

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.

		Q3. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in (survey public) – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?					
		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	5	36	39	19	1	100
	March, 2020	8	38	38	15	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	19	47	18	15	1	100
	Spring, 2019	14	52	24	9	1	100
	Spring, 2018	16	45	25	14	1	100
	Spring, 2017	18	52	21	9	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	7	42	34	16	0	100
France	Spring, 2021	5	39	29	26	0	100
	Fall, 2020	11	44	29	16	0	100
	Spring, 2019	5	36	29	29	1	100
	Spring, 2018	5	43	29	22	1	100
	Spring, 2017	3	31	37	28	1	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	25	40	18	16	0	100
	Fall, 2020	39	41	11	9	1	100
	Spring, 2019	17	48	21	15	0	100
	Spring, 2018	13	43	27	16	1	100
	Spring, 2017	24	49	19	7	1	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	7	24	36	32	0	100
	Spring, 2019	5	21	41	33	1	100
	Spring, 2018	1	15	42	42	1	100
	Spring, 2017	3	18	43	36	0	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	5	29	37	28	0	100
	Spring, 2019	3	28	41	27	1	100
	Spring, 2018	2	27	46	24	1	100
	Spring, 2017	2	29	43	24	2	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	18	47	21	13	0	100
	Spring, 2019	18	50	20	11	0	100
	Spring, 2018	12	52	24	10	1	100
	Spring, 2017	25	52	16	6	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	11	24	39	26	0	100
	Spring, 2019	8	24	41	27	1	100
	Spring, 2018	7	13	45	36	0	100
	Spring, 2017	7	18	44	30	0	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	26	53	13	8	0	100
	Spring, 2019	20	52	19	9	1	100
	Spring, 2018	18	51	21	9	0	100
	Spring, 2017	23	56	14	6	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	18	42	22	17	1	100
	Fall, 2020	18	42	23	15	2	100
	Spring, 2019	5	26	32	37	0	100
	Spring, 2018	7	35	32	23	2	100
	Spring, 2017	12	40	31	16	2	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	15	49	25	12	0	100
	Spring, 2019	13	44	26	15	2	100
	Spring, 2018	13	46	26	14	2	100
	Spring, 2017	13	45	25	16	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	2	36	48	12	2	100
	Spring, 2019	3	40	43	10	3	100
	Spring, 2018	2	38	44	12	3	100
	Spring, 2017	5	45	38	9	3	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	28	48	16	7	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	27	55	13	4	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	9	44	33	13	0	100
	Spring, 2019	8	47	31	13	1	100
	Spring, 2018	9	55	29	6	1	100
	Spring, 2017	3	27	55	14	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	13	44	29	12	1	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		Q3. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in (survey public) – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?					
		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	9	36	29	24	2	100
	Spring, 2020	14	29	28	27	2	100
	Spring, 2019	9	30	32	27	2	100
	Spring, 2018	11	29	31	27	2	100
	Spring, 2017	11	35	28	23	3	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

		Q13a. Thinking about (survey public), would you say each of the following aspects needs to be completely reformed, needs major changes, needs minor changes, or doesn't need to be changed? a. the economic system					
		It needs to be completely reformed	It needs major changes	It needs minor changes	It doesn't need to be changed	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	17	49	27	6	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	6	40	44	9	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	14	37	38	10	1	100
France	Spring, 2021	11	55	26	6	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	8	43	36	11	2	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	20	64	13	2	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	21	64	12	2	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	8	25	49	17	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	32	51	15	2	0	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	5	23	56	14	1	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	10	35	41	11	4	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	4	28	54	13	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	14	47	29	6	5	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	2	26	61	10	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	13	29	43	13	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	14	58	26	2	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	13	36	39	7	5	100

		Q13b. Thinking about (survey public), would you say each of the following aspects needs to be completely reformed, needs major changes, needs minor changes, or doesn't need to be changed? b. the health care system					
		It needs to be completely reformed	It needs major changes	It needs minor changes	It doesn't need to be changed	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	30	46	20	4	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	6	37	47	10	0	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	10	25	38	26	1	100
France	Spring, 2021	9	46	31	13	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	11	37	39	12	2	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	16	61	20	2	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	11	48	36	5	0	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	9	36	43	12	0	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	13	40	37	10	0	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	9	37	46	8	0	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	9	32	45	13	1	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	3	22	57	17	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	12	41	33	12	2	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	6	38	46	9	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	13	21	44	22	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	8	34	47	12	0	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	7	21	48	20	4	100

		Q13c. Thinking about (survey public), would you say each of the following aspects needs to be completely reformed, needs major changes, needs minor changes, or doesn't need to be changed? c. the political system					
		It needs to be completely reformed	It needs major changes	It needs minor changes	It doesn't need to be changed	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	42	43	12	2	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	8	39	40	12	1	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	33	39	20	6	2	100
France	Spring, 2021	23	50	18	7	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2021	15	37	32	13	3	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	30	50	13	6	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	42	47	8	1	1	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	15	30	35	19	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	54	32	11	2	0	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	9	25	40	26	0	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	14	38	32	13	4	100
Australia	Spring, 2021	9	39	38	13	1	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	24	42	25	6	3	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	3	21	52	22	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	12	27	40	18	2	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	46	38	13	2	1	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	26	30	31	7	6	100

		ASK IF POLITICAL SYSTEM NEEDS AT LEAST MAJOR CHANGES IN Q13c: Q14. And how confident are you that (survey public)'s political system can be changed effectively - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?						
		Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	DK/Refused	Total	N=
United States	Spring, 2021	6	27	45	22	0	100	2205
Canada	Spring, 2021	5	38	38	20	0	100	442
Belgium	Spring, 2021	10	21	36	33	0	100	738
France	Spring, 2021	5	20	37	37	0	100	704
Germany	Spring, 2021	10	35	37	17	1	100	475
Greece	Spring, 2021	9	18	31	42	0	100	803
Italy	Spring, 2021	4	15	48	34	0	100	886
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	5	30	36	28	0	100	406
Spain	Spring, 2021	8	16	41	34	0	100	858
Sweden	Spring, 2021	9	28	42	19	0	100	292
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	5	22	37	36	0	100	514
Australia	Spring, 2021	5	24	42	28	0	100	451
Japan	Spring, 2021	2	24	50	23	0	100	652
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	6	38	35	21	0	100	231
Singapore	Spring, 2021	29	36	27	7	0	100	400
South Korea	Spring, 2021	6	26	49	19	0	100	852
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	3	16	46	35	0	100	571