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NATIONAL: FEDERAL HEALTH AGENCIES GET GOOD MARKS, BUT GIVE MIXED MESSAGES ON COVID

Majority support return of mask guidelines as worries tick back up

West Long Branch, NJ – A bare majority of Americans, driven by Democrats, support bringing back masking and social distancing guidelines, according to a *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* conducted before the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced its revised recommendations last week. The poll finds that public anxiety about contracting Covid-19 has ticked back up after hitting an all-time low last month and many are worried about another surge occurring. While many point to the unwillingness of some people to get the vaccine as a key reason for the recent rise in cases, there is little evidence that vaccine opposition in the American public has been dented much.

Before the CDC reversed course and announced new masking guidelines last week, the poll found a majority of Americans (52%) at least somewhat support instituting or reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in their state. Another 46% are opposed. The partisan split on this question is huge – 85% of Democrats support bringing back guidelines while 73% of Republicans oppose it. Independents are divided with 42% in support and 55% opposed.

Health agencies in the federal government are generally seen as doing a good job dealing with the pandemic – a view shared by 57% of the public, compared with 33% who say these agencies are doing a bad job. At the same time, most Americans (59%) say these agencies, such as the CDC, have been giving mixed messages about Covid risks. Another 39% say these agencies have been largely consistent in their messaging.

“I think Americans acknowledge that the CDC and other health agencies have to deal with a lot of uncertainty. Still, it is tough for the average person to understand the flip from masks being optional to being necessary again. The messaging has not been clear,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Currently, 53% of the American public are at least somewhat concerned about a family member becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus. This marks an increase from a pandemic-era low of 42% recorded in last month's Monmouth poll. However, the current finding remains lower than all prior results, which ranged between 67% and 83%. The number who say they are *very concerned* about a serious illness in their family now stands at 30%, which is up from 23% in June but still lower than the prior range of 37% (early June 2020) to 60% (January 2021).

Just under half (48%) of Americans are at least somewhat concerned about catching one of the new coronavirus variants. Interestingly, those who have received at least one vaccine dose (57%) are somewhat more likely to be worried about catching one of the new variants than those who are unvaccinated and either ready to get the shot or are waiting a little longer to see how it goes (47%). On the other hand, extremely few (16%) of those who remain vehemently opposed to getting the vaccine have any concern about catching one of the new variants.

"Many, if not most, anti-vaxxers believe Covid is a hoax or they are unlikely to get infected. Which means there may be very little that can be done at this point to change their minds," said Murray.

Currently, 68% report receiving at least one dose of Covid vaccine – which is in line with current CDC reports – while 2% will get it as soon as possible and 9% remain hesitant, but persuadable.

However, 17% say they remain opposed to getting the vaccine at all. Among those who admit they will not get the vaccine if they can avoid it, 70% either identify with or lean toward the Republican Party while just 6% align with the Democrats. Among those who are planning to get the vaccine or are persuadable, 45% are Republicans or lean toward that party and 40% are Democrats or Democratic leaners. Among those who have already received the vaccine, 32% fall on the Republican side of the political divide and 59% are on the Democratic side.

The 17% who are opposed to the getting vaccine look slightly lower than past results (which ranged 21% to 24%) but there is an important caveat. Another 4% of those polled did not answer this question (which is up slightly from past polls). As in prior polls, the partisan profile of this "don't know" group looks extremely similar to the anti-vax group. The anti-vax and non-response groups together form a combined 21% of the public, which is similar to the number recorded in polls in April and June (23%).

"This could be a data blip, but it's possible that more anti-vaxxers refuse to admit their position publicly now that leaders in their own party are pointing the finger at them for the recent surge. However, it is not clear that calling them out has moved many, if any, of them from their vehement anti-vax stance," said Murray. He added, "On the other hand, we are starting to here anecdotal reports of some folks who were opposed to the vaccine getting it on the sly. Perhaps they are worried it will undercut their credibility in the partisan tribe if they admit it. The fact that we have to consider these possibilities is a reflection of how much our political discourse has deteriorated."

Overall public concern about another surge happening if not enough people get vaccinated has increased in the past month, from 57% who expressed at least some concern about this in June to 65% today. Of note, the number who are *very concerned* about another surge has increased from 26% to 44%.

Nearly half (46%) of the public says most of the recent increase in Covid cases in some parts of the country is due to people not being willing to get the vaccine. In a separate question, 22% say most of the increase would have happened anyway regardless of how many people are vaccinated. The usual partisan divides are present in these results, with Democrats (68%) being more likely than Republicans (29%) to blame vaccine opposition for most of the recent rise in Covid cases.

In other poll results, President Joe Biden continues to get positive reviews for his handling of the pandemic, with 55% saying he has done a good job and 38% saying he has done a bad job. The public gives similar marks for how their state governors have handled Covid (54% good job and 42% bad job). However, the good job number for both the president and governors has decreased by 4 points since June.

Opinion has grown even more negative on how the American public has been dealing with the outbreak, with 32% saying it is doing a good job – down from 42% in June – and 51% saying it is doing a bad job – up from 40%. The current result marks a return to similar negative rating for the American public from late June 2020 to March 2021.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from July 21 to 26, 2021 with 804 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-11A previously released.]

12. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

TREND:	July 2021	June 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020
Very concerned	30%	23%	40%	60%	50%	47%	41%	41%	37%	42%	50%	38%
Somewhat concerned	23%	19%	28%	19%	25%	27%	28%	26%	32%	28%	33%	32%
Not too concerned	21%	24%	14%	12%	13%	13%	18%	17%	14%	14%	9%	18%
Not at all concerned	24%	32%	16%	7%	10%	12%	13%	15%	16%	16%	7%	12%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(VOL) Has already happened	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	n/a
(n)	(804)	(810)	(802)	(809)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)

13. Please tell me if each of the following has done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	Good Job	Bad Job	(VOL) Mixed, depends	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
President Biden	55%	38%	4%	3%	(804)
-- June 2021	59%	32%	4%	5%	(810)
-- April 2021	62%	31%	3%	3%	(800)
-- March 2021	57%	31%	3%	8%	(802)
-- January 2021	58%	23%	5%	15%	(809)
Your state's governor	54%	42%	3%	2%	(804)
-- June 2021	58%	33%	5%	4%	(810)
-- April 2021	62%	34%	3%	2%	(800)
-- March 2021	56%	38%	3%	2%	(802)
-- January 2021	57%	38%	3%	2%	(809)
-- Early September 2020	61%	35%	3%	1%	(867)
-- August 2020	57%	35%	5%	3%	(868)
-- Late June 2020	65%	28%	5%	2%	(867)
-- Early June 2020	67%	28%	3%	1%	(807)
-- May 2020	73%	22%	3%	2%	(808)
-- April 2020	72%	21%	4%	3%	(857)
-- March 2020	72%	18%	4%	6%	(851)
The American public	32%	51%	12%	5%	(804)
-- June 2021	42%	40%	14%	4%	(810)
-- April 2021	43%	44%	10%	4%	(800)
-- March 2021	35%	53%	11%	1%	(802)
-- January 2021	32%	60%	6%	2%	(809)
-- Early September 2020	31%	57%	10%	2%	(867)
-- August 2020	26%	62%	11%	1%	(868)
-- Late June 2020	28%	59%	11%	3%	(867)
-- Early June 2020	46%	43%	8%	2%	(807)
-- May 2020	51%	33%	13%	2%	(808)
-- April 2020	38%	48%	12%	2%	(857)
-- March 2020	38%	45%	14%	3%	(851)
Health agencies in the federal government	57%	33%	7%	3%	(804)
-- June 2021	55%	33%	6%	5%	(810)
-- April 2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
-- March 2021	50%	37%	8%	5%	(802)
-- January 2021	52%	40%	6%	3%	(809)
-- Early September 2020	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
-- August 2020	46%	43%	6%	4%	(868)
-- Late June 2020	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
-- Early June 2020	57%	34%	5%	3%	(807)
-- May 2020	63%	25%	7%	4%	(808)
-- April 2020	66%	25%	4%	4%	(857)
-- March 2020	65%	24%	8%	4%	(851)

14. Would you say that federal health agencies, like the C.D.C., have been largely consistent in the messages they have been giving about Covid risks or have they been giving mixed messages about Covid risks?

	July 2021
Largely consistent	39%
Mixed messages	59%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(804)

15. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? [If NOT:] Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avoid it?

TREND:	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Already received vaccine	68%	66%	51%	16%*	6%*
As soon as possible	2%	2%	14%	38%	50%
See how it goes	9%	9%	12%	21%	19%
Likely will never get vaccine	17%	21%	21%	24%	24%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

* January/March 2021 polls did not specifically ask if person already got the vaccine, but included it as a volunteered response.

16. How concerned are you personally about catching one of the new variants of the Covid virus – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

	July 2021
Very concerned	18%
Somewhat concerned	30%
Not too concerned	24%
Not at all concerned	28%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(VOL) Has already happened	0%
(n)	(804)

17. How concerned are you about another surge happening if not enough people get vaccinated – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

TREND:	July 2021	June 2021
Very concerned	44%	26%
Somewhat concerned	21%	31%
Not too concerned	13%	21%
Not at all concerned	20%	21%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	1%
(n)	(804)	(810)

17A. Do you support or oppose instituting or reinstituting facemask and social distancing guidelines in your state at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]

	July 2021
Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	31%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(804)

18. The number of Covid cases has been rising in some parts of the country. How much of this rise is due to people not being willing to get a Covid vaccine – most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?

	July 2021
Most of it	46%
Some of it	23%
Not much of it	12%
None of it	12%
(VOL) Don't know	7%
(n)	(804)

19. And how much of this rise would have happened anyway regardless of how many people are vaccinated – most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?

	July
	2021
Most of it	22%
Some of it	35%
Not much of it	29%
None of it	9%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(804)

[Q20-27 previously released.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from July 21 to 26, 2021 with a national random sample of 804 adults age 18 and older. This includes 276 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 528 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Trolldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field), Dynata (RDD sample), and Aristotle (list sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
	<i>26% Republican</i>
	<i>41% Independent</i>
	<i>33% Democrat</i>
	<i>49% Male</i>
	<i>51% Female</i>
	<i>29% 18-34</i>
	<i>33% 35-54</i>
	<i>38% 55+</i>
	<i>63% White</i>
	<i>12% Black</i>
	<i>16% Hispanic</i>
	<i>8% Asian/Other</i>
	<i>69% No degree</i>
	<i>31% 4 year degree</i>

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		804	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	753	3.6%
	No	51	13.7%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	219	6.6%
PARTY ID	Independent	322	5.5%
	Democrat	249	6.2%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	197	7.0%
	Moderate	278	5.9%
	Conservative	304	5.6%
GENDER	Male	397	4.9%
	Female	407	4.9%
AGE	18-34	119	9.0%
	35-54	266	6.0%
	55+	412	4.8%
AGE 65	18-64	526	4.3%
	65+	239	6.3%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	199	7.0%
	No	598	4.0%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	586	4.1%
	Other	191	7.1%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	386	5.0%
	4 year degree	409	4.9%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	282	5.8%
	White, 4 year degree	301	5.7%
INCOME	<\$50K	277	5.9%
	\$50 to <\$100K	236	6.4%
	\$100K+	233	6.4%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
12. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	30%	30%	27%	22%	21%	48%	40%	34%	20%
	Somewhat concerned	23%	24%	20%	19%	21%	30%	30%	27%	17%
	Not too concerned	21%	21%	19%	24%	26%	12%	17%	21%	22%
	Not at all concerned	24%	23%	32%	34%	30%	8%	11%	15%	39%
	(VOL) Has already happened	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
12. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	25%	34%	21%	30%	37%	27%	38%	21%	33%
	Somewhat concerned	19%	27%	22%	22%	26%	24%	24%	22%	24%
	Not too concerned	23%	19%	21%	24%	18%	22%	18%	23%	20%
	Not at all concerned	32%	16%	32%	24%	17%	25%	16%	30%	21%
	(VOL) Has already happened	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
12. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	24%	42%	31%	28%	22%	27%	33%	29%	26%
	Somewhat concerned	25%	21%	19%	33%	22%	30%	23%	26%	24%
	Not too concerned	26%	12%	20%	21%	27%	24%	22%	17%	21%
	Not at all concerned	24%	20%	26%	17%	28%	18%	19%	25%	26%
	(VOL) Has already happened	1%	5%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13A. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: President Biden?	Good job	55%	55%	56%	26%	45%	92%	80%	67%	29%
	Bad job	38%	38%	37%	68%	46%	4%	13%	28%	65%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	4%	5%	0%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	7%	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	1%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
13A. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: President Biden?	Good job	49%	61%	57%	49%	60%	55%	59%	47%	58%
	Bad job	45%	31%	38%	43%	34%	38%	33%	45%	35%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	4%	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13A. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: President Biden?	Good job	51%	66%	52%	63%	45%	62%	59%	54%	55%
	Bad job	44%	24%	41%	31%	50%	33%	35%	37%	39%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	3%	7%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13B. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Your states governor?	Good job	54%	54%	53%	51%	47%	64%	60%	56%	47%
	Bad job	42%	42%	42%	43%	49%	32%	36%	40%	47%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	3%	4%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
13B. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Your states governor?	Good job	51%	55%	53%	49%	59%	51%	60%	46%	56%
	Bad job	45%	38%	43%	48%	35%	45%	31%	48%	39%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13B. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Your states governor?	Good job	56%	53%	53%	56%	54%	58%	55%	55%	50%
	Bad job	41%	40%	42%	40%	42%	39%	38%	42%	46%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13C. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: The American public?	Good job	32%	33%	24%	38%	30%	28%	18%	31%	42%
	Bad job	51%	49%	66%	50%	53%	52%	65%	54%	42%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	12%	13%	9%	6%	14%	17%	14%	13%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	1%	6%	4%	3%	2%	2%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
13C. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: The American public?	Good job	33%	31%	25%	35%	35%	32%	32%	35%	31%
	Bad job	53%	49%	62%	46%	46%	54%	43%	51%	51%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	11%	14%	8%	15%	13%	11%	17%	12%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	8%	2%	6%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13C. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: The American public?	Good job	30%	34%	33%	29%	32%	27%	35%	28%	32%
	Bad job	53%	48%	49%	56%	51%	59%	50%	49%	57%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	12%	13%	12%	12%	12%	12%	10%	18%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13D. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Health agencies in the federal government?	Good job	57%	56%	69%	46%	43%	84%	71%	67%	40%
	Bad job	33%	34%	27%	46%	44%	11%	21%	24%	51%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	7%	7%	5%	5%	10%	4%	6%	7%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	0%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
13D. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Health agencies in the federal government?	Good job	55%	59%	55%	54%	62%	57%	60%	55%	58%
	Bad job	37%	30%	36%	38%	27%	35%	26%	39%	31%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	5%	9%	8%	6%	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	5%	1%	4%

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		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13D. Has the following done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak: Health agencies in the federal government?	Good job	52%	70%	57%	57%	49%	57%	65%	54%	51%
	Bad job	39%	20%	33%	34%	42%	34%	26%	36%	40%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
14. Would you say that federal health agencies, like the C.D.C., have been largely consistent in the messages they have been giving about Covid risks or have they been giving mixed messages about Covid risks?	Largely consistent	39%	38%	48%	17%	36%	60%	62%	43%	19%
	Mixed messages	59%	60%	52%	79%	63%	36%	37%	55%	78%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
14. Would you say that federal health agencies, like the C.D.C., have been largely consistent in the messages they have been giving about Covid risks or have they been giving mixed messages about Covid risks?	Largely consistent	36%	41%	44%	32%	41%	40%	38%	29%	42%
	Mixed messages	62%	55%	53%	68%	54%	59%	55%	71%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	4%	2%	0%	5%	1%	7%	0%	4%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
14. Would you say that federal health agencies, like the C.D.C., have been largely consistent in the messages they have been giving about Covid risks or have they been giving mixed messages about Covid risks?	Largely consistent	35%	47%	38%	41%	33%	39%	38%	47%	35%
	Mixed messages	62%	50%	59%	57%	64%	59%	59%	49%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	4%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
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15. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	68%	69%	56%	51%	59%	92%	83%	74%	52%
	As soon as possible	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	1%
	See how it goes	9%	8%	9%	11%	10%	5%	7%	8%	11%
	Likely will never get	17%	16%	24%	31%	20%	2%	6%	12%	27%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	6%	5%	7%	0%	0%	3%	8%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
15. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	65%	70%	63%	54%	82%	62%	88%	52%	73%
	As soon as possible	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	1%	0%	3%
	See how it goes	9%	8%	12%	10%	5%	11%	2%	15%	6%
	Likely will never get	18%	16%	21%	24%	9%	21%	6%	28%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	1%	9%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
15. Have you received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avo	Already received	67%	71%	62%	80%	61%	79%	65%	75%	67%
	As soon as possible	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	3%	1%	2%
	See how it goes	9%	8%	10%	6%	11%	7%	10%	6%	9%
	Likely will never get	16%	17%	21%	10%	20%	9%	18%	13%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	2%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
16. How concerned are you personally about catching one of the new variants of the Covid virus - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	18%	17%	22%	12%	11%	30%	22%	17%	15%
	Somewhat concerned	30%	31%	27%	18%	29%	41%	43%	36%	18%
	Not too concerned	24%	25%	13%	29%	23%	20%	24%	20%	25%
	Not at all concerned	28%	27%	38%	41%	36%	9%	10%	26%	42%
	(VOL) Has already happened	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
16. How concerned are you personally about catching one of the new variants of the Covid virus - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	16%	19%	14%	17%	21%	16%	23%	13%	19%
	Somewhat concerned	24%	36%	27%	28%	34%	30%	31%	27%	31%
	Not too concerned	22%	25%	20%	27%	24%	22%	25%	22%	24%
	Not at all concerned	38%	19%	37%	27%	21%	31%	20%	38%	24%
	(VOL) Has already happened	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

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		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
16. How concerned are you personally about catching one of the new variants of the Covid virus - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	11%	28%	20%	12%	12%	11%	25%	12%	11%
	Somewhat concerned	30%	32%	28%	36%	28%	33%	28%	37%	28%
	Not too concerned	25%	21%	21%	29%	21%	33%	21%	24%	28%
	Not at all concerned	33%	18%	30%	23%	38%	24%	25%	25%	33%
	(VOL) Has already happened	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17. How concerned are you about another surge happening if not enough people get vaccinated - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	44%	46%	33%	24%	35%	71%	65%	53%	25%
	Somewhat concerned	21%	20%	27%	23%	22%	20%	23%	21%	22%
	Not too concerned	13%	13%	13%	22%	17%	2%	6%	9%	22%
	Not at all concerned	20%	20%	27%	30%	26%	6%	6%	16%	32%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
17. How concerned are you about another surge happening if not enough people get vaccinated - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	38%	50%	37%	39%	54%	41%	56%	32%	49%
	Somewhat concerned	21%	21%	23%	19%	22%	20%	23%	22%	21%
	Not too concerned	15%	11%	15%	16%	10%	15%	9%	15%	13%
	Not at all concerned	25%	17%	26%	24%	13%	23%	10%	31%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
17. How concerned are you about another surge happening if not enough people get vaccinated - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	41%	53%	42%	50%	35%	50%	49%	44%	40%
	Somewhat concerned	22%	19%	21%	22%	24%	20%	22%	24%	19%
	Not too concerned	14%	10%	13%	14%	14%	15%	10%	14%	14%
	Not at all concerned	22%	17%	23%	14%	26%	14%	17%	18%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17A. Do you support or oppose instituting, or reinstating, facemask and social distancing guidelines in your state at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	38%	38%	37%	14%	28%	69%	59%	45%	18%
	Somewhat support	14%	13%	19%	10%	14%	16%	18%	15%	10%
	Somewhat oppose	15%	14%	24%	18%	17%	10%	13%	18%	14%
	Strongly oppose	31%	33%	20%	55%	38%	4%	9%	19%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
17A. Do you support or oppose instituting, or reinstating, facemask and social distancing guidelines in your state at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	32%	43%	37%	34%	41%	36%	46%	29%	41%
	Somewhat support	12%	16%	15%	14%	13%	15%	10%	10%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	19%	12%	19%	11%	16%	15%	17%	14%	16%
	Strongly oppose	36%	27%	29%	38%	26%	33%	22%	45%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
17A. Do you support or oppose instituting, or reinstating, facemask and social distancing guidelines in your state at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	28%	56%	37%	40%	27%	31%	42%	42%	28%
	Somewhat support	12%	17%	13%	17%	9%	19%	16%	11%	14%
	Somewhat oppose	18%	10%	16%	14%	19%	18%	15%	13%	20%
	Strongly oppose	38%	15%	32%	28%	42%	31%	25%	33%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
18. The number of Covid cases has been rising in some parts of the country. How much of this rise is due to people not being willing to get a Covid vaccine - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	46%	47%	39%	29%	40%	68%	67%	54%	25%
	Some of it	23%	22%	26%	26%	20%	24%	16%	25%	26%
	Not much of it	12%	13%	8%	17%	17%	2%	8%	9%	19%
	None of it	12%	12%	15%	18%	17%	1%	5%	5%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	11%	11%	6%	6%	4%	7%	9%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
18. The number of Covid cases has been rising in some parts of the country. How much of this rise is due to people not being willing to get a Covid vaccine - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	42%	49%	34%	43%	57%	43%	56%	34%	50%
	Some of it	24%	21%	30%	19%	20%	24%	20%	21%	24%
	Not much of it	12%	13%	20%	11%	7%	14%	8%	20%	9%
	None of it	14%	10%	11%	19%	7%	14%	4%	19%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	5%	8%	8%	6%	11%	6%	7%

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		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
18. The number of Covid cases has been rising in some parts of the country. How much of this rise is due to people not being willing to get a Covid vaccine - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	50%	41%	39%	60%	42%	66%	45%	43%	55%
	Some of it	19%	31%	25%	18%	22%	12%	26%	23%	15%
	Not much of it	15%	7%	14%	9%	18%	8%	12%	16%	11%
	None of it	12%	12%	14%	9%	12%	11%	9%	13%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	8%	9%	3%	6%	3%	8%	5%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
19. And how much of this rise would have happened anyway regardless of how many people are vaccinated - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	22%	21%	29%	25%	31%	9%	8%	22%	32%
	Some of it	35%	35%	30%	45%	27%	35%	36%	36%	35%
	Not much of it	29%	29%	30%	17%	28%	40%	45%	29%	18%
	None of it	9%	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%	8%	7%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	6%	2%	3%	5%	7%	3%	6%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			AGE 65		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	18-64	65+	Yes	No
19. And how much of this rise would have happened anyway regardless of how many people are vaccinated - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	23%	21%	26%	22%	19%	24%	18%	27%	20%
	Some of it	34%	36%	39%	33%	32%	35%	33%	34%	35%
	Not much of it	29%	29%	26%	31%	29%	29%	29%	26%	30%
	None of it	10%	8%	6%	10%	11%	8%	8%	11%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	7%	3%	3%	9%	3%	13%	3%	6%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
19. And how much of this rise would have happened anyway regardless of how many people are vaccinated - most of it, some of it, not much of it, or none of it?	Most of it	20%	23%	25%	16%	23%	15%	20%	28%	20%
	Some of it	34%	36%	37%	31%	38%	27%	38%	30%	33%
	Not much of it	32%	26%	25%	38%	28%	40%	26%	31%	34%
	None of it	9%	10%	8%	11%	6%	13%	9%	7%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	8%	3%	2%