

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 64
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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied

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☐ Satisfied
☐ Dissatisfied

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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove

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

☐ Approve
☐ Disapprove

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ASK IF POL1DT=1,2:

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

- 1 Very strongly
- 2 Not so strongly

Do you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

☐ Very strongly
☐ Not so strongly

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

RANDOMIZE SOCTRUST2 GSSTRUST2 GSSTRUST3**ASK ALL:**

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

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 Most people can't be trusted

Generally speaking, would you say that...

☐ Most people can be trusted

☐ Most people can't be trusted

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RANDOMIZE SOCTRUST2 GSSTRUST2 GSSTRUST3**ASK ALL:**

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

- 1 Would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance
- 2 Would try to be fair no matter what

Do you think most people...

☐ Would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance

☐ Would try to be fair no matter what

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RANDOMIZE SOCTRUST2 GSSTRUST2 GSSTRUST3**ASK ALL:**

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

- 1 Try to help others
- 2 Just look out for themselves

Would you say that most of the time people...

☐ Try to help others

☐ Just look out for themselves

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ASK ALL:

MH_TRACK

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

- a. Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge?
- b. Felt depressed?
- c. Felt lonely?
- d. Felt hopeful about the future?
- e. Had trouble sleeping?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- 2 Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
- 3 Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)
- 4 Most or all of the time (5-7 days)

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Felt depressed?

- ☐ 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)

Felt lonely?

- ☐ 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)

Felt hopeful about the future?

- ☐ 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)

Had trouble sleeping?

- ☐ Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- ☐ Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
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ASK ALL:

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

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely

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

- 1 Changed in a major way
- 2 Changed, but only a little bit
- 3 Stayed about the same as it was before the outbreak

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ASK ALL:

COVIDEGFP

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

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Your state elected officials
- c. Your local elected officials
- d. Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- e. Ordinary people in your local community
- f. The news media

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor

How would you rate the job each of the following is doing responding to the coronavirus outbreak?

Ordinary people in your local community

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Only fair
- ☐ Poor

The news media

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Only fair
- ☐ Poor

Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Only fair
- ☐ Poor

Donald Trump

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Only fair

☐ Poor

Your state elected officials

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Only fair

☐ Poor

Your local elected officials

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Only fair

☐ Poor

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ASK ALL:

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

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...

The U.S. economy

☐ A major threat

☐ A minor threat

☐ Not a threat

Your personal financial situation

☐ A major threat

☐ A minor threat

☐ Not a threat

The health of the U.S. population as whole

☐ A major threat

☐ A minor threat

☐ Not a threat

Your personal health

☐ A major threat

☐ A minor threat

☐ Not a threat

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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]**

- a. Your state government
- b. Your local government
- c. Your local school system
- [NO ITEM d]**
- e. Ordinary people in your community
- f. Ordinary people across the country
- g. The people in your household

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

- 1 Overreacting to the outbreak
- 2 Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- 3 Reacting about right **[ANCHOR]**

Now, thinking about how different people and groups are reacting to the coronavirus outbreak, how would you say each of the following is reacting?

Your local government

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

Your local school system

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

Ordinary people in your community

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

Ordinary people across the country

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

The people in your household

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

Your state government

- ☐ Not taking the outbreak seriously enough
- ☐ Overreacting to the outbreak
- ☐ Reacting about right

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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]**

- a. Visiting with a close friend or family member at their home
- b. Eating out in a restaurant
- c. Attending a crowded party
- d. Going out to the grocery store
- e. Going to a polling place to vote

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Comfortable doing this
- 2 Uncomfortable doing this

Given the current situation with the coronavirus outbreak, would you feel comfortable or uncomfortable doing each of the following?

Going to a polling place to vote

- ☐ Comfortable doing this
- ☐ Uncomfortable doing this

Attending a crowded party

- ☐ Comfortable doing this
- ☐ Uncomfortable doing this

Visiting with a close friend or family member at their home

- ☐ Comfortable doing this
- ☐ Uncomfortable doing this

Eating out in a restaurant

- ☐ Comfortable doing this
- ☐ Uncomfortable doing this

Going out to the grocery store

- ☐ Comfortable doing this
- ☐ Uncomfortable doing this

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ASK ALL:

COVID_ACT_ R

Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. Attended religious services in person less often
- b. Watched religious services online or on TV instead of attending in person
- c. Prayed for an end to the spread of the coronavirus
- d. Used a food delivery service instead of going to a restaurant or grocery store
- e. Worked from home

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, have done this
- 2 No, have not done this

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

Watched religious services online or on TV instead of attending in person

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Used a food delivery service instead of going to a restaurant or grocery store

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Attended religious services in person less often

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Prayed for an end to the spread of the coronavirus

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Worked from home

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

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ASK INTERNET USERS:

COVID_ACT_T Have you done any of the following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. Searched online for information about the coronavirus
- b. Used social media to share or post information about the coronavirus
- c. Used the internet or email to connect with doctors or other medical professionals
- d. Used email or messaging services to communicate with others
- e. Used video calling or online conferencing services like Zoom or Webex to attend a work meeting

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, have done this
- 2 No, have not done this

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

Searched online for information about the coronavirus

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Used video calling or online conferencing services like Zoom or Webex to attend a work meeting

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Used social media to share or post information about the coronavirus

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Used the internet or email to connect with doctors or other medical professionals

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

Used email or messaging services to communicate with others

☐ Yes, have done this

☐ No, have not done this

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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?

- 1 Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- 2 Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
- 3 Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)
- 4 Most or all of the time (5-7 days)

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?

- ☐ Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)
- ☐ Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)
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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?

- 1 A very big problem
- 2 A moderately big problem
- 3 A small problem
- 4 Not a problem at all

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- ☐ A moderately big problem
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- ☐ Not a problem at all

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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...

- 1 Will be just as good as in person contact
- 2 Will be useful but will not be a replacement for in person contact
- 3 Won't be of much use

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- ☐ Will be just as good as in person contact
- ☐ Will be useful but will not be a replacement for in person contact
- ☐ Won't be of much use

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ASK ALL:

COVID_CRISIS Would you say the coronavirus outbreak is...

- 1 A significant crisis
- 2 A serious problem but not a crisis
- 3 A minor problem
- 4 Not a problem at all

Would you say the coronavirus outbreak is...

- ☐ A significant crisis
- ☐ A serious problem but not a crisis
- ☐ A minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem at all

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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]**

- a. Restricting international travel to the U.S.
- b. Requiring most businesses other than grocery stores and pharmacies to close
- c. Asking people to avoid gathering in groups of more than ten
- d. Cancelling major sports and entertainment events
- e. Closing K-12 schools
- f. Limiting restaurants to carry-out only
- g. Postponing upcoming state primary elections

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Necessary
- 2 Unnecessary

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?

Asking people to avoid gathering in groups of more than ten

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Requiring most businesses other than grocery stores and pharmacies to close

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Postponing upcoming state primary elections

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Limiting restaurants to carry-out only

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Restricting international travel to the U.S.

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Cancelling major sports and entertainment events

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

Closing K-12 schools

- ☐ Necessary
☐ Unnecessary

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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]

- a. Been laid off or lost a job
- b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, has happened
- 2 No, has not happened

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.

Been laid off or lost a job

- ☐ Yes, has happened
☐ No, has not happened

Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work

- ☐ Yes, has happened
☐ No, has not happened

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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]

- 1 It will cause a slowdown of the economy but not a recession
- 2 It will cause a recession
- 3 It will cause a depression

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?

- ☐ It will cause a depression
☐ It will cause a recession
☐ It will cause a slowdown of the economy but not a recession

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ASK ALL:

CHILD_LT12 Do you have children under the age of 12 living in your household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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ASK IF CHILD_LT12=1:

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

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult

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

☐ Very easy
☐ Somewhat easy
☐ Somewhat difficult
☐ Very difficult

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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]**

- a. Hospitals and medical centers in your area
- b. Hospitals and medical centers around the country
- c. Nursing homes in your area

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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?

Hospitals and medical centers around the country

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not too confident
- ☐ Not at all confident

Nursing homes in your area

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not too confident
- ☐ Not at all confident

Hospitals and medical centers in your area

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not too confident
- ☐ Not at all confident

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COVID_MENTAL

One last question has a doctor or other healthcare provider EVER told you that you have a mental health condition?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

One last question...

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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