

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 63.5 Coronavirus Survey
FINAL TOPLINE
March 10 - 16, 2020
N=8,914

ASK ALL:

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

Mar 10-16

2020

51	Very closely
38	Fairly closely
9	Not too closely
2	Not at all closely
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDCOVER1 How well do you think the news media have covered the coronavirus outbreak?

Mar 10-16

2020

30	Very well
40	Somewhat well
17	Not too well
11	Not at all well
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDCOVER2 And, how well do you think the news sources YOU TURN TO MOST OFTEN have covered the coronavirus outbreak?

Mar 10-16

2020

40	Very well
42	Somewhat well
12	Not too well
5	Not at all well
1	No answer

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]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Donald Trump Mar 10-16, 2020	24	21	16	38	1
b. Mike Pence Mar 10-16, 2020	22	26	22	28	2
c. Your state and local elected officials Mar 10-16, 2020	24	49	19	7	1
d. Public health officials at the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Mar 10-16, 2020	40	43	12	5	1

ASK ALL:

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]**

	<u>Greatly exaggerated the risks</u>	<u>Slightly exaggerated the risks</u>	<u>Gotten the risks about right</u>	<u>Not taken the risks quite seriously enough</u>	<u>Not taken the risks seriously at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The news media Mar 10-16, 2020	37	25	30	6	2	1
b. Donald Trump Mar 10-16, 2020	5	6	37	23	29	1
c. Democratic leaders in Congress Mar 10-16, 2020	20	19	38	15	4	3
d. Public health officials at the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Mar 10-16, 2020	7	13	63	13	2	1

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]**

Mar 10-16
2020
62

26
11
1

I have mostly seen the same set of facts across the sources I turn to for news
I have mostly seen conflicting facts across the sources I turn to for news
I haven't followed coronavirus news across multiple sources
No answer

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 10-16, 2020	47	45	8	*
b.	Your personal health Mar 10-16, 2020	27	51	22	*
c.	The U.S. economy Mar 10-16, 2020	70	25	4	1
d.	Your personal financial situation Mar 10-16, 2020	34	43	23	*
e.	Day-to-day life in your local community Mar 10-16, 2020	36	50	14	*

ASK ALL:

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

Mar 10-16
2020
12
35
32
20
1

A lot
Some
Not much
None at all
No answer

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.

[OPEN ENDED RESPONSES RECORDED]

ASK ALL:

COVIDVACC Which of these statements best describes the availability of a vaccine for the coronavirus?

Mar 10-16

2020

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| 49 | A vaccine will be available in a year or more |
| 22 | A vaccine will be available in the next few months |
| 3 | A vaccine is available now |
| 3 | It is not possible to create a vaccine for it |
| 23 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |

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]**

Mar 10-16

2020

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| 43 | Came about naturally |
| 23 | Was developed intentionally in a lab |
| 6 | Was made accidentally in a lab |
| 1 | Doesn't really exist |
| 25 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |

ASK ALL:

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

Mar 10-16

2020

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| 25 | I would likely continue to get paid |
| 23 | I would likely not get paid, and it would be difficult for me to keep up with my basic expenses |
| 15 | I would likely not get paid, but I would still be able to keep up with my basic expenses |
| 29 | I am not employed |
| 7 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |

COVIDWORK CONTINUED ...

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED [N= 6,186]:

Mar 10-16		
<u>2020</u>		
36	I would likely continue to get paid	
33	I would likely not get paid, and it would be difficult for me to keep up with my basic expenses	
21	I would likely not get paid, but I would still be able to keep up with my basic expenses	
10	Not sure	
1	No answer	

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?

Mar 10-16		
<u>2020</u>		
87	Covered by health insurance	
13	Not covered by health insurance	
*	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... ¹						
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
	28	29	29	12	1	18	22

¹ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.