

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- The U.S. survey was conducted on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on the phone. Phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.
- Since 2020, the Italy survey has been conducted by telephone; surveys were conducted face-to-face in 2002 and 2007-2019.
- In 2021, the Greece survey was conducted by telephone; all prior surveys in Greece were conducted face-to-face.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q6b. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? b. the United States			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
Canada	Spring, 2021	60	37	2	100
	Spring, 2018	38	59	4	100
	Spring, 2017	45	49	6	100
	Spring, 2016	57	37	6	100
	Spring, 2015	54	39	7	100
	Spring, 2013	75	20	5	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	50	45	5	100
France	Spring, 2021	61	35	4	100
	Spring, 2018	40	57	3	100
	Spring, 2017	49	49	1	100
	Spring, 2016	44	51	4	100
	Spring, 2015	52	47	0	100
	Spring, 2014	69	30	0	100
	Spring, 2013	80	20	0	100
	Spring, 2008	65	35	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	62	31	7	100
	Spring, 2018	35	60	5	100
	Spring, 2017	50	45	5	100
	Spring, 2016	53	42	5	100
	Spring, 2015	43	53	4	100
	Spring, 2014	58	38	4	100
	Spring, 2013	81	16	3	100
	Spring, 2008	70	26	4	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	53	43	4	100
	Spring, 2018	44	51	4	100
	Spring, 2017	46	48	6	100
	Spring, 2016	48	46	6	100
	Spring, 2014	43	53	4	100
	Spring, 2013	58	36	5	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	64	33	3	100
	Spring, 2018	53	31	16	100
	Spring, 2017	65	25	11	100
	Spring, 2016	75	17	8	100
	Spring, 2015	71	22	7	100
	Spring, 2014	75	18	7	100
	Spring, 2013	82	11	8	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	57	41	3	100
	Spring, 2018	38	59	4	100
	Spring, 2017	55	42	3	100
	Spring, 2016	54	41	5	100

		Q6b. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? b. the United States			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
Spain	Spring, 2021	60	37	2	100
	Spring, 2018	31	66	2	100
	Spring, 2017	38	55	7	100
	Spring, 2016	48	43	9	100
	Spring, 2015	50	46	5	100
	Spring, 2014	57	37	6	100
	Spring, 2013	69	26	5	100
	Spring, 2008	49	40	11	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	61	37	2	100
	Spring, 2018	36	60	4	100
	Spring, 2017	43	52	5	100
	Spring, 2016	47	51	2	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	58	37	5	100
	Spring, 2018	43	52	5	100
	Spring, 2017	53	40	7	100
	Spring, 2016	56	36	8	100
	Spring, 2015	57	35	8	100
	Spring, 2014	65	28	7	100
	Spring, 2013	75	18	7	100
	Spring, 2008	69	24	7	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	50	48	2	100
	Spring, 2018	45	51	5	100
	Spring, 2017	54	42	4	100
	Spring, 2016	59	36	6	100
	Spring, 2015	58	34	7	100
	Spring, 2013	79	16	6	100
	Spring, 2008	72	23	5	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	59	31	10	100
	Spring, 2018	66	28	6	100
	Spring, 2017	69	24	6	100
	Spring, 2016	76	17	7	100
	Spring, 2015	76	17	7	100
	Spring, 2014	84	10	6	100
	Spring, 2013	85	9	6	100
	Spring, 2008	80	17	3	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	49	48	3	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	58	39	3	100

		Q6b. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? b. the United States			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
South Korea	Spring, 2021	76	22	2	100
	Spring, 2018	85	13	1	100
	Spring, 2017	84	13	3	100
	Spring, 2015	83	15	2	100
	Spring, 2014	91	6	3	100
	Spring, 2013	90	6	3	100
	Spring, 2008	94	5	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	74	17	8	100

		Q6c. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? c. (survey public)			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	63	35	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	75	24	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	60	39	0	100
France	Spring, 2021	58	41	1	100
	Spring, 2017	67	33	0	100
	Spring, 2014	64	36	0	100
	Spring, 2008	77	22	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	69	30	1	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	51	49	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	62	38	0	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	73	26	0	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	60	38	1	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	84	16	0	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	68	32	0	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	72	27	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	57	39	4	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	82	17	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	75	23	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	67	32	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	73	23	5	100

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		Q6c. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? c. (survey public)			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2018	51	46	3	100
	Spring, 2017	67	31	2	100
	Spring, 2016	58	40	1	100
	Spring, 2015	51	47	2	100
	Spring, 2014	63	34	2	100
	Spring, 2013	69	28	3	100
	Spring, 2008	75	22	4	100

		Q6N. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? Democracy in the United States...				
		Is a good example for other countries to follow	Used to be a good example, but has not been in recent years	Has never been a good example for other countries to follow	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	19	72	8	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	14	69	14	2	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	17	54	26	2	100
France	Spring, 2021	18	53	27	3	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	14	54	27	5	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	26	45	27	2	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	32	49	17	2	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	18	57	23	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	22	54	23	1	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	16	56	26	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	20	56	21	3	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	11	64	24	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	14	67	10	9	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	8	63	27	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	11	66	22	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	16	73	11	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	22	63	10	5	100

		Q15a. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? a. Healthcare system						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	7	24	30	32	7	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	2	10	23	47	16	2	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	3	5	20	51	20	1	100
France	Spring, 2021	2	7	18	53	18	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	3	4	24	48	18	3	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	14	24	26	23	7	6	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	5	10	24	44	16	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	1	9	23	49	17	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	2	8	14	53	20	2	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	1	5	14	61	18	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	3	11	17	46	19	5	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	1	4	14	56	24	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	7	27	31	24	5	7	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	1	7	23	48	18	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	9	17	39	25	10	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	3	19	33	32	11	2	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	6	36	37	12	4	6	100

		Q15b. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? b. Universities						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	14	33	35	14	3	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	12	41	34	8	1	3	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	16	43	29	7	2	3	100
France	Spring, 2021	21	37	27	8	1	5	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	14	35	38	3	1	9	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	40	40	11	3	1	5	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	21	43	27	5	1	3	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	8	46	33	8	1	3	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	16	54	20	6	1	2	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	10	49	29	9	1	2	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	11	40	28	8	1	11	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	6	40	36	13	1	4	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	24	45	19	2	0	8	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	9	47	30	7	2	5	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	23	40	30	5	1	2	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	31	46	17	3	1	3	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	20	52	17	2	0	9	100

		Q15c. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? c. Standard of living						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	12	39	32	14	2	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	2	23	43	28	2	2	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	3	19	40	31	4	2	100
France	Spring, 2021	6	24	42	22	4	3	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	4	12	50	25	4	5	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	14	33	35	12	2	3	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	10	33	43	11	2	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	1	11	40	41	6	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	8	43	31	14	2	2	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	0	13	33	49	4	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	3	34	36	20	3	4	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	1	18	36	41	3	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	6	30	40	14	2	8	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	1	20	41	30	4	3	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	7	28	47	14	3	2	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	9	43	38	8	1	2	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	5	48	38	5	1	4	100

		Q15d. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? d. Military						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	44	34	17	3	0	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	23	47	20	4	2	4	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	23	50	20	2	2	3	100
France	Spring, 2021	25	43	21	4	2	5	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	20	39	27	5	2	7	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	33	33	16	4	4	10	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	27	44	21	4	3	2	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	15	52	26	3	1	4	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	27	47	16	4	3	3	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	26	53	14	5	1	2	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	19	45	21	6	2	7	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	20	50	20	6	2	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	27	36	21	5	2	10	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	18	45	24	7	3	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	29	32	30	5	2	2	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	42	31	18	3	1	5	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	37	46	9	1	0	6	100

		Q15e. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? e. Technological achievements						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	16	48	28	7	1	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	13	49	31	5	0	2	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	18	54	24	3	0	1	100
France	Spring, 2021	25	47	22	3	1	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	12	40	36	4	1	6	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	45	42	9	1	1	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	23	56	20	0	0	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	8	56	30	4	0	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	22	61	13	3	0	1	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	11	53	29	6	1	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	14	57	19	3	2	5	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	11	62	20	4	0	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	23	43	21	4	1	8	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	12	56	25	3	1	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	28	41	25	4	2	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	38	40	19	2	0	2	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	31	53	12	1	0	3	100

		Q15f. When it comes to each of the following areas, do you think the United States is the best, above average, average, below average, or the worst when compared to other developed nations? f. Entertainment, including movies, music and television						
		The best	Above average	Average	Below average	The worst	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	29	39	24	5	2	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	22	54	17	3	1	2	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	24	49	21	3	1	2	100
France	Spring, 2021	24	41	24	6	1	4	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	21	40	26	6	1	5	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	34	36	16	5	3	6	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	30	44	21	2	1	3	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	22	52	20	3	1	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	24	50	17	5	1	2	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	24	50	19	5	1	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	23	48	20	4	1	4	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	21	50	22	4	1	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	33	39	21	2	0	4	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	20	50	21	5	3	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	30	40	25	4	1	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	23	44	25	4	1	3	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	18	50	22	1	0	8	100

		Q28a. Do you think discrimination against people based on their race or ethnicity is a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, not too serious problem or not a problem at all in _____? a. the United States					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Canada	Spring, 2021	63	28	7	2	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	51	34	10	3	2	100
France	Spring, 2021	53	32	8	3	4	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	48	37	6	3	6	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	56	27	9	5	3	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	58	28	8	5	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	55	35	7	2	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	69	21	6	3	1	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	44	46	8	2	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	61	25	7	3	5	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	58	31	7	2	2	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	62	29	4	1	3	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	68	27	3	1	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	53	29	11	5	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	62	31	5	1	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	49	40	6	1	4	100

		Q28b. Do you think discrimination against people based on their race or ethnicity is a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, not too serious problem or not a problem at all in _____? b. (survey public)					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	42	32	21	4	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	26	42	26	5	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	22	45	29	4	0	100
France	Spring, 2021	42	40	14	4	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	28	46	19	5	2	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	37	34	22	7	0	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	46	36	12	5	0	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	19	48	30	4	0	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	30	31	23	16	0	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	21	54	22	3	0	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	31	40	23	5	1	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	22	44	29	5	0	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	7	39	44	10	0	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	19	44	31	6	0	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	19	19	36	26	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	8	51	36	4	0	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	2	15	51	30	1	100