2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 85 MARCH SURVEY MARCH 8 – 14, 2021¹

ASK ALL:

TOPICFOL How closely, if at all, have you been following news about... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. The actions and initiatives of the Biden administration since the inauguration
- b. The distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.
- c. The aftermath and discussion of the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely

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The distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.
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ASK ALL:

BIDENMEDIA

Do you think that the relationship between **[RANDOMIZE:** the Biden administration and the U.S. news media / the U.S. news media and the Biden administration] is generally...

- 1 Healthy
- 2 Unhealthy

¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists



MAINSOURCE_OE

What news source do you turn to most often for political news? Please list the name of the specific news organization or source.

[RECORD OPEN-END RESPONSE IN A SINGLE LINE BOX]



ASK IF PROVIDED A RESPONSE TO MAINSOURCE OE:

MAINSOURCE2 Thinking about your main news source you entered in the previous question, do you think that news source is part of the mainstream news media?

- 1 Yes, it is part of the mainstream media
- 2 No, it is not part of the mainstream media

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O Yes, it is part of the mainstream media

No, it is not part of the mainstream media

ASK IF PROVIDED A RESPONSE TO MAINSOURCE_OE:

MAINSOURCE3 Do you think your main news source presents the news in a different way from most media outlets?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Do you think your main news source presents the new	s in a different way from most	media outlets?
O Yes		
○ No		
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SOURCEUSE2 Please click on all of the sources that you <u>got political news from in the past week</u>. This includes any way that you can get the source. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it.

DO NOT SHOW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO RESPONDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS (XTABLET=1): HuffPost; Breitbart; BuzzFeed; Business Insider; Vox

Screen 1 (3X5 GRID, missing one):

Fox News; MSNBC; CNN; PBS; The Wall Street Journal; USA Today; Politico; BuzzFeed; Newsweek; Business Insider (now a part of Insider); Vox; The Hill; Washington Examiner; Newsmax;

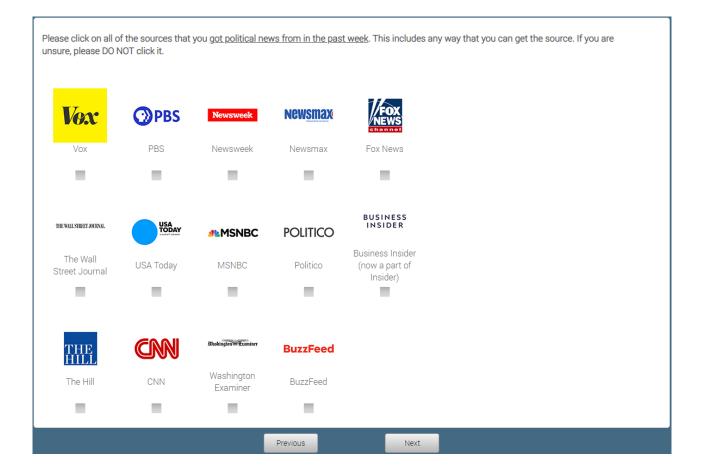
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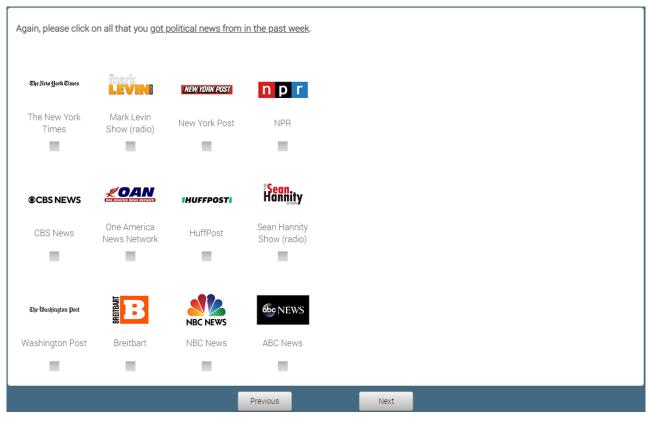
ABC News; CBS News; NBC News; NPR; Mark Levin Show (radio); Sean Hannity Show (radio); Washington Post; The New York Times; HuffPost; Breitbart; New York Post; One America News Network

3X5 AND 3X4 GRID OF SOURCES (CLICKABLE IMAGES WITH RADIO BUTTON); CAN SELECT MULTIPLE; CAN CLICK ANYWHERE WITHIN THE FIELD FOR RADIO BUTTON TO BE CHECKED.

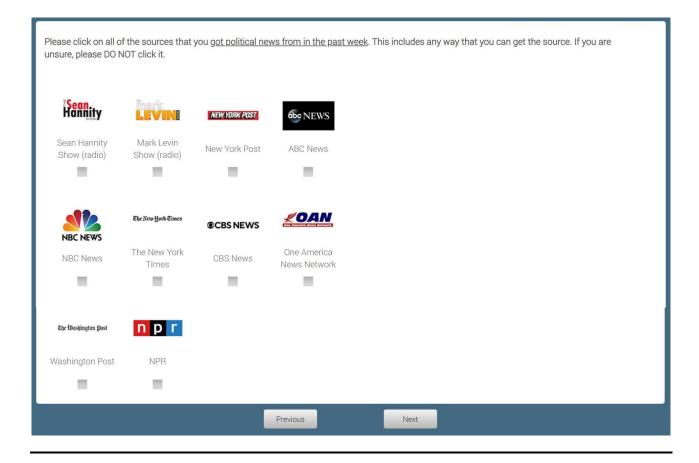
2 SCREENS TOTAL; RANDOMIZE WITHIN SCREEN AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2. ALL TEXT OF THE SOURCE NAMES UNDER THE LOGOS SHOULD BE THE SAME FONT AND SAME SIZE FOR ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SERIES. RADIO BUTTON BELOW TEXT BUT STILL WITHIN THE FIELD OF THE IMAGE FOR THE SOURCE. FIELD SHOULD BE BIG ENOUGH SO FONT AND LOGO ARE EASILY READ BOTH ON DESKTOP AND MOBILE. IF NAME IS TOO LONG, WRAP ONTO SECOND LINE. IMAGES OF THE LOGOS SHOULD ROUGHLY ALL BE THE SAME SIZE. SIZE OF THE FIELD SHOULD BE THE SAME FOR EACH SOURCE.

For second screen of images, should say: "Again, please click on all that you got political news from in the past week ."









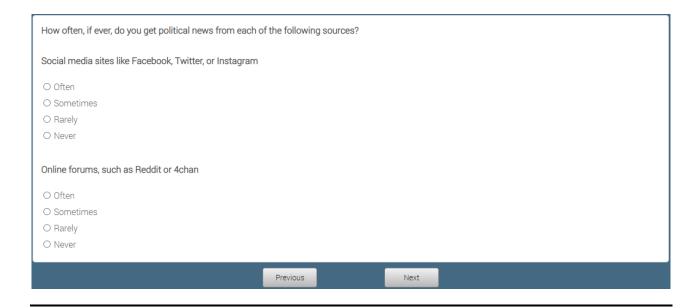
ASK INTERNET USERS (XTABLET=2):

NEWSFORUM How often, if ever, do you get political news from each of the following sources?

[DO NOT RANDOMIZE; SHOW ITEMS ON SAME SCREEN]

- a. Social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
- b. Online forums, such as Reddit or 4chan

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never



SEEKPOL Which statement best describes how you get political news? [RANDOMIZE]

- I mostly get political news because I'm looking for it
- I mostly get political news because I happen to come across it



ASK ALL:

SOURCESKEP2 How much do you trust the accuracy of the political news and information that you get from... [RANDOMIZE ITEM B-E; KEEP ITEM A FIRST; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]

- a. Your main news source
- b. Political leaders and public officials
- c. Friends and family
- d. Social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat)
- e. National news organizations

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

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O Not at all				
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NEWSPAIRS

For each pair of opposite phrases, which one do you feel better describes news organizations generally? If you think neither phrase applies, please indicate so. [RANDOMIZE ITEMS C, D, G; SHOW RESPONSES 1-3 IN ORDER; DISPLAY ITEMS C, D, G ON THE SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES]

[Please select one response from each group]

NO ITEMS A-B

c.

- 1 Stand up for America
- 2 Too critical of America
- 3 Neither applies

d.

- 1 Growing in influence
- 2 Declining in influence
- 3 Neither applies

NO ITEMS E-F

- g. 1 Working for the benefit of the public
 - Working to benefit themselves
 - 3 Neither applies

For each pair of opposite phrases, which one do you feel better describes news organizations generally? If you think neither phrase applies, please indicate so.
[Please select one response from each group]
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O Neither applies
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O Neither applies
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SOURCEMEDIA

Would you say that each of the following news sources is part of the mainstream news media? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SPLIT OVER 3 SCREENS]

- a. Fox News
- b. CNN
- c. MSNBC
- d. New York Times
- e. Wall Street Journal
- f. HuffPost
- a. Breitbart
- h. Sean Hannity Show (radio)
- i. Newsmax
- i. ABC News
- k. BuzzFeed
- I. Vox
- m. New York Post

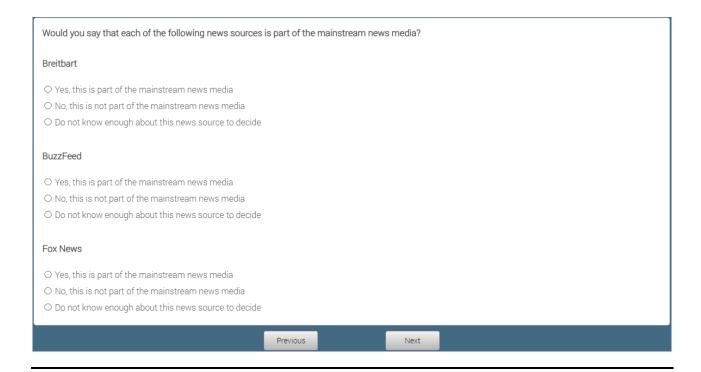
RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
- 2 No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
- 3 Do not know enough about this news source to decide

Would you say that each of the following news sources is part of the mainstream news media? **ABC News** O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media O Do not know enough about this news source to decide Vox O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media O Do not know enough about this news source to decide Newsmax O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media O No. this is not part of the mainstream news media O Do not know enough about this news source to decide CNN O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media O Do not know enough about this news source to decide

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New York Times
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide
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Would you say that each of the following news sources is part of the mainstream news media?
Wall Street Journal
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide
MSNBC
MONDC
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide
Sean Hannity Show (radio)
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide
New York Post
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide HuffPost
O Yes, this is part of the mainstream news media
O No, this is not part of the mainstream news media
O Do not know enough about this news source to decide
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STORYSOURCE

As you may know, journalists often quote or get information from various sources for a news story, such as experts, politicians, or people involved in the event.

How closely do you pay attention to the sources cited in a news story?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Somewhat closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely

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ASK IF PAYS ATTENTION TO SOURCES VERY/SOMEWHAT CLOSELY (STORYSOURCE=1,2):

STORYSOURCE_OE Can you think of a source that was quoted in a recent news story you read, watched or listened to? If so, please write their name or title here.

[RECORD OPEN-END RESPONSE]

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ASK ALL:

STORYWHY

When you read, watch or listen to a news story, how important is each of the following in deciding whether it is trustworthy? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. The news organization that publishes the story
- b. The person, if any, who shares the story with me
- c. The story has a lot of shares, comments or likes on social media
- d. The sources that are cited in the story
- e. The specific journalist who reported the story
- f. My gut instinct about the story

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important

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O Not at all important
My gut instinct about the story
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ASSESSMENT

Thinking now about what you see and hear in the news about the Biden administration, would you say you see... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; KEEP OPTION 3 LAST]

- 1 Mostly positive assessments of the administration
- 2 Mostly negative assessments of the administration
- 3 About an even mix of positive and negative assessments of the administration

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ASK ALL:

ASSESS_FAIR And would you say that the news coverage you've seen of the Biden administration has been... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Mostly fair
- 2 Mostly unfair



ASK ALL:

ADMINTOPIC

In the news you are getting about the Biden administration, are you seeing more about... ${\bf [RANDOMIZE]}$

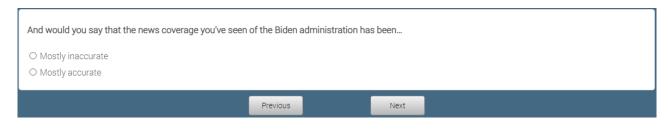
- 1 Biden's character and leadership skills
- 2 Biden's policy positions and agenda

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ASSESS_ACC

And would you say that the news coverage you've seen of the Biden administration has been ... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Mostly accurate
- 2 Mostly inaccurate



ASK ALL:

BIDENATTN

Thinking of some of the early issues that the Biden administration has focused on, how much attention do you think news organizations are giving to each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 IN THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

- a. The coronavirus outbreak
- b. The U.S. economy
- c. Immigration
- d. Climate policy

- 1 Too much attention
- 2 Too little attention
- 3 Right amount of attention [ANCHOR]

Thinking of some of the early issues that the Biden administration has focused on, how much attention do you think news organizations are giving to each of the following?
Climate policy
O Too much attention
O Too little attention
O Right amount of attention
Racial inequality
○ Too much attention
O Too little attention
O Right amount of attention
The U.S. economy
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Immigration
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BIDENATTN2

And, in their coverage of the Biden administration, which of these issues are your main news sources giving the most attention to? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 The coronavirus outbreak
- 2 The U.S. economy
- 3 Immigration
- 4
- Climate policy Racial inequality 5

And, in their coverage of the Biden administration, which of these issues are your main news sources giving the most attention to?	
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O The U.S. economy	
O Climate policy	
○ The coronavirus outbreak	
O Immigration	
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BIDENHEARD 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 efforts of the Biden administration? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. Passage of a new economic stimulus bill
- b. Distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to Americans
- c. Reforming immigration policy
- d. Using executive actions to reverse many of the Trump administration's policies
- e. Rejoining international organizations and agreements
- f. Pursuing talks with Iran
- g. The reopening of schools

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all

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O A lot O A little O Nothing at all
The reopening of schools
O A lot O A little O Nothing at all
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Pursuing talks with Iran
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[ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST 'A LITTLE' ABOUT EACH ITEM IN BIDENHEARD (BIDENHEARD_A-G=1,2)]

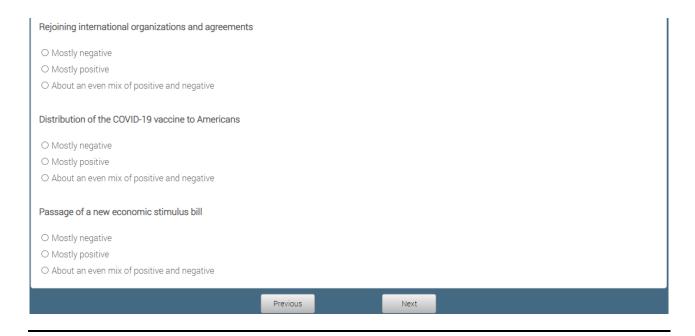
BIDENHEARD2 How would you describe the news you have heard or read about the Biden administration's efforts on each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER FOR EACH RESPONDENT; KEEP OPTION 3 LAST]

- a. Passage of a new economic stimulus bill
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- c. Reforming immigration policy
- d. Using executive actions to reverse many of the Trump administration's policies
- e. Rejoining international organizations and agreements
- f. Pursuing talks with Iran
- g. The reopening of schools

- 1 Mostly positive
- 2 Mostly negative
- 3 About an even mix of positive and negative

How would you describe the news you have heard or read about the Biden administration's efforts on each of the following?		
Using executive actions to reverse many of the Trump administration's policies		
O Mostly negative		
O Mostly positive		
O About an even mix of positive and negative		
The reopening of schools		
O Mostly negative		
O Mostly positive		
O About an even mix of positive and negative		
Reforming immigration policy		
O Mostly negative		
O Mostly positive		
O About an even mix of positive and negative		
Pursuing talks with Iran		
O Mostly negative		
O Mostly positive		
O About an even mix of positive and negative		



KNOWVACC1

As you may know, the Biden administration had previously set a goal of vaccinating 1 million Americans a day.

As far as you know, is the administration meeting this initial goal?

- 1 Yes, they are meeting or exceeding this goal
- 2 No, they are not meeting this goal

[space]

3 Not sure

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O Not sure
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KNOWVACC2

As far as you know, which is true about the number of doses required for the COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for use in the U.S.? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-3; KEEP OPTION 4 LAST]

- 1 All vaccines require only 1 dose
- 2 All vaccines require 2 doses
- 3 The number of doses required varies {correct}

[space]

4 Not sure

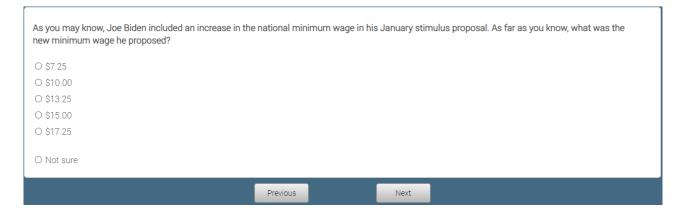
As far as you know, which is true about the number of doses required for the COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for use in the U.S.?		
O The number of doses required varies		
O All vaccines require 2 doses		
O All vaccines require only 1 dose		
O Not sure		
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ASK ALL:

KNOWMIN

As you may know, Joe Biden included an increase in the national minimum wage in his January stimulus proposal. As far as you know, what was the new minimum wage he proposed? [RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1, 6 ALWAYS LAST]

1 \$7.25 2 \$10.00 3 \$13.25 4 \$15.00 {correct} 5 \$17.25 [space] 6 Not sure



KNOWBORDER As far as you know, which of the following has the Biden administration done regarding immigration policy? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2, 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]

- Stopped federal funding for the construction of the border wall between the U.S. and Mexico {correct}
- 2 Ordered that parts of the existing border wall between the U.S. and Mexico be taken down
- 3 Both of these things

[space]

4 Not sure

	As far as you know, which of the following has the Biden administration done regarding immigration policy?		
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l	O Stopped federal funding for the construction of the border wall between the U.S. and Mexico		
ı	O Both of these things		
	○ Not sure		
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ASK ALL:

KNOWCLIMATE As far as you know, which of the following has the Biden administration done regarding climate policy? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 and 2, 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Reentered the Paris agreement {technically correct}
- 2 Rescinded construction permits for the Keystone pipeline {technically correct}
- Both of these things {most correct}

[space]

4 Not sure

As far as you know, which of the following has the Biden administration done regarding climate policy?		
O Reentered the Paris agreement		
O Rescinded construction permits for the Keystone pipeline		
O Both of these things		
O Not sure		
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On a different topic...

ASK ALL:

COVIDFOL

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

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely

On a different topic		
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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]

- 1 Made a BIGGER deal than it really is
- 2 Made a SMALLER deal than it really is
- 3 Approached about right [ANCHOR]



ASK ALL:

COVIDCONTROL

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

- 1 The U.S. has controlled the outbreak as much as it could have
- 2 The U.S. has not controlled the outbreak as much as it could have

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?		
O The U.S. has controlled the outbreak as much as it could have O The U.S. has not controlled the outbreak as much as it could have		
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ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (XTABLET=2):

Now just a couple last questions...

TWITTER1 Do you use Twitter?

1 Yes

2 No



ASK IF TWITTER USER (TWITTER1=1):

TWITTER2

In many of our surveys, we ask about how people like you use social media. But there's a lot we cannot learn unless you allow us to connect information about your public Twitter behavior to your answers.

No matter how often you use Twitter, would you be willing to share your Twitter handle to help us with this research?

1 Yes

2 No

This project will ONLY collect information that an ordinary user would see when they visit your profile (see here [POPUP] for more details). We will treat this data just like we treat your survey responses and will NEVER share anything that can be linked back to you.

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ASK IF CONSENT TO GIVE HANDLE (TWITTER2=1):

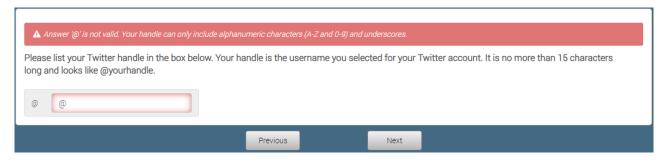
TWITTER32

Please list your Twitter handle in the box below. Your handle is the username you selected for your Twitter account. It is no more than 15 characters long and looks like @yourhandle.

[MEDIUM TEXT BOX WITH @ IN FRONT OF THE TEXT BOX]

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Twitter handles in box: 1) cannot contain 'Twitter' or 'Admin', 2) Cannot be longer than 15 characters (do not display character limit on screen), 3) only alphanumeric characters (A-Z, 0-9) and underscores are allowed. Capitalization doesn't matter.]

Text for prompt when invalid response is entered: Answer is not valid. Your handle can only include alphanumeric characters (A-Z and 0-9) and underscores.



CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

XTABLET

1 Tablet HH

2 Non-tablet HH

Note: Pew will provide XTABLET var to Ipsos for the sample.

Source: Frame file variable F_TABLETHH.

 $^{^2}$ This question is included here for transparency purposes only. Twitter handles of ATP members are not made available in public datasets.