

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 66 APRIL 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
April 20-26, 2020
N=10,139**

ASK ALL:
ETHICS1

Generally speaking, how would you rate the ethical standards of each of the following groups?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY ANSWER CHOICES 1-4 OR 4-1]

	<u>Very high ethical standards</u>	<u>High ethical standards</u>	<u>Low ethical standards</u>	<u>Very low ethical standards</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Elected officials					
Apr 20-26, 2020	3	24	54	17	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	3	23	54	20	1
NO ITEM b					
c. Journalists					
Apr 20-26, 2020	6	37	38	19	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	6	38	38	16	1
d. Medical doctors					
Apr 20-26, 2020	35	57	6	1	*
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	23	64	11	2	1
e. Religious leaders					
Apr 20-26, 2020	13	53	24	8	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	10	54	27	7	1
f. Lawyers					
Apr 20-26, 2020	5	39	43	11	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	5	38	43	12	1
g. Police officers					
Apr 20-26, 2020	12	60	22	5	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	11	59	24	5	1

ASK ALL:

CONF How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to act in the best interests of the public? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Elected officials					
Apr 20-26, 2020	3	33	49	14	1
Jan 7-21, 2019	4	32	50	14	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	4	33	48	15	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	3	22	52	23	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	3	24	54	19	1
b. Journalists					
Apr 20-26, 2020	9	39	33	19	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	15	41	28	16	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>The news media</i>					
Jan 7-21, 2019	9	38	34	19	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	10	38	33	19	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	8	32	35	25	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	5	33	40	21	1
c. The military					
Apr 20-26, 2020	38	45	13	4	*
Jan 7-21, 2019	36	46	14	4	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	41	41	12	4	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	39	41	15	4	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	33	46	15	5	1
d. Religious leaders					
Apr 20-26, 2020	17	46	26	11	1
Jan 7-21, 2019	13	44	30	12	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	15	47	27	11	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	40	34	16	1
May 10-June 6, 2016	13	39	32	14	1
e. Business leaders					
Apr 20-26, 2020	5	43	41	11	1
Jan 7-21, 2019	6	40	43	11	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	4	39	43	14	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	5	40	42	13	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	4	37	44	14	1
ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=5,047]					
f. Medical scientists					
Apr 20-26, 2020	43	46	9	2	*
Jan 7-21, 2019	35	52	11	2	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	24	60	12	3	1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=5,092]					
g. Scientists					
Apr 20-26, 2020	39	48	10	2	1
Jan 7-21, 2019	35	51	11	2	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	33	49	14	3	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	27	52	17	5	*
May 10-June 6, 2016	21	55	18	4	1

CONF CONTINUED ...

	<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=5,047]					
h. College and university professors					
Apr 20-26, 2020	16	52	22	9	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	18	50	22	10	*
ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=5,092]					
i. Public school principals for grades K-12					
Apr 20-26, 2020	28	55	14	3	*
Jan 7-21, 2019	21	56	18	4	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	25	55	16	4	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Public school principals and superintendents for grades K-12</i>					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	22	55	17	5	1
May 10-June 6, 2016	13	53	27	7	1
j. Police officers					
Apr 20-26, 2020	24	54	17	4	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	30	48	16	5	*

ASK ALL:

COMATTACH In general, how attached do you feel to your local community?

Apr 20-26 <u>2020</u>		Feb 26-Mar 11 <u>2018</u>	Jan 12-Feb 8 <u>2016</u> ¹
19	Very attached	16	19
48	Somewhat attached	43	47
28	Not too attached	30	25
6	Not at all attached	11	8
*	No answer	*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

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

Apr 20-26 <u>2020</u>		Mar 19-24 <u>2020</u>	Mar 10-16 <u>2020</u>
46	Very closely	57	51
42	Fairly closely	35	38
10	Not too closely	7	9
2	Not at all closely	1	2
*	No answer	*	*

¹ Survey conducted Jan. 12 to Feb. 8, 2016 did not include "attached" in response options, and its third response option used "not very" instead of "not too."

ASK ALL:

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

Apr 20-26 <u>2020</u>		Mar 10-16 <u>2020</u>
27	Very well	30
42	Somewhat well	40
18	Not too well	17
11	Not at all well	11
2	No answer	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]**

		Greatly exaggerated <u>the risks</u>	Slightly exaggerated <u>the risks</u>	Gotten the risks about <u>right</u>	Not taken the risks quite seriously <u>enough</u>	Not taken the risks seriously <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	The news media						
	Apr 20-26, 2020	24	23	39	10	3	1
	Mar 10-16, 2020	37	25	30	6	2	1
b.	Donald Trump						
	Apr 20-26, 2020	4	5	36	25	30	1
	Mar 10-16, 2020	5	6	37	23	29	1
c.	Democratic leaders in Congress						
	Apr 20-26, 2020	16	13	43	19	7	1
	Mar 10-16, 2020	20	19	38	15	4	3
d.	Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)						
	Apr 20-26, 2020	9	15	62	12	2	1
	Mar 10-16, 2020 ²	7	13	63	13	2	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

² Survey conducted March 10-16, 2020 asked about, "Public health officials at the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention"

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSPLAT

Please indicate whether each of the following is a source of news for you about the coronavirus outbreak. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SPLIT ACROSS TWO SCREENS WITH 5 ITEMS PER SCREEN]**

	<u>Major source</u>	<u>Minor source</u>	<u>Not a source</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. International news outlets Apr 20-26, 2020	25	42	33	*
b. National news outlets Apr 20-26, 2020	56	34	10	*
c. Local news outlets Apr 20-26, 2020	46	41	13	*
d. Donald Trump and his coronavirus task force Apr 20-26, 2020	31	36	33	1
COVIDNEWSPLAT CONTINUED ...	<u>Major source</u>	<u>Minor source</u>	<u>Not a source</u>	<u>No answer</u>
e. Joe Biden and his campaign Apr 20-26, 2020	5	16	79	*
f. State and local elected officials and their offices Apr 20-26, 2020	36	45	19	*
g. Public health organizations and officials Apr 20-26, 2020	51	38	11	*
h. Friends, family and neighbors Apr 20-26, 2020	16	54	30	*
i. Community or neighborhood newsletter or Listserv Apr 20-26, 2020	8	24	68	1
j. Online forums or discussion groups Apr 20-26, 2020	10	30	59	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSRELY

And which of these sources do you RELY ON MOST for news about the coronavirus outbreak? **[ONLY SHOW THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE A MAJOR OR MINOR SOURCE; SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS COVIDNEWSPLAT]**

Apr 20-26

2020

4	International news outlets
26	National news outlets
18	Local news outlets
16	Donald Trump and his coronavirus task force
*	Joe Biden and his campaign
9	State and local elected officials and their offices
18	Public health organizations and officials
4	Friends, family and neighbors
1	Community or neighborhood newsletter or Listserv
4	Online forums or discussion groups
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDDEAL

All in all, do you think that the coronavirus outbreak has been... **[RANDOMIZE ANSWER CHOICES 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK ANSWER CHOICE 3 LAST]**

Apr 20-26

2020

29	Made a BIGGER deal than it really is
27	Made a SMALLER deal than it really is
42	Approached about right
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDNATLOC

Do you pay more attention to news about the coronavirus outbreak at... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]**

Apr 20-26

2020

23	The state and local level
15	The national level
61	Both about equally
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSSWITCH

In keeping up with the coronavirus outbreak, have you turned to any different sources for news than you usually do?

Apr 20-26

2020

37	Yes, I have
62	No, I have not
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDDISC How often, if at all, are you discussing the coronavirus outbreak with others whether online, in person or over the phone?

Apr 20-26

2020

13	Almost all the time
31	Most of the time
45	Sometimes
9	Hardly ever
2	Never
*	No answer

ASK INTERNET USERS (XTABLET=2) [N=9,980]:

COVIDSM How often, if ever, do you get news and information about the coronavirus outbreak on social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram)?

BASED ON TOTAL [N=10,139]:

Apr 20-26

2020

19	Often
27	Sometimes
19	Hardly ever
33	Never
1	No answer

ASK IF GETS COVID NEWS ON SM (COVIDSM=1-3) [N=6,725]:

COVIDSMSHARE Have you posted or shared any news and information about the coronavirus outbreak on social media?

Apr 20-26

2020

Based on
total
N=10,139

23	Yes, I have
42	No, I have not
*	No answer

Based on those
asked
N=6,725

36
64
*

33	Does not get coronavirus news on social media	-
1	No answer to getting coronavirus news on social media	-

ASK ALL:

COVIDINFO In general, do you feel like you have a handle on the issues and developments surrounding the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 20-26

2020

84	Yes, I feel like I have a handle on the issues and developments
15	No, I feel like I can't get a handle on the issues and developments
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDREPORT How much, if at all, do you think journalists have had to change the way they report the news due to the coronavirus outbreak?

Apr 20-26

2020

28	A great deal
43	Somewhat
20	Not much
9	Not at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSFINAN To the best of your knowledge, what impact has the coronavirus outbreak had on the finances of most news organizations? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 6 LAST]**

Apr 20-26

2020

9	Helped a lot
9	Helped a little
17	Not had much of an impact
14	Hurt a little
17	Hurt a lot
34	Not sure
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSPAIR

For each pair of opposite phrases, which one do you feel better describes the news media's coverage of the COVID-19 outbreak? If you think neither phrase applies, please indicate so. **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSES 1-3 IN ORDER; DISPLAY A-E ON THE SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES]**

a.	Largely <u>accurate</u>	Largely <u>inaccurate</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 20-26, 2020	49	24	26	1
b.	Helping <u>the country</u>	Hurting <u>the country</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 20-26, 2020	46	34	20	1
c.	Working for the <u>benefit of the public</u>	Working to benefit <u>themselves</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 20-26, 2020	48	36	15	1
d.	Gets me the <u>information I need</u>	Is not getting me the <u>information I need</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 20-26, 2020	59	24	17	1
e.	More positive than <u>it should be</u>	More negative than <u>it should be</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 20-26, 2020	12	43	44	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDINFODIFF

When you get news and information about the coronavirus outbreak, do you generally find it... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 20-26	
<u>2020</u>	
50	Difficult to determine what is true and what is not
49	Easy to determine what is true and what is not
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDWORN

Which of the following statements comes closer to how you feel?

I feel the need to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 20-26	
<u>2020</u>	
71	Take breaks from the news about the coronavirus outbreak
28	Stay tuned in to news about the coronavirus outbreak
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSFEEL

Does keeping up with news about the coronavirus outbreak make you feel...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

Apr 20-26

2020

7	Better emotionally
43	Worse emotionally
49	Doesn't change my emotions
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDTOPICA

How closely are you following NATIONAL news and information about each of these topics related to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The economic impact of the outbreak Apr 20-26, 2020	46	40	11	3	*
b. Actions and statements by the federal government Apr 20-26, 2020	34	45	16	5	*
c. The number of confirmed cases and deaths in the U.S. Apr 20-26, 2020	38	39	17	6	*
d. Advice from national health organizations, such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Apr 20-26, 2020	40	42	12	5	*
COVIDTOPICA CONTINUED ...	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>No answer</u>
e. The ability of hospitals across the country to treat patients Apr 20-26, 2020	33	46	16	5	*
f. The health impact of the coronavirus on people like me Apr 20-26, 2020	40	40	14	5	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDTOPICB And how closely are you following news and information in YOUR LOCAL AREA about each of these topics related to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The status of nearby businesses Apr 20-26, 2020	29	46	19	6	*
b. The status of nearby schools Apr 20-26, 2020	30	27	23	19	*
c. The availability of food and other essentials in stores Apr 20-26, 2020	38	40	16	5	*
d. Actions and statements by your state and local government Apr 20-26, 2020	42	42	12	4	*
e. The availability of testing for COVID-19 Apr 20-26, 2020	29	36	25	10	*
f. The status of nearby hospitals Apr 20-26, 2020	28	36	25	11	*
g. Availability of unemployment benefits and other aid Apr 20-26, 2020	25	31	28	16	*

ASK ALL:

COVIDINFOCHECK If you wanted to check the accuracy of news and information about the coronavirus, how confident are you that you would know what steps to take?

Apr 20-26
2020

28	Very confident
49	Somewhat confident
18	Not too confident
4	Not at all confident
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

COVIDCUREWORK As far as you know, how effective are at-home treatments for serious cases of the coronavirus?

Apr 20-26
2020

7	Very effective
30	Somewhat effective
32	Not too effective
28	Not at all effective
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDCUREHEARD

How much, if anything, have you heard about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Using the medicine known as hydroxychloroquine to treat the coronavirus Apr 20-26, 2020	44	39	17	1
b. Drinking a form of diluted bleach sometimes called "miracle mineral solution" (MMS) to treat the coronavirus Apr 20-26, 2020	3	17	79	*
c. Taking vitamin C to prevent getting the coronavirus Apr 20-26, 2020	15	40	45	1
d. Treating COVID-19 patients with blood plasma transfusions from recovered patients Apr 20-26, 2020	30	44	26	*
e. The coronavirus going away in warmer weather Apr 20-26, 2020	22	61	16	1
f. A connection between 5G mobile-phone technology and the coronavirus Apr 20-26, 2020	12	36	51	*

ASK ALL:

As you may know, a few weeks ago in response to the coronavirus outbreak Congress passed a bill that Donald Trump signed into law providing economic aid to businesses, individuals and state and local governments.

COVIDBILL From what you've seen or heard, does the economic aid law passed by Congress and signed by Donald Trump include each of the following or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-E]**

	Yes, the law <u>includes this</u>	No, the law does not <u>include this</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. \$1,200 in stimulus money for many American adults (true) Apr 20-26, 2020	91	2	7	1
b. Pay raises for members of Congress (false) Apr 20-26, 2020	8	37	54	1
c. Restrictions on businesses connected to Donald Trump and other administration officials from receiving assistance (true) Apr 20-26, 2020	22	21	56	1
d. Increased unemployment benefits for the next four months (true) Apr 20-26, 2020	64	6	29	1
e. Federal aid and benefits for undocumented immigrants (false) Apr 20-26, 2020	7	52	40	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDBILLSIZE From what you have seen or heard, about how much economic aid was in the bill passed by Congress and Donald Trump in March?

Apr 20-26

2020

8	About \$250 billion
4	About \$500 billion
2	About \$750 billion
3	About \$1 trillion
4	About \$1.5 trillion
31	About \$2 trillion (correct)
20	About \$2.5 trillion
27	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDPOLCOOP How well are elected officials working together to address the coronavirus outbreak?

Apr 20-26

2020

7	Very well
47	Somewhat well
32	Not too well
13	Not at all well
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

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

Apr 20-26

2020

15	A lot
48	Some
27	Not much
8	None at all
1	No answer

Mar 10-16

2020

12
35
32
20
1

ASK ALL:

COVIDCONFUSE How much do you think made-up news and information leaves Americans confused about the basic facts of the coronavirus outbreak?

Apr 20-26

2020

49	A great deal
37	Some
9	Not too much
3	Not at all
2	No answer

ASK IF ENCOUNTERED AT LEAST NOT MUCH MISINFO (COVIDMISINFO=1-3) [N=9,333]:

COVIDINFOWRONG Did you initially think any of the made-up news and information you have seen or heard was true before realizing it was made-up?

Apr 20-26

2020

38	Yes, I did
61	No, I did not
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDAVOID Have you stopped going to a specific source because you thought that they were putting out made-up news and information about the coronavirus outbreak?

Apr 20-26

2020

35	Yes, I have
64	No, I have not
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

Thinking about another topic...

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election?

Apr 20-26		Feb 18- Mar 2	July 22- Aug 4	Oct 25- Nov 8	Sept 27- Oct 10	June 7- July 5
<u>2020</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2016</u> ³	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
19	Very closely	23	15	41	35	35
33	Fairly closely	37	37	37	40	43
31	Not too closely	29	34	16	18	18
16	Not at all closely	12	14	6	7	4
*	No answer	*	*	*	*	*

ASK ALL:

CAMP20INT How important, if at all, is it to you personally to get messages and statements about the upcoming election and other important issues from the presidential campaigns of Donald Trump and Joe Biden?

Apr 20-26

2020

18	Very important
27	Somewhat important
31	Not too important
24	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

PELECT20_STATUS As far as you know, are states still holding primaries for the Democratic presidential nomination?

Apr 20-26

2020

43	Yes, states are still holding primaries
14	No, states have ended primaries
41	Not sure
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

³ In surveys conducted in 2016, question asked about 2016 presidential election.

ASK ALL:

COVIDCONG1 Has the congregation or house of worship you most often attend closed its regular religious services to the public in response to the coronavirus outbreak, or are people still gathering there in person?

Apr 20-26,
2020

51	Has closed regular religious services to the public
3	People are still gathering there in person
45	I don't know/I don't attend
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDCONG2 Is the congregation or house of worship you most often attend streaming or recording its services so that people can watch them online or on TV?

Apr 20-26,
2020

43	Yes
10	No
46	I don't know/I don't attend
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDSPIR As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own religious faith become... **[RANDOMIZE ANSWER OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK ANSWERS 3-4 LAST]**

Apr 20-26,
2020

24	Stronger
2	Weaker
47	Hasn't changed much [ANCHOR]
26	Not applicable – I am not a religious person and this has not changed [ANCHOR]
1	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...⁴

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	29	29	13	1	17	22

⁴ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.