

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 63.5 Coronavirus Survey
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[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE]

ASK ALL:

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¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists

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ASK ALL:

COVIDCONF How confident, if at all, are you that each of the following is doing a good job responding to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Mike Pence
- c. Your state and local elected officials
- d. Public health officials at the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

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- 2 Somewhat confident
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COVIDTONE Thinking about the coronavirus outbreak, how in general do you think each of the following has responded? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1]**

- a. The news media
- b. Donald Trump
- c. Democratic leaders in Congress
- d. Public health officials at the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Greatly exaggerated the risks
- 2 Slightly exaggerated the risks
- 3 Gotten the risks about right
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ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWS1 Thinking about the mix of news and information you have gotten about the coronavirus outbreak, which better describes you? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

- 1 I have mostly seen the same set of facts across the sources I turn to for news
- 2 I have mostly seen conflicting facts across the sources I turn to for news
- [SPACE]**
- 1 I haven't followed coronavirus news across multiple sources **[ANCHOR]**

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

- a. The health of the U.S. population as whole
- b. Your personal health

- c. The U.S. economy
- d. Your personal financial situation
- e. Day-to-day life in your local community

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 A major threat
- 2 A minor threat
- 3 Not a threat

How much of a threat, if any, is the coronavirus outbreak for...

Your personal health

☐ A major threat

☐ A minor threat

☐ Not a threat

Your personal financial situation

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Day-to-day life in your local community

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ASK ALL:

COVIDMISINFO How much, if any, news and information have you seen or heard about the coronavirus outbreak that seemed completely made up?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all

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ASK IF SEEN MADE UP NEWS (COVIDMISINFO=1-3):

COVIDMISINFO2 What is a specific story or claim you saw about the coronavirus outbreak that seemed completely made up? Please be as specific as possible.

RECORD OPEN-END RESPONSE

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ASK ALL:

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- 1 A vaccine is available now
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 - 3 A vaccine will be available in a year or more
 - 4 It is not possible to create a vaccine for it
- [SPACE]**
- 2 Not sure

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ASK ALL:

COVIDCREATE

From what you've seen or heard, do you think it is most likely the current strain of the coronavirus... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 5 LAST]**

- 1 Was developed intentionally in a lab
- 2 Was made accidentally in a lab
- 3 Came about naturally
- 4 Doesn't really exist
- [SPACE]**
- 5 Not sure **[ANCHOR]**

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ASK ALL:

COVIDWORK What would most likely happen if you could not work for at least two weeks because of the coronavirus?

- 1 I would likely continue to get paid
- 2 I would likely not get paid, but I would still be able to keep up with my basic expenses
- 3 I would likely not get paid, and it would be difficult for me to keep up with my basic expenses
- [SPACE]**
- 4 I am not employed
- 5 Not sure

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ASK ALL:

INSURANCE Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

- 1 Covered by health insurance
- 2 Not covered by health insurance

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