

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 68 JUNE 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
June 4-10, 2020
N=9,654

Note: In several cases, questions from past surveys conducted by telephone are shown as trends for comparison. This is noted throughout this topline.

ASK ALL:

FLOYDFOL How closely have you been following news about the demonstrations around the country to protest the death of George Floyd, a black man who died¹ while in police custody?

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
42	Very closely	40	61	38	39
42	Fairly closely	43	28	44	46
14	Not too closely	14	10	15	14
3	Not at all closely	3	1	2	1
*	No answer	*	*	*	0

ASK ALL:

FLOYDDISC How often, if at all, are you discussing the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd with others whether online, in person or over the phone?

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
11	Almost all the time	8	30	11	10
26	Most of the time	25	29	27	31
48	Sometimes	52	34	44	43
10	Hardly ever	10	5	13	10
4	Never	4	2	5	5
1	No answer	1	1	*	*

¹ Because of a programming error, most respondents (N=9,151) saw the word "died" for this question; however, 503 respondents, including all who took the survey in Spanish (N=450), saw the intended wording of "was killed" instead.

ASK ALL:

FLOYDCOVER In general, how would you rate the job news organizations have done covering the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd?

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
14	Excellent	11	32	14	11
42	Good	44	40	40	44
25	Only fair	25	17	30	26
17	Poor	19	9	15	18
1	No answer	1	3	1	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In general, how would you rate the job news organizations have done covering the events in Baltimore [referring to protests over the death of Freddie Gray, who died after his arrest by police in April 2015]? Have news organizations done an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job covering the events in Baltimore?

Apr 20-May 3
2015

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
9	Excellent	7	11	10	--
35	Good	36	35	41	--
28	Only fair	29	36	23	--
20	Poor	21	9	18	--
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	8	8	--

ASK ALL:

FLOYDATTN All in all, do you think that the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd have been getting... **[RANDOMIZE ANSWER CHOICES 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK ANSWER CHOICE 3 LAST]**

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
38	Too much attention	43	11	37	37
11	Too little attention	8	21	15	13
50	About the right amount of attention	48	67	47	50
1	No answer	1	1	1	0

ASK ALL:

FLOYDATTN2 Thinking about some specific aspects of the demonstrations around the country, how much coverage do you think news organizations are giving each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]**

a. The circumstances surrounding the death of George Floyd

Jun 4-10

2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
18	Too much coverage	20	7	19	14
34	Too little coverage	31	39	36	39
47	Right amount of coverage	48	52	43	47
1	No answer	1	2	2	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

The circumstances surrounding the death of Freddie Gray

Apr 30-

May 3

2015

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
25	Too much coverage	30	8	23	--
28	Too little coverage	27	31	29	--
39	Right amount of coverage	36	54	40	--
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	7	8	--

b. Acts of violence and destruction committed around the protests over George Floyd's death

Jun 4-10

2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
44	Too much coverage	45	36	50	40
20	Too little coverage	20	18	16	23
36	Right amount of coverage	34	46	33	36
1	No answer	1	*	1	0

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Unrest and acts of violence that have taken place

Apr 30-

May 3

2015

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
44	Too much coverage	51	31	29	--
12	Too little coverage	9	22	17	--
38	Right amount of coverage	34	43	48	--
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	4	7	--

FLOYDATTN2 CONTINUED ...

c. Actions taken by the police and National Guard in response to the protests

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
21	Too much coverage	21	18	23	27
32	Too little coverage	31	35	32	30
46	Right amount of coverage	47	46	43	43
1	No answer	1	1	1	0

d. The non-violent protests over George Floyd's death

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
12	Too much coverage	13	8	15	16
51	Too little coverage	51	48	55	48
36	Right amount of coverage	35	44	30	36
1	No answer	1	0	1	0

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

The non-violent protests over Freddie Gray's death

Apr 30-
May 3
2015

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
22	Too much coverage	26	15	16	--
37	Too little coverage	38	38	29	--
34	Right amount of coverage	30	43	45	--
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	4	11	--

e. The decisions whether to prosecute the police officers involved in the death of George Floyd

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
12	Too much coverage	13	5	13	18
34	Too little coverage	28	51	43	34
53	Right amount of coverage	57	43	43	48
1	No answer	1	*	1	*

f. The larger issues of race relations tied to George Floyd's death

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
27	Too much coverage	33	6	23	23
38	Too little coverage	33	55	42	40
34	Right amount of coverage	34	38	34	37
1	No answer	1	2	1	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

FLOYDTRUMPFOL

How closely, if at all, have you been following what Donald Trump has been saying about the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd?

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
24	Very closely	24	35	19	20
37	Fairly closely	39	30	36	42
28	Not too closely	28	24	32	32
10	Not at all closely	9	11	13	6
*	No answer	*	*	*	0

ASK ALL:

FLOYDTRUMPMSSG

From what you've seen or heard, do you generally think Donald Trump has been delivering the right message or the wrong message to the country in response to the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]**

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
12	Completely RIGHT message	15	2	8	9
25	Mostly RIGHT message	30	10	18	21
21	Mostly WRONG message	18	21	31	26
39	Completely WRONG message	33	64	40	43
3	No answer	3	2	3	1

ASK ALL:

FLOYDSTLOCFOL

And how closely, if at all, have you been following what state and local elected officials have been saying about the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd?

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
18	Very closely	17	34	13	9
42	Fairly closely	44	34	36	43
30	Not too closely	28	26	36	43
10	Not at all closely	10	5	13	5
1	No answer	1	1	1	*

ASK INTERNET USERS (XTABLET=2) [N=9,518]:

FLOYDSM How much, if any, news and information about the demonstrations to protest the death of George Floyd have you been getting on social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram)?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Jun 4-10
2020

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
40	A lot	33	49	52	53
21	A little ²	22	18	21	21
14	Not much	15	9	12	15
25	None at all	29	24	14	9
1	No answer	1	*	1	2

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

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

Jun 4-10
2020

39	Very closely
46	Fairly closely
11	Not too closely
3	Not at all closely
*	No answer

Apr 20-26
2020

46
42
10
2
*

Mar 19-24
2020

57
35
7
1
*

Mar 10-16
2020

51
38
9
2
*

ASK ALL:

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

Jun 4-10
2020

28	Very well
43	Somewhat well
17	Not too well
10	Not at all well
1	No answer

Apr 20-26
2020

27
42
18
11
2

Mar 10-16
2020

30
40
17
11
1

ASK ALL:

COVIDTRUMPFOL How closely, if at all, have you been following what Donald Trump has been saying about the coronavirus outbreak?

Jun 4-10
2020

29	Very closely
41	Fairly closely
23	Not too closely
6	Not at all closely
1	No answer

² Because of a programming error, most respondents (N=9,151) saw the response option "A little" for this question; however, 503 respondents, including all who took the survey in Spanish (N=450), saw the intended wording of "Some" instead.

ASK ALL:

COVIDFACTS How often, if ever, do you think each of the following get the facts right when it comes to the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

	<u>Almost all of the time</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Donald Trump and his administration Jun 4-10, 2020	8	21	29	36	5	*
b. The news media in general Jun 4-10, 2020	9	35	36	16	5	*
c. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and other public health organizations Jun 4-10, 2020	22	42	24	7	5	*
d. Your governor and state government Jun 4-10, 2020	14	39	30	11	6	*
e. The local news media in your area Jun 4-10, 2020	10	40	33	9	7	*

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]**

Jun 4-10 <u>2020</u>		Apr 20-26 <u>2020</u>
38	Made a BIGGER deal than it really is	29
21	Made a SMALLER deal than it really is	27
40	Approached about right	42
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDNEWSCHNG Thinking about how you get news now compared to the FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS of the outbreak in the U.S. around the middle of March...

Compared to the FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS of the outbreak, are you... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSES 1-3 IN ORDER; SHOW EACH ITEM ON SEPARATE SCREEN; SHOW INTRO TEXT ON FIRST SCREEN, REPEAT STEM ON EACH FOLLOWING SCREEN]**

a.	Spending MORE time getting news about <u>the outbreak</u>	Spending LESS time getting news about <u>the outbreak</u>	No <u>change</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 4-10, 2020	15	57	27	1
b.	Checking for news updates about the outbreak MORE <u>frequently</u>	Checking for news updates about the outbreak LESS <u>frequently</u>	No <u>change</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 4-10, 2020	18	52	29	1

COVIDNEWSCHNG CONTINUED ...

c.	Finding it HARDER to understand what is happening with <u>the outbreak</u>	Finding it EASIER to understand what is happening with <u>the outbreak</u>	No <u>change</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 4-10, 2020	31	35	33	1
d.	Seeing MORE partisan viewpoints in the news <u>about the outbreak</u>	Seeing FEWER partisan viewpoints in the news <u>about the outbreak</u>	No <u>change</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 4-10, 2020	41	22	35	2
e.	Finding it HARDER to identify what is true and what is false about <u>the outbreak</u>	Finding it EASIER to identify what is true and what is false about <u>the outbreak</u>	No <u>change</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 4-10, 2020	38	30	31	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDTOGETHER

In general, does the news you get about the coronavirus make you feel...
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

Jun 4-10

2020

21	More connected to other Americans
24	Less connected to other Americans
54	Neither
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDINFODIFF

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

Jun 4-10

2020

53	Difficult to determine what is true and what is not
45	Easy to determine what is true and what is not
2	No answer

Apr 20-26

2020

50
49
1

ASK ALL:

COVIDLOCINFO

When it comes to how the outbreak is affecting YOUR LOCAL AREA, do you find there is... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jun 4-10

2020

65	Plenty of news and information available
33	Not enough news and information available
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

NEWSHEARD Thinking about some stories covered by news organizations in the past several weeks...

Regardless of your own views and opinions, how much, if anything, have you heard or read about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS; PLEASE ADD A LINE OF SPACE BETWEEN THE QUESTION STEM AND FIRST SUB-ITEM; SPLIT ITEMS RANDOMLY ACROSS TWO SCREENS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A sexual assault allegation against Joe Biden Jun 4-10, 2020	22	55	22	*

No item b because of programming error

No item c

d. Debates about whether to expand voting by mail this year because of the coronavirus outbreak Jun 4-10, 2020	40	48	12	1
e. Charges being dropped against former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn for lying to the FBI Jun 4-10, 2020	21	42	36	1
f. Allegations that coronavirus lockdown rules and enforcement unfairly target religious gatherings and congregations Jun 4-10, 2020	27	47	25	1
g. Problems associated with the first coronavirus tests developed by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Jun 4-10, 2020	19	50	30	1

No item h

i. COVID-19 outbreaks at meat-packing plants around the country Jun 4-10, 2020	41	45	13	1
j. Twitter adding a fact-check label or other content warnings to some of Donald Trump's tweets Jun 4-10, 2020	40	35	23	1

No item k

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

COVIDCOUNT

From what you've seen or heard, do you think the reported number of deaths from the coronavirus in the U.S. is... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1]**

Jun 4-10

2020

- | | |
|----|--|
| 23 | A lot higher than the actual number of deaths |
| 17 | A little higher than the actual number of deaths |
| 22 | About right |
| 18 | A little lower than the actual number of deaths |
| 19 | A lot lower than the actual number of deaths |
| 1 | No answer |

ASK IF SAY DEATH COUNTS ARE TOO LOW OR TOO HIGH (COVIDCOUNT=1,2,4,5) [N=7,597]:

COVIDCOUNT2

And do you think errors in the reported number of deaths from the coronavirus in the U.S. are mostly... **[RANDOMIZE]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

Jun 4-10

2020

- | | |
|----|-------------------------|
| 44 | Intentional |
| 33 | Not intentional |
| 1 | No answer |
| 22 | Count is about right |
| 1 | No answer to COVIDCOUNT |

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS COVIDSTYHM-KNOWFAUCI**ASK ALL:**

COVIDSTYHM

As far as you know, how did states in the U.S. respond during the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]**

Jun 4-10

2020

- | | |
|----|---|
| 29 | Every state in the U.S. has had a statewide stay-at-home order at some point |
| 54 | Some states in the U.S. have not had a statewide stay-at-home order (correct) |
| 17 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS COVIDSTYHM-KNOWFAUCI**ASK ALL:**

COVIDUNEMPLOY Is the national unemployment rate as reported by the government currently...

Jun 4-10

2020

1	Around 5%
5	Around 10%
34	Around 15%
17	Around 20%
15	Around 25%
28	Not sure
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS COVIDSTYHM-KNOWFAUCI**ASK ALL:**

COVIDANTIBODIES As far as you know, are antibody tests for the coronavirus (also known as serology tests) intended to detect... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTIONS 3]**

Jun 4-10

2020

12	A current infection
59	A previous infection (correct)
28	Not sure
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS COVIDSTYHM-KNOWFAUCI**ASK ALL:**

KNOWFAUCI Do you happen to know who Anthony Fauci is? [RANDOMIZE]

Jun 4-10

2020

1	Trump's personal doctor
5	The head of coronavirus response at the World Health Organization (WHO)
69	An infectious disease expert and government health adviser
1	CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent
23	Not sure
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

COVIDPLANHRD

How much, if anything, have you heard about the theory that powerful people intentionally planned the coronavirus outbreak?

Jun 4-10

2020

19	A lot
52	A little
28	Nothing at all
1	No answer

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE ABOUT THEORY COVID PLANNED (COVIDPLANHRD=1,2)**[N=6,818]:**

COVIDPLANTRUE

From what you have seen or heard, do you think the theory that powerful people intentionally planned the coronavirus outbreak is... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 5 LAST]**

Jun 4-10

2020

8	Definitely true
28	Probably true
28	Probably NOT true
23	Definitely NOT true
13	Not sure
*	No answer

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE ABOUT THEORY COVID PLANNED (COVIDPLANHRD=1,2)**[N=6,818]:**

COVIDPLANWATCH

As you may know, an online video called "Plandemic" has received attention for making claims that the coronavirus outbreak was planned by powerful people.

Have you personally watched all or part of this online video called "Plandemic"?

Jun 4-10

2020

6	Yes, watched all of it
9	Yes, watched some of it
85	No, did not watch it
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

On a different topic...

CAMPNII

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

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

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

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?

Jun 4-10		Apr 20-26
<u>2020</u>		<u>2020</u>
23	Very important	18
29	Somewhat important	27
26	Not too important	31
22	Not at all important	24
1	No answer	1

ASK INTERNET USERS (XTABLET=2) [N=9,518]:

CANDNEWS And in the last week, did you get political and election news or information directly from any of the following candidates or their campaigns online, such as through email, social media, or campaign website? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

a. Donald Trump or his presidential campaign

Jun 4-10		Oct 29-Nov 11
<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
24	Yes	25
76	No	69
1	No answer	2
--	No internet	4

b. Joe Biden or his presidential campaign

Jun 4-10		<i>A Democratic candidate or their presidential campaign</i>
<u>2020</u>		Oct 29-Nov 11 <u>2019</u>
22	Yes	26
78	No	67
1	No answer	2
--	No internet	4

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>
	27	29	30	13	1	17	22

⁴ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.