

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 64 MARCH 2020
Mar 19-24, 2020
TOTAL N=11,537

ASK ALL:

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 ¹	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ²	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 ³	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	52	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	58	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁴	44	56	1

¹ In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

² The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

³ SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

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ASK ALL:

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ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=11,302]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

BASED ON TOTAL:

	NET <u>Approve</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	NET <u>Disapprove</u>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer</i>	<i>No answer</i>
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	34	10	1	52	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	29	10	*	59	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	29	9	*	60	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	26	10	*	63	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	27	12	*	61	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁵	44	30	13	*	56	43	12	*	1

RANDOMIZE SOCTRUST2 GSSTRUST2 GSSTRUST3**ASK ALL:**

SOCTRUST2 Generally speaking, would you say that... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

		Nov 27- Dec 10 <u>2018</u>	Feb 26- Mar 11 <u>2018</u> ⁶
Mar 19-24, <u>2020</u>			
53	Most people can be trusted	52	57
46	Most people can't be trusted	47	43
1	No answer	1	*

ASK ALL:

GSSTRUST2 Do you think most people... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

		Nov 27- Dec 10 <u>2018</u>
Mar 19-24, <u>2020</u>		
55	Would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance	58
44	Would try to be fair no matter what	41
2	No answer	1

⁵ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.⁶ SOCTRUST2 in the W32 survey was asked to a random 20% of the sample [N=1,194].

ASK ALL:GSSTRUST3 Would you say that most of the time people... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

Mar 19-24, <u>2020</u>		Nov 27- Dec 10 <u>2018</u>
42	Try to help others	37
57	Just look out for themselves	62
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:MH_TRACK In the past 7 days, how often have you... **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

		Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)	Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)	Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)	Most or all of the time (5-7 days)	No answer
a.	Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge? Mar 19-24, 2020	27	30	25	18	*
b.	Felt depressed? Mar 19-24, 2020	52	24	15	9	*
c.	Felt lonely? Mar 19-24, 2020	57	23	11	8	*
d.	Felt hopeful about the future? Mar 19-24, 2020	16	33	28	22	*
e.	Had trouble sleeping? Mar 19-24, 2020	40	28	18	14	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDFOL How closely have you been following news about the outbreak of the coronavirus strain known as COVID-19?

Mar 19-24, <u>2020</u>		Mar 10-16, <u>2020</u>
57	Very closely	51
35	Fairly closely	38
7	Not too closely	9
1	Not at all closely	2
*	No answer	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDCHG As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own personal life...

Mar 19-24,
2020

- 44 Changed in a major way
 44 Changed, but only a little bit
 12 Stayed about the same as it was before the outbreak
 * No answer

ASK ALL:COVIDEGFP How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Donald Trump Mar 19-24, 2020	23	25	19	32	*
b.	Your state elected officials Mar 19-24, 2020	21	49	22	8	1
c.	Your local elected officials Mar 19-24, 2020	17	52	22	7	1
d.	Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Mar 19-24, 2020	30	49	17	4	*
e.	Ordinary people in your local community Mar 19-24, 2020	14	49	26	11	1
f.	The news media Mar 19-24, 2020	15	39	25	21	*

ASK ALL:COVIDTHREAT How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for... **[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>A major threat</u>	<u>A minor threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	The health of the U.S. population as whole				
	Mar 19-24, 2020	66	31	2	*
	Mar 10-16, 2020	47	45	8	*
b.	Your personal health				
	Mar 19-24, 2020	36	52	11	*
	Mar 10-16, 2020	27	51	22	*
c.	The U.S. economy				
	Mar 19-24, 2020	88	10	1	*
	Mar 10-16, 2020	70	25	4	1

COVIDTHREAT CONTINUED...

	<u>A major threat</u>	<u>A minor threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<u>No answer</u>
d. Your personal financial situation				
Mar 19-24, 2020	49	40	11	*
Mar 10-16, 2020	34	43	23	*

ASK ALL:

COVID_STEPS Now, thinking about how different people and groups are reacting to the coronavirus outbreak, how would you say each of the following is reacting? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEP 3 LAST]:

	<u>Overreacting to the outbreak</u>	<u>Not taking the outbreak seriously enough</u>	<u>Reacting about right</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Your state government				
Mar 19-24, 2020	13	14	72	1
b. Your local government				
Mar 19-24, 2020	11	15	74	1
c. Your local school system				
Mar 19-24, 2020	10	4	86	1
NO ITEM d				
e. Ordinary people in your community				
Mar 19-24, 2020	26	27	46	1
f. Ordinary people across the country				
Mar 19-24, 2020	31	40	28	1
g. The people in your household				
Mar 19-24, 2020	6	8	86	*

ASK ALL:

COVID_COMFORT Given the current situation with the coronavirus outbreak, would you feel comfortable or uncomfortable doing each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Comfortable doing this</u>	<u>Uncomfortable doing this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Visiting with a close friend or family member at their home			
Mar 19-24, 2020	62	38	*
b. Eating out in a restaurant			
Mar 19-24, 2020	22	77	*
c. Attending a crowded party			
Mar 19-24, 2020	9	91	*
d. Going out to the grocery store			
Mar 19-24, 2020	57	42	*
e. Going to a polling place to vote			
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_ACT_R

Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Yes, have <u>done this</u>	No, have not <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Attended religious services in person less often Mar 19-24, 2020	27	71	2
b.	Watched religious services online or on TV instead of attending in person Mar 19-24, 2020	25	74	1
c.	Prayed for an end to the spread of the coronavirus Mar 19-24, 2020	55	45	1
d.	Used a food delivery service instead of going to a restaurant or grocery store Mar 19-24, 2020	21	79	*
e.	Worked from home Mar 19-24, 2020	37	61	2

ASK IF INTERNET USER (F_TABLETHH=2) [N=11,374]⁷:

COVID_ACT_T

Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Yes, have <u>done this</u>	No, have not <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Searched online for information about the coronavirus Mar 19-24, 2020	73	27	*
b.	Used social media to share or post information about the coronavirus Mar 19-24, 2020	39	61	*
c.	Used the internet or email to connect with doctors or other medical professionals Mar 19-24, 2020	17	83	*
d.	Used email or messaging services to communicate with others Mar 19-24, 2020	80	20	*
e.	Used video calling or online conferencing services like Zoom or Webex to attend a work meeting Mar 19-24, 2020	26	73	1

⁷ COVID_ACT-Ta-e were asked of all respondents. Results shown based on respondents who have home internet service.

ASK ALL:

MH_TRACK_CV In the past 7 days, how often have you had physical reactions, such as sweating, trouble breathing, nausea, or a pounding heart, when THINKING about your experience with the coronavirus outbreak?

Mar 19-24,

2020

81	Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
11	Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
5	Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)
2	Most or all of the time (5-7 days)
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TECH_SERVICE If you were to experience a major interruption in your internet or cellphone service during the coronavirus outbreak, how much of a problem would it be for daily life in your household?

Mar 19-24,

2020

49	A very big problem
28	A moderately big problem
16	A small problem
6	Not a problem at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TECHSUB2 Thinking about the limits on social contact that experts are recommending during the coronavirus outbreak, if many of the everyday interactions you have in person have to be done online or by telephone, do you think it...

Mar 19-24,

2020

27	Will be just as good as in person contact
64	Will be useful but will not be a replacement for in person contact
8	Won't be of much use
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVID_CRISIS Would you say the coronavirus outbreak is...

Mar 19-24,

2020

67	A significant crisis
28	A serious problem but not a crisis
3	A minor problem
1	Not a problem at all
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVID_RESTRICTION Thinking about some steps that have been announced in some areas to address the coronavirus outbreak, in general do you think each of the following have been necessary or unnecessary? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Necessary</u>	<u>Unnecessary</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Restricting international travel to the U.S.			
Mar 19-24, 2020	95	5	*

COVID_RESTRICTION CONTINUED...

	<u>Necessary</u>	<u>Unnecessary</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Requiring most businesses other than grocery stores and pharmacies to close Mar 19-24, 2020	71	28	1
c. Asking people to avoid gathering in groups of more than ten Mar 19-24, 2020	87	12	*
d. Cancelling major sports and entertainment events Mar 19-24, 2020	91	9	*
e. Closing K-12 schools Mar 19-24, 2020	90	10	*
f. Limiting restaurants to carry-out only Mar 19-24, 2020	85	14	*
g. Postponing upcoming state primary elections Mar 19-24, 2020	70	29	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDWORK

For each of the following, indicate whether or not it is something that happened to YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD because of the coronavirus outbreak.

[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]

	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job Mar 19-24, 2020	20	80	1
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work Mar 19-24, 2020	27	72	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_RECESSION

Based on what you have read and heard, what kind of economic impact do you believe that the coronavirus outbreak will have on the United States? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY 1-3 OR 3-1]**

Mar 19-24,
2020

34	It will cause a slowdown of the economy but not a recession
48	It will cause a recession
17	It will cause a depression
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHILD_LT12

Do you have children under the age of 12 living in your household?

Mar 19-24,

2020

24

Yes

75

No

*

No answer

ASK IF HAS CHILD(REN) UNDER AGE 12 (CHILD_LT12=1) [N=2,539]:

CVCHILDCARE

How easy or difficult has it been for you to handle child care responsibilities during the coronavirus outbreak?

Mar 19-24,

2020

32

Very easy

33

Somewhat easy

25

Somewhat difficult

10

Very difficult

*

No answer

ASK ALL:

COVID_HEALTHSYS

How confident, if at all, are you that each of the following will be able to handle the medical needs of people who are seriously ill during the coronavirus outbreak?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Hospitals and medical centers in your area					
	Mar 19-24, 2020	22	49	22	7	*
b.	Hospitals and medical centers around the country					
	Mar 19-24, 2020	18	50	24	8	*
c.	Nursing homes in your area					
	Mar 19-24, 2020	13	41	33	12	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_MENTAL

Has a doctor or other healthcare provider EVER told you that you have a mental health condition?

Mar 19-24,

2020

18

Yes

82

No

1

No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁸

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	1	17	23

⁸ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.