quickly).

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concerned with moving too quickly rather than too slowly

Republicans considerably more likely than others to say moving too slowly to loosen orders is a danger to the country

If you had to choose, which of the following would you say is a bigger danger for the country:

■ All Americans ■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Independents

Moving too quickly to loosen stay-at-home orders
which would make the coronavirus spread faster,
with more lives being lost



Moving too slowly to loosen stay-at-home orders
which would make the economic impact worse,
with more jobs being lost



Q2. If you had to choose, which of the following would you say is a bigger danger for the country:
ABC News/Ipsos Poll, April 22-23, 2020 (n=506)

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- Almost all Americans (86%) support social distancing policies saying ‘social distancing and stay-at-home orders are responsible government policies that are saving lives’.
- Supporting both of these, only a minority of Americans (20%) say they are likely to return to social public spaces tomorrow if restrictions were lifted.

Washington, DC, April 17, 2020

The latest ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that Americans are settling into the altered reality of the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing, with few expecting it to go back to normal any time soon.

- Among the 9 in 10 Americans whose daily routines have been disrupted by the coronavirus, the majority (69%) do not expect to get back to that routine until after July 1.

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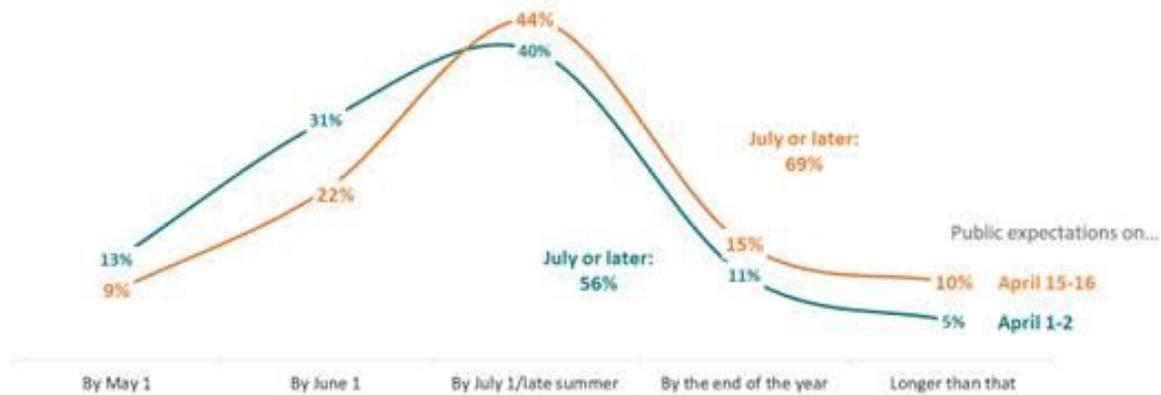
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Q3b. When do you think you will be able to resume your regular daily routine?

Base: Changed regular routine because of coronavirus outbreak (~90%)



- Americans are adapting to the current conditions with 4 in 5 expressing concern about being infected (personally or someone they know) and 3 in 5 wearing a face mask or covering when leaving their homes.
- Views of President Donald Trump's handling of the coronavirus response are stable this week, with 44% approving and 54% disapproving.

Washington, DC, April 10, 2020

The newest ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that Americans continue to be divided on President Trump's handling of the coronavirus response, with a majority disapproving. This comes as most express concern about the pandemic, with a quarter saying they've grown more pessimistic in the last few days.

- This survey conducted April 8-9, 2020 finds that 44% of Americans approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus, down from 47% last week and 55% on March 18-19.

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The newest ABC News/Ipsos poll shows that the American public is cooling on President Trump's handling of the coronavirus outbreak. This comes as virtually all Americans report their daily routines changing because of the outbreak and almost universal concern about infection.

- This KnowledgePanel survey conducted April 1-2, 2020 finds that 47% of Americans approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus, down from 55% two weeks ago and 51% in last week's ABC News/Washington Post poll.
- Virtually all Americans, 89%, report being somewhat or very concerned about being infected by the coronavirus, up from 79% two weeks ago.
- Likewise, almost all Americans, 91%, report their regular routine changing because of the outbreak.
 - Among those affected, a majority - 56% - say they don't expect to resume their regular routine until after July 1st.

Washington, DC, March 20, 2020

A new ABC News/Ipsos poll finds that over the last week Americans are dramatically altering their behavior in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Additionally, approval of President Trump's handling of the response has swung markedly positive.

Detailed Findings

1. From last week (March 11-12) to this week (March 18-19), the number of Americans who have cancelled or postponed major social activities has almost tripled:

- This week, 72% of Americans have cancelled or postponed activities compared to only 26% last week.

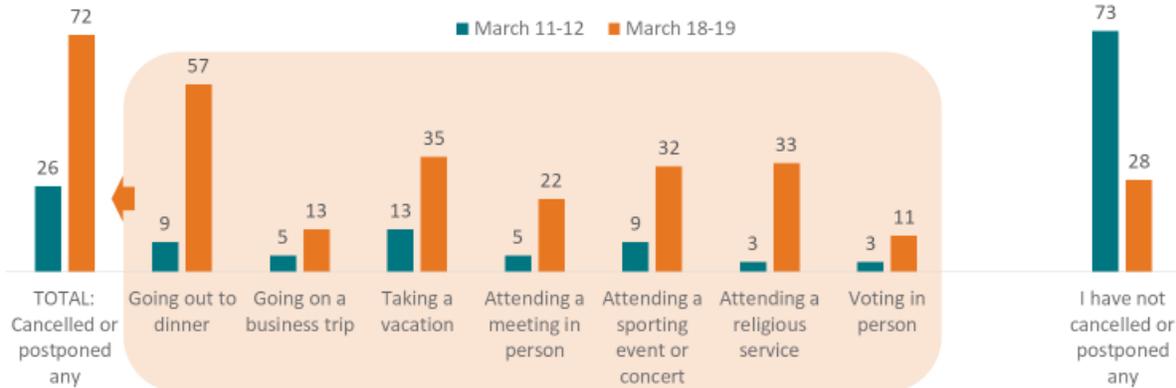
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Have you cancelled or postponed any of the following because of the coronavirus?



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2. Additionally, Americans report major shifts towards working from home or not being currently employed:

- The number of Americans reporting that they have shifted to working from home has climbed to 17% from 3% last week;
- Correspondingly, the number of Americans continuing to work from their regular workplace has dropped from 55% to 36% now.

About the Study

This ABC News/Ipsos Poll was conducted March 11th to 12th, 2020 by Ipsos Public Affairs KnowledgePanel® – a division of Ipsos. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 502 general population adults age 18 or older.

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the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 512 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 5 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted April 15 to April 16, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 514 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 6 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted April 22 to April 23, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 506 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 7 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted April 29 to April 30, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 518 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 8 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted May 6 to May 7, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 532 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 9 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted May 13 to May 14, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 564 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 10 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted May 20 to May 21, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 773 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 11 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted June 3 to June 4, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally

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using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 727 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 14 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted June 24 to June 25, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 579 general population adults age 18 or older.

This Wave 15 of ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted July 8 to July 9, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 711 general population adults age 18 or older.

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polls. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male/Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School graduate, Some College, Bachelor and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000–\$49,999, \$50,000–\$74,999, \$75,000–\$99,999, \$100,000–\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Other/None)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.1–5.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was between 1.29 and 1.48. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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