

Economy v.s. Covid-19

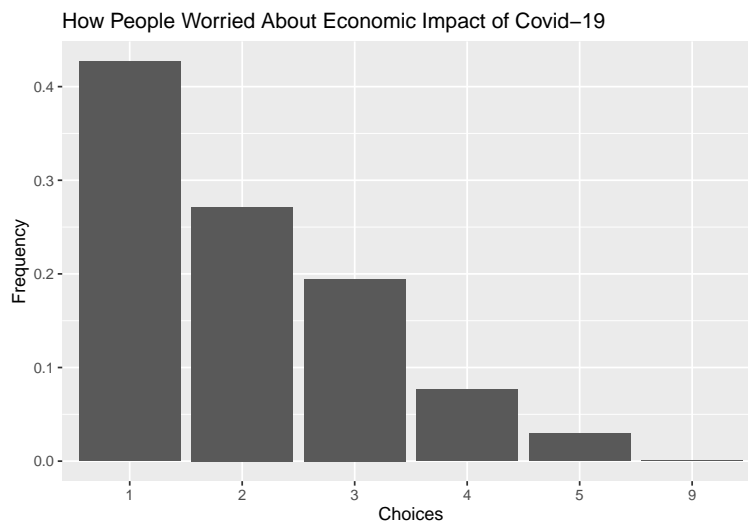
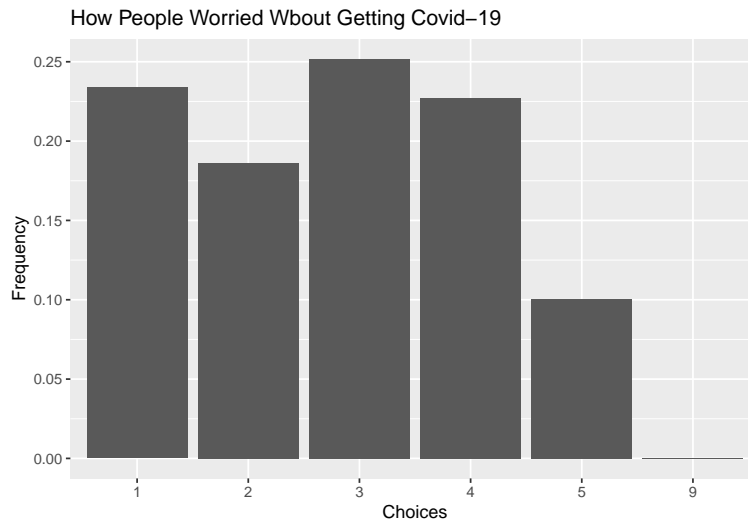
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Figure 1: A caption

From the past 6 months news, it's easily to notice that a majority of Americans are very worried about the American economy. From the ANES survey, as many as 89.3 percent of Americans said they were concerned about the impact the coronavirus would have on the economy. And 69.8 percent of Americans said they were "extermely" or "very" worried that the coronavirus would negatively impact the economy. Moreover, 67.2 percent of Americans showed that they were concerned about getting Covid-19.



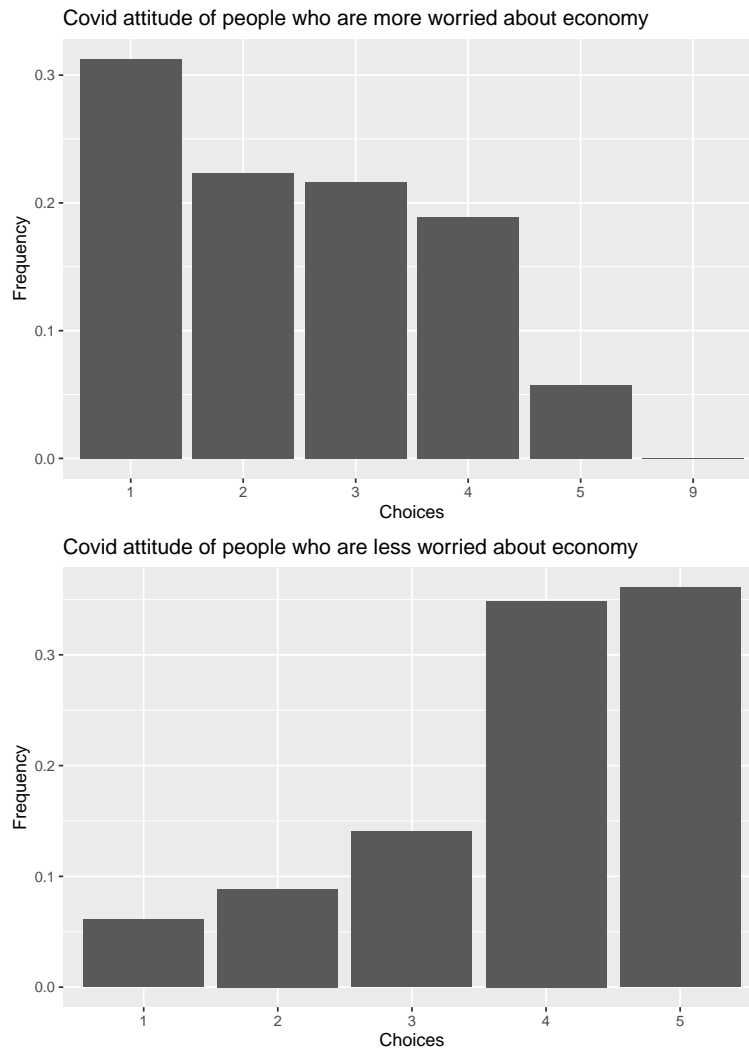
We all know that the lockdown policy raised a storm of protest across the county. The scientific evidence suggests large scale activity will increase the risk of Covid-19 infection. However, people still went to street and asked for reopen. Therefore, it seems that Americans are not very concerned about Covid-19, and seems it's easily for people to conclude that economy and Covid-19 are a trade off. But in reality, do those who worried about the economy don't care about the risk of Covid-19?

In General

I grouped by the people's attitudes of economy and count the number of people for their attitude of Covid-19. The result is really interesting, it agasts the assumption that I assumed that Americans who cared more about the economy didn't care so much about risk of Covid-19, and Americans who care less about the economy are more care about risk of Covid-19. Instead, the result showed that most Americans who concerned about the economy also concerned about the Covid-19, and those who didn't think economy could be a problem didn't worried about Covid-19. Then I calculated the correlation between these two features, and it gave a positive correlation with 0.433.

Table 1: People who are worried econ, what's their attitude about covid

| Econ | Covid | Numbers | Proportion |
|------|-------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | 570 | 0.4334601 |
| 1 | 2 | 254 | 0.1931559 |
| 1 | 3 | 224 | 0.1703422 |
| 1 | 4 | 192 | 0.1460076 |
| 1 | 5 | 74 | 0.0562738 |
| 1 | 9 | 1 | 0.0007605 |
| 2 | 1 | 103 | 0.1232057 |
| 2 | 2 | 227 | 0.2715311 |
| 2 | 3 | 242 | 0.2894737 |
| 2 | 4 | 215 | 0.2571770 |
| 2 | 5 | 49 | 0.0586124 |
| 3 | 1 | 27 | 0.0450751 |
| 3 | 2 | 63 | 0.1051753 |
| 3 | 3 | 263 | 0.4390651 |
| 3 | 4 | 177 | 0.2954925 |
| 3 | 5 | 69 | 0.1151920 |
| 4 | 1 | 12 | 0.0510638 |
| 4 | 2 | 25 | 0.1063830 |
| 4 | 3 | 40 | 0.1702128 |
| 4 | 4 | 100 | 0.4255319 |
| 4 | 5 | 58 | 0.2468085 |
| 5 | 1 | 8 | 0.0869565 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 0.0434783 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 0.0652174 |
| 5 | 4 | 14 | 0.1521739 |
| 5 | 5 | 60 | 0.6521739 |
| 9 | 3 | 1 | 0.3333333 |
| 9 | 4 | 2 | 0.6666667 |



Policy Preference

For Americans who are concerned about economy, they hope to reopen and let them back to work instead of lockdown the country. It seems that Trump's policies fit their ideas. What's their attitude toward Trump? From the results, it shows similar shares of Republicans and Democrats are concerned about the Covid-19's impact on economy. In addition, it showed that a majority of people do not satisfy with Trump's work.

Table 2: Vote in 2016

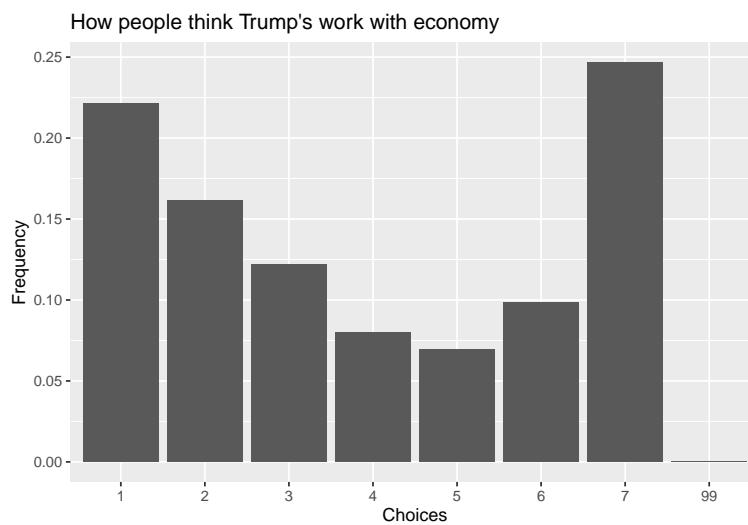
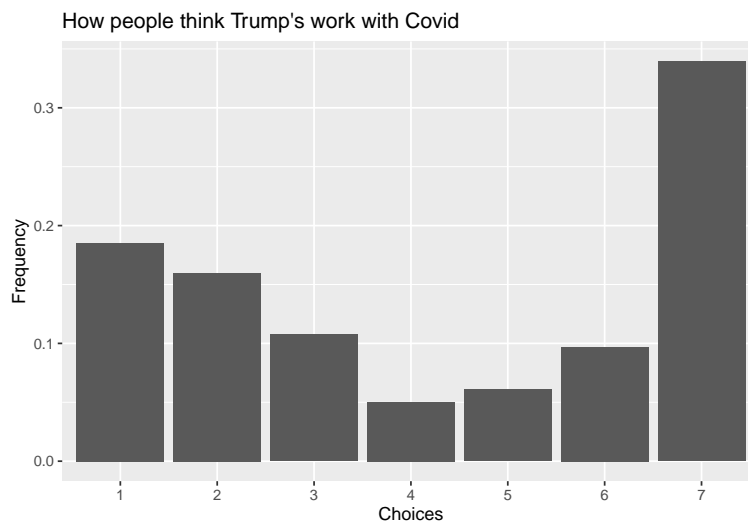
| Choices | Numbers | Proportion |
|---------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 783 | 0.3640167 |
| 2 | 858 | 0.3988842 |
| 3 | 120 | 0.0557880 |
| 4 | 390 | 0.1813110 |

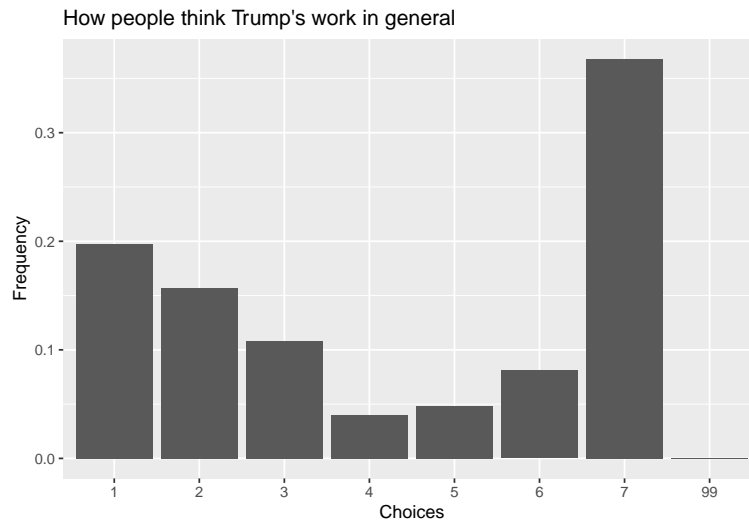
Table 3: Trump v.s. Biden

| Choices | Numbers | Proportion |
|---------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 836 | 0.3886564 |
| 2 | 1021 | 0.4746629 |
| 3 | 172 | 0.0799628 |
| 4 | 121 | 0.0562529 |
| 9 | 1 | 0.0004649 |

Table 4: Trump v.s. Sanders

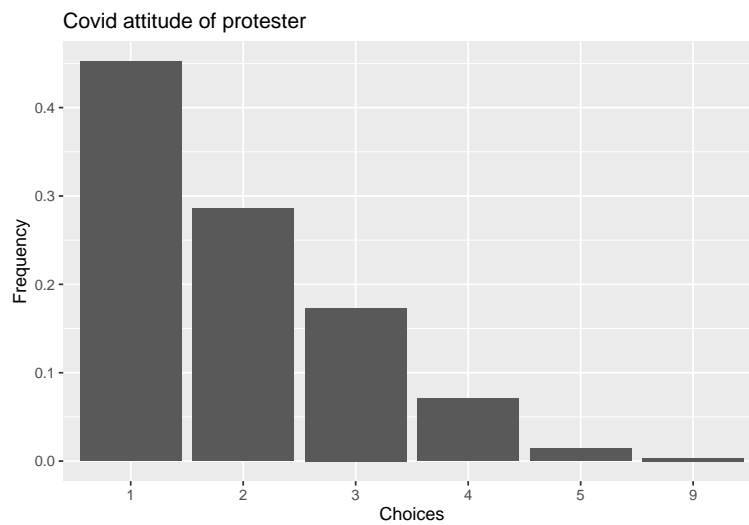
| Choices | Numbers | Proportion |
|---------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 854 | 0.3970246 |
| 2 | 981 | 0.4560669 |
| 3 | 199 | 0.0925151 |
| 4 | 116 | 0.0539284 |
| 9 | 1 | 0.0004649 |

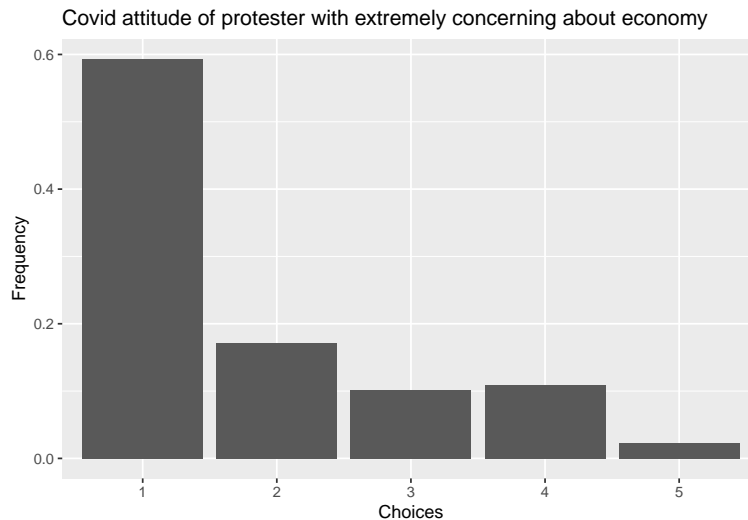




Protestor's Attitudes

Here, I assumed that people who attended protests last 12 months also attended protest for reopen. It showed that protestors also really concerned about Covid-19, even those who extremely worried about economy.





Conclusion

1. Americans who are worried about economy are also worried about coronavirus.
2. A majority of Americans who are worried about economy don't satisfy with Trump's work.
3. Protesters are also worried about coronavirus.

Discussion

Americans are worried about coronavirus. However, they are more worried about economy than coronavirus. Why this happened? In this summer, I participated a design challenge about reducing inequity in a world shaped by COVID-19. During this time, I and my teammates spreaded some online survey and talked with many essential workers. We asked them what the problems are they faced, all of them mentioned about financial issue. A cashier told us that her mother was infected and her family didn't have any income for two weeks at that time. She needed money to survive, so she worried about Covid-19 but more worried about economy. Also, a man worked in grocery store said that the company he worked at didn't provide any effective measures to protect them and the majority of customers were not willing to wear a mask. He's very scared but he concerned more about unemployment. If he lost this job, then he won't have the money to pay for the rent. There are many stories like this. These people are worried about coronavirus, but obviously financial issues are more deadly for them.