Survey Methodology

This online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in August 2020, among 1,025 adults plus 869 additional adults for minority oversampling. The survey was supported in part by the Kavli Foundation as a component of support for a working group formed to address America’s commitment to science. For the national sample, the survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.* Sample sizes for minority groups are as follows:

- African American: sample size = 404, margin of error +/- 4.9 percentage points
- Hispanic: sample size = 409, margin of error = +/- 4.8 percentage points
- Asian: sample size 403, margin of error = 4.9 percentage points

Sample sizes for other subgroups are as follows:

Democratic: 369  Republican: 349  Independent: 309
Age 18-29: 213  Age 30-49: 335  Age 50-64: 254  Age 65+: 213

*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides
Strong Majority of Americans Place an Urgent or High Priority on Improving the Public Health System

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Improving the public health system

Majorities Across Parties Would Pay More In Taxes to Support Emergency Public Health Fund

Would you support or oppose paying $1 per week more in taxes to support an emergency public health fund to address health threats like a pandemic?

Ages 18-29: 69% strongly + somewhat support

Elected Leaders Should Listen to Public Health Officials

How important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to advice from public health officials?

Ages 18-29: 68% very + somewhat important

Three Quarters of Americans Agree That COVID-19 Reveals Need for Major Changes in Public Health System

Which statement is closest to your view? Statement A: The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that major changes are needed in our public health systems, including more funding. Statement B: The COVID-19 pandemic is a once-in-a-lifetime event and existing systems are dealing with it adequately.

87% Chose “Statement A”
66% Chose “Statement A”
63% Chose “Statement A”


Hispanic (81%) and Asian (81%) respondents more likely to agree with Statement A.

Young people ages 18-29 less likely to agree with Statement A (64%)
Eliminating Health Disparities a High Priority for Americans

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Eliminating health disparities

Studies show that certain health problems such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

Ages 18-29: 43% very important

Majority More Likely to Get COVID-19 Vaccine if FDA-Approved or Recommended by Doctor

Suppose you heard a vaccine was available that protected you from COVID-19. Please indicate how likely you would be to get the vaccine based on the following factors:

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Very likely</th>
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<th>Not very likely</th>
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<tr>
<td>It was FDA-approved</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Your doctor recommended it</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>It is described as being 95% effective</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Dr. Fauci recommended it</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>The CDC recommended it</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>A local or state public health official</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>It is described as being 75% effective</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>A family member recommended it</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>President Trump recommended it</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>A connection on social media recommended it</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>I saw an advertisement on television</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>A celebrity I trust recommended it</td>
<td>19%</td>
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Safe Drinking Water a High Priority for Majority of Americans

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Assuring a safe drinking water supply

Addressing Drug and Opioid Abuse a High Priority Across Parties

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Addressing drug and other opioid abuse

- **All adults (National sample)**
  - Urgent + high priority: 72%
  - Medium + low priority: 24%
  - Not sure: 4%

- **Democratic**
  - Urgent + high priority: 77%
  - Medium + low priority: 20%
  - Not sure: 3%

- **Republican**
  - Urgent + high priority: 74%
  - Medium + low priority: 24%
  - Not sure: 2%

- **Independent**
  - Urgent + high priority: 62%
  - Medium + low priority: 30%
  - Not sure: 8%

Americans Concerned About Future Climate Impact on Health

How much, if at all, do you think climate change will harm the following, in the next ten years?

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Strongly, yes</th>
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<td>Your own health</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>The health of people in your household</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>The health of Americans</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>The health of people worldwide</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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Persons of Color More Likely to Be Concerned About Future Impact of Climate Change on Their Health

How much, if at all, do you think climate change will harm the following, in the next ten years - your own health?

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<td>All Adults (National sample)</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>African Americans</td>
<td>74%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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Concern About Hospitalization Rates High Across Racial and Ethnic Groups

How concerned are you about each of the following - Compared to peer nations, the U.S. has among the highest number of hospitalizations from preventable causes and the highest rate of avoidable deaths.