

# Topline questionnaire

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
W70 JULY 2020  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JULY 13-19, 2020  
N=10,211**

**THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	10,211	+/- 1.5 percentage points

**ASK ALL:**

CONTACTTRAC1      When an unknown number calls your cellphone, do you generally...

July 13-19, 2020

19	Answer the phone to see who it is
67	Not answer the phone and check the voicemail message if one is left
14	Not answer the phone and ignore a voicemail message if one is left
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CONTACTTRAC2      How often, if at all, do you think people pretend to be someone else in order to try to steal people's personal information?

July 13-19, 2020

49	Often
42	Sometimes
8	Rarely
2	Never
*	No answer

**ASK IF FORM 1 (FORM=1) [N=5,071]:**

CONTACTPHONEF1 How likely, if at all, would you be to speak with a public health official if they contacted you by phone or text message to speak with you about the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19, 2020

25	Very likely
33	Somewhat likely
24	Not too likely
17	Not at all likely
1	No answer

**ASK IF FORM 2 (FORM=2) [N=5,140]:**

CONTACTHOMEF2 How likely, if at all, would you be to speak with a public health official if they showed up at your residence to speak with you about the coronavirus outbreak?

July 13-19, 2020

25	Very likely
34	Somewhat likely
22	Not too likely
17	Not at all likely
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CTKNOW1 How much, if at all, have you seen or heard about public health officials using a process called "contact tracing" to gather information to try to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19?

July 13-19, 2020

29	A great deal
41	Some
15	Not too much
14	Not at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

SECUR1 Compared with five years ago, do you feel your personal information is...  
**[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 13-19, 2020

5	More secure
68	Less secure
27	About the same
*	No answer

June 3-17, 2019

6
70
24
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In "contact tracing," public health officials interview people who have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in order to identify everyone who has had contact with them, and who are therefore at risk of getting COVID-19.

**ASK ALL:**

SHAREINFO1

How comfortable, if at all, would you be sharing the following with a public health official during the coronavirus outbreak?

		<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Places you have recently visited					
	July 13-19, 2020	49	28	11	11	*
b.	The names of people you might have been in physical contact with					
	July 13-19, 2020	43	29	15	13	*
c.	Location data from your cellphone					
	July 13-19, 2020	26	23	21	29	1

**ASK IF FORM 1 (FORM=1) [N=5,071]:**

HEALTHRECF1

If a public health official told you that you should quarantine yourself for at least 14 days because you had the coronavirus, would you act on that advice?

July 13-19, 2020

73	Definitely would
20	Probably would
5	Probably would not
2	Definitely would not
*	No answer

**ASK IF PROBABLY OR DEFINITELY WOULD NOT QUARANTINE (HEALTHRECF1=3-4) [N=247]:**

WHYNOTQUARF1

Please indicate if any of the following is a reason you would not quarantine yourself for at least 14 days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Unable to miss work				
	July 13-19, 2020	35	17	47	1
b.	Unable to arrange childcare				
	July 13-19, 2020	11	11	77	1
c.	Too many other obligations				
	July 13-19, 2020	23	38	39	*
d.	Just don't think it's necessary				
	July 13-19, 2020	44	35	19	2
e.	Concern about being isolated from others				
	July 13-19, 2020	15	24	58	2

**ASK IF FORM 2 (FORM=2) [N=5,140]:**

HEALTHRECF2 If a public health official told you that you should quarantine yourself for at least 14 days because you had the coronavirus, how difficult would it be for you to be able to act on that advice?

July 13-19, 2020

10	Very difficult
22	Somewhat difficult
32	Not too difficult
36	Not at all difficult
*	No answer

**ASK IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO QUARANTINE (HEALTHRECF2=1-2) [N=1,447]:**

WHYDIFFICULTF2 Please indicate if any of the following is a reason it would be difficult for you to quarantine yourself for at least 14 days? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Unable to miss work July 13-19, 2020	39	18	42	1
b. Unable to arrange childcare July 13-19, 2020	22	11	67	1
c. Too many other obligations July 13-19, 2020	40	34	25	1
d. Just don't think it's necessary July 13-19, 2020	21	25	53	*
e. Concern about being isolated from others July 13-19, 2020	23	33	43	*

**ASK ALL:**

RECSAFE

How confident, if at all, are you that the following groups will keep your personal records safe from hackers or unauthorized users? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK ALL:</b>					
a. Public health organizations July 13-19, 2020	12	47	26	15	*
<b>ASK ALL:</b>					
b. Your medical doctors or health care providers July 13-19, 2020	32	49	12	6	*
<b>ASK ALL:</b>					
d. The federal government July 13-19, 2020	8	41	29	21	*

**ASK ALL:**

CVDATAACCEPT

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for the personal information that may be collected by public health officials during the coronavirus outbreak to be available for use by... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat unacceptable</u>	<u>Very unacceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Researchers who study infectious diseases July 13-19, 2020	35	40	13	12	*
b. Health insurance companies July 13-19, 2020	10	30	24	36	1
c. Pharmaceutical companies July 13-19, 2020	9	31	24	35	1
d. State and local elected officials July 13-19, 2020	8	29	24	38	1