

America's Hidden Common Ground on the Coronavirus Crisis

Results from a Public Agenda/USA Today/Ipsos Snapshot Survey on How Communities Are Responding and the Policies People Support

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There is substantial common ground on the threat the coronavirus poses

According to a new Public Agenda/USA Today/Ipsos Hidden Common Ground Survey, Americans are aligned on the large threat that COVID-19 poses to the United States, the stock market and the global economy, as well as the steps the government should take to help businesses and people affected. Though Americans see the virus as less of a threat to them or to their community, they are using this time to rally around local businesses, neighbors, and their friends and family.

Three quarters or more believe the coronavirus crisis poses a very high or high threat to the global economy (78%), the United States as a whole, and the stock market (74% each). Of these, four in ten say the crisis poses a **very** high threat to the global economy and the United States (41% and 40%, respectively).

This is in stark contrast to the threat Americans believe the crisis poses to them on a local level. Two-thirds (65%) say the threat to them personally is moderate to low, and more than half (52%) believe it is a moderate to low threat to their communities overall. Similarly, Americans are cautiously optimistic about the short-term effects on their communities. More than half (53%) believe their communities will suffer in the short-term but recover in the long-term. Only 3% think their communities will never recover. Eighteen percent of Americans say their community will emerge stronger than ever.

Communities are starting to come together in the face of the threat

A sense of community is evident in people's behaviors since the crisis began. Americans are coming together to support local businesses (69%) and contacting friends and family more than they usually do (66%). In fact, six in ten (59%) have forsaken new technology by calling close friends and family whom they would normally text or IM. Nearly half (48%) have checked in on elderly or sick neighbors. More than a quarter of Americans (28%) have donated money, supplies or time to help people in their community and 55% also say they are likely to donate in the next two weeks, demonstrating a growing desire to help those around them.

There are additional signs that Americans' support for each other will increase in the coming weeks. Eighty-two percent say it is likely they will support local businesses in the next two weeks, and around three quarters will contact friends and family more than usual (77%) or call them instead of text/IM (72%). Sixty percent plan to check in on elderly or sick neighbors.

There is considerable common ground but a few points of tensions in how people view the federal government's priorities and performance

Regarding the role of the federal government, nearly nine in ten would support free coronavirus testing for all who need it (89%). Strong majorities of Americans support the federal government mandating that manufacturing, tech and other industries shift production towards making supplies to fight the virus (73%). More than two-thirds also support the federal government mandating that the pharmaceutical industry shift all possible resources towards research and producing treatments and vaccines (68%).

Regarding help to individuals and families, there is strong support for the federal government providing businesses with no-interest loans so they can continue paying employees during the crisis (87%), providing direct cash payments to all Americans who need it (79%), and passing paid sick-leave legislation (79%).

In terms of keeping businesses whole during the crisis, 73 percent of Americans say the federal government should equally distribute aid to small, medium and large businesses.

When it comes to attitudes toward the federal government, however, there are significant partisan differences. For example, significantly more Democrats (80%) say the main priority of the government should be preventing the virus from spreading further, compared to 64% of Republicans. A greater share of Republicans (29%) than Democrats (14%) say that the government's main priority should be protecting the economy and avoiding a recession. Among those who say that the government's main priority should be to prevent further spread of the virus, more Democrats (71%) than Republicans (53%) would still feel that way even if it meant local small businesses in their community would go out of business.

While these partisan differences are statistically significant, it should still be noted that majorities of both Democrats and Republicans agree the main priority of the government should be preventing the virus from spreading further. In fact, there is strong agreement among Americans overall (83%) that "we should reboot the economy slowly and carefully to avoid spreading the virus and endangering lives," including 81 percent of Republicans and 90 percent of Democrats who agree.

Larger partisan differences exist on the federal government's performance and priorities in responding to the pandemic. For example, many more Republicans (74%) than Democrats (33%) say the federal government is doing everything it can to address the coronavirus crisis. Many more Republicans (75%) than Democrats (30%) also say that the federal government is doing a good job of balancing concerns about the economy with concerns about health. On the other hand, most Democrats (85%) think that the federal government is more likely to help big businesses survive than small businesses, compared to only 42% of Republicans who think so.

For full results, please refer to the following questionnaire.

Full Annotated Questionnaire:

1. What level of threat do you think the coronavirus or COVID-19 poses to each of the following?

Total High Threat Summary

	Total (N=1,002)	Republicans (N=403)	Democrats (N=407)	Independents (N=114)
The global economy	78%	72%	85%	76%
The United States	74%	63%	85%	74%
The stock market	74%	68%	81%	73%
Your community	46%	37%	55%	45%
You personally	36%	29%	41%	41%

a. You personally

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very high threat	14%	12%	15%	18%
High threat	22%	18%	26%	23%
Moderate threat	35%	34%	35%	36%
Low threat	21%	27%	18%	16%
Very low threat	7%	9%	5%	5%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	2%
<i>High threat (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Low threat (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>

b. The United States

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very high threat	40%	30%	51%	33%
High threat	34%	33%	34%	41%
Moderate threat	20%	28%	11%	22%
Low threat	4%	6%	2%	2%
Very low threat	2%	2%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	1%	-	3%
<i>High threat (Net)</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Low threat (Net)</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>

c. The stock market

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very high threat	39%	32%	46%	39%
High threat	35%	37%	35%	33%
Moderate threat	19%	24%	14%	17%
Low threat	4%	4%	2%	6%
Very low threat	1%	2%	*	-
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	4%
<i>High threat (Net)</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Low threat (Net)</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>6%</i>

d. The global economy

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very high threat	41%	30%	52%	38%
High threat	37%	42%	33%	38%
Moderate threat	17%	23%	12%	15%
Low threat	3%	4%	2%	5%
Very low threat	1%	1%	*	-
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	4%
<i>High threat (Net)</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Low threat (Net)</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>5%</i>

e. Your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very high threat	20%	16%	23%	19%
High threat	26%	20%	32%	26%
Moderate threat	39%	43%	36%	43%
Low threat	10%	15%	7%	7%
Very low threat	3%	4%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	5%
<i>High threat (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Low threat (Net)</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>7%</i>

2. Which of the following actions, if any, should the U.S. government take to contain the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19?

Total Yes Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Impose mandatory quarantines for people returning from <u>high-risk</u> countries (China, South Korea, Iran, Italy)	93%	95%	94%	90%
Make the COVID-19 test widely available	92%	91%	94%	89%
Temporarily <u>stop</u> immigration from high-risk countries (China, South Korea, Iran, Italy)	87%	95%	83%	83%
Cancel all large-scale events (e.g. sporting events, music festivals)	87%	86%	92%	84%
Impose mandatory quarantines in areas where there are major outbreaks	86%	85%	91%	80%
Impose mandatory quarantines for people who have traveled to <u>any</u> other country	79%	77%	81%	80%
Pass paid sick-leave legislation	79%	70%	88%	78%
Ground all international flights	72%	72%	72%	75%
Provide surgical masks for people in states with reported cases	68%	60%	76%	65%
Provide temporary financial help for airlines and other affected industries	62%	63%	63%	63%
Ground all domestic flights	47%	41%	53%	54%

a. Impose mandatory quarantines for people returning from high-risk countries (China, South Korea, Iran, Italy)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	93%	95%	94%	90%
No	4%	3%	4%	6%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	5%

b. Impose mandatory quarantines for people who have traveled to any other country

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	79%	77%	81%	80%
No	11%	13%	12%	7%
Don't know	10%	9%	8%	14%

c. Temporarily stop immigration from high-risk countries (China, South Korea, Iran, Italy)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	87%	95%	83%	83%
No	5%	2%	6%	10%
Don't know	8%	3%	11%	7%

d. Provide surgical masks for people in states with reported cases

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	68%	60%	76%	65%
No	21%	28%	17%	20%
Don't know	11%	12%	7%	15%

e. Pass paid sick-leave legislation

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	79%	70%	88%	78%
No	10%	17%	5%	10%
Don't know	11%	13%	7%	12%

f. Make the COVID-19 test widely available

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	92%	91%	94%	89%
No	4%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	4%	4%	2%	7%

g. Ground all international flights

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	72%	72%	72%	75%
No	17%	19%	18%	16%
Don't know	11%	10%	10%	10%

h. Ground all domestic flights

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	47%	41%	53%	54%
No	36%	47%	30%	28%
Don't know	16%	12%	18%	18%

i. Cancel all large-scale events (e.g. sporting events, music festivals)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	87%	86%	92%	84%
No	6%	8%	4%	9%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	7%

j. Provide temporary financial help for airlines and other affected industries

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	62%	63%	63%	63%
No	21%	22%	20%	20%
Don't know	17%	16%	17%	17%

k. Impose mandatory quarantines in areas where there are major outbreaks

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	86%	85%	91%	80%
No	7%	11%	3%	7%
Don't know	7%	5%	6%	13%

3. How long do you think the coronavirus crisis will continue? (Select one)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
For another week	2%	2%	1%	-
For a few more weeks	16%	22%	12%	12%
For a few months	43%	45%	40%	45%
For at least 6 months	23%	20%	26%	26%
Up to a year	9%	6%	12%	7%
More than a year	7%	4%	9%	10%

4. How long are you prepared to wait before going back to your normal life during the coronavirus crisis? (Select one)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
For another week	7%	6%	6%	9%
For a few more weeks	23%	29%	17%	18%
For a few months	37%	37%	37%	42%
For at least 6 months	18%	14%	22%	14%
Up to a year	9%	9%	10%	11%
More than a year	7%	5%	9%	6%

5. Since the coronavirus crisis began what, if any, of the following have you done? (Select one for each.)

Total Yes Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Supported local businesses	69%	73%	70%	53%
<u>Contacted</u> friends and family more than you usually do	66%	64%	72%	56%
<u>Called</u> friends and family who you would normally <u>text</u> or <u>IM</u>	59%	58%	64%	56%
Checked in on elderly or sick neighbors	48%	50%	51%	38%
Donated money, supplies or time to help people in your community	28%	27%	32%	13%
Potentially expose yourself to the virus to help other people	20%	21%	21%	21%
Received help from people or organizations in your community	16%	13%	19%	12%
Asked for help from people or organizations in your community	14%	11%	16%	14%

a. Donated money, supplies or time to help people in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	28%	27%	32%	13%
No	70%	71%	66%	83%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	5%

b. Supported local businesses

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	69%	73%	70%	53%
No	28%	25%	26%	45%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	2%

c. Checked in on elderly or sick neighbors

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	48%	50%	51%	38%
No	50%	49%	48%	60%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	2%

d. Asked for help from people or organizations in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	14%	11%	16%	14%
No	85%	88%	83%	83%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	3%

e. Received help from people or organizations in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	16%	13%	19%	12%
No	82%	85%	79%	86%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	2%

f. Contacted friends and family more than you usually do

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	66%	64%	72%	56%
No	32%	34%	26%	42%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%

g. Potentially expose yourself to the virus to help other people

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	20%	21%	21%	21%
No	73%	73%	73%	71%
Don't know	7%	6%	6%	8%

h. Called friends and family who you would normally text or IM

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Yes	59%	58%	64%	56%
No	38%	40%	35%	39%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	5%

 6. Regardless of whether you have done each of the following, how likely is it that you will do it in the next two weeks or so? (Select one for each)

Total Likely Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Support local businesses	82%	84%	84%	74%
<u>Contact</u> friends and family more than you usually do	77%	76%	82%	66%
<u>Call</u> friends and family who you would normally <u>text or IM</u>	72%	71%	76%	69%
Check in on elderly or sick neighbors	60%	60%	62%	55%
Donate money, supplies or time to help people in your community	55%	53%	58%	48%
Potentially expose yourself to the virus to help other people	30%	32%	28%	34%
Receive help from people or organizations in your community	26%	20%	31%	28%
Ask for help from people or organizations in your community	23%	18%	28%	25%

a. Donate money, supplies or time to help people in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	20%	20%	22%	14%
Somewhat likely	35%	34%	37%	34%
Not too likely	25%	27%	24%	23%
Not at all likely	15%	16%	12%	22%
Don't know	5%	3%	6%	7%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>45%</i>

b. Support local businesses

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	47%	48%	51%	32%
Somewhat likely	35%	36%	33%	42%
Not too likely	9%	10%	7%	9%
Not at all likely	5%	4%	5%	9%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%	7%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>18%</i>

c. Check in on elderly or sick neighbors

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	30%	30%	33%	22%
Somewhat likely	30%	30%	29%	33%
Not too likely	23%	23%	23%	28%
Not at all likely	12%	13%	10%	10%
Don't know	5%	3%	5%	7%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>38%</i>

d. Ask for help from people or organizations in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	10%	9%	12%	11%
Somewhat likely	13%	9%	17%	14%
Not too likely	36%	36%	36%	34%
Not at all likely	36%	44%	31%	34%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%	7%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>68%</i>

e. Receive help from people or organizations in your community

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	10%	9%	12%	10%
Somewhat likely	16%	11%	19%	18%
Not too likely	36%	35%	36%	38%
Not at all likely	34%	42%	30%	28%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	5%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>28%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>67%</i>

f. Contact friends and family more than you usually do

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	41%	38%	47%	31%
Somewhat likely	36%	38%	35%	35%
Not too likely	15%	16%	11%	21%
Not at all likely	6%	6%	4%	8%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%	5%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>30%</i>

g. Potentially expose yourself to the virus to help other people

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	13%	13%	14%	10%
Somewhat likely	17%	18%	14%	24%
Not too likely	33%	33%	35%	28%
Not at all likely	32%	31%	32%	32%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	7%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>34%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>59%</i>

h. Call friends and family who you would normally text or IM

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Very likely	40%	37%	45%	36%
Somewhat likely	32%	35%	31%	33%
Not too likely	17%	18%	15%	18%
Not at all likely	8%	8%	7%	9%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	4%
<i>Likely (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Not likely (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>27%</i>

7. How do you think your community will fare after the coronavirus crisis is over? (Select one)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
My community will <u>never</u> fully recover	3%	2%	4%	3%
My community will suffer in the <u>short-term</u> , but will recover in the long-term	53%	51%	56%	52%
My community will only suffer <u>a little</u>	16%	17%	15%	14%
My community will emerge <u>stronger</u> than ever	18%	22%	16%	14%
Don't know/Not sure	11%	7%	9%	17%

8. What do you think should be the main priority of the U.S. government during the coronavirus crisis? (Select one)

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Doing everything possible <u>to prevent the coronavirus from spreading</u> and keep people from getting sick and dying	72%	64%	80%	70%
Doing everything possible <u>to keep the economy strong</u> and avoid a recession	21%	29%	14%	23%
Don't know	7%	7%	5%	7%

[IF PREVENT FROM SPREADING IN Q8]

9. You said you thought the main priority should be preventing the coronavirus from spreading. Would you still feel that way if it meant that many local businesses in your community would go out of business? (Select one)

	Total (N=729)	Republicans (N=261)	Democrats (N=341)	Independents (N=81)
Yes	61%	53%	71%	52%
No	14%	18%	10%	22%
Don't know	25%	30%	19%	27%

[IF KEEP THE ECONOMY STRONG IN Q8]

10. You said you thought the main priority should be keeping the economy strong. Would you still feel that way if it meant that many people in your community would get sick and a significant number would die? (Select one)

	Total (N=200)	Republicans (N=112)	Democrats (N=49)	Independents (N=24)
Yes	51%	56%	50%	45%
No	30%	24%	36%	26%
Don't know	19%	20%	14%	29%

11. Thinking about the coronavirus crisis, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Select one for each)

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
We should reboot the economy slowly and carefully to avoid spreading the virus and endangering lives	83%	81%	90%	78%
The federal government should be paying more attention to health experts when making decisions about how to address the coronavirus crisis	83%	74%	91%	86%
It is more important to protect people's health than to protect the economy	78%	73%	87%	73%
Politics will interfere more with the federal government's response to the crisis than politics will interfere with state and local governments' response	77%	77%	79%	72%
My state and local governments are doing everything they can to address the coronavirus crisis	74%	78%	72%	71%
The federal government is more likely to help big businesses than small businesses survive this crisis	69%	51%	85%	69%
The federal government is more concerned about the economy than about the coronavirus endangering lives	60%	38%	80%	58%
Ordinary Americans cannot count on the federal government for help during the coronavirus crisis	54%	42%	66%	54%
The federal government is doing everything it can to address the coronavirus crisis	50%	74%	33%	44%
The federal government is doing a good job of balancing concerns about the economy and people's health	49%	75%	30%	40%

a. It is more important to protect people's health than to protect the economy

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	44%	30%	59%	40%
Somewhat agree	34%	43%	28%	33%
Somewhat disagree	11%	16%	8%	9%
Strongly disagree	3%	5%	2%	3%
Don't know	7%	6%	3%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>13%</i>

b. We should reboot the economy slowly and carefully to avoid spreading the virus and endangering lives

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	44%	34%	55%	39%
Somewhat agree	40%	46%	35%	38%
Somewhat disagree	7%	10%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	2%	7%
Don't know	6%	5%	3%	9%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>78%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>13%</i>

c. The federal government is doing a good job of balancing concerns about the economy and people's health

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	17%	30%	8%	10%
Somewhat agree	33%	45%	22%	30%
Somewhat disagree	25%	16%	34%	25%
Strongly disagree	18%	4%	31%	20%
Don't know	8%	5%	5%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>46%</i>

d. The federal government is more concerned about the economy than about the coronavirus endangering lives

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	32%	14%	52%	23%
Somewhat agree	28%	24%	29%	35%
Somewhat disagree	21%	34%	11%	22%
Strongly disagree	12%	22%	5%	11%
Don't know	8%	7%	4%	9%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>58%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>33%</i>

e. The federal government should be paying more attention to health experts when making decisions about how to address the coronavirus crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	55%	34%	77%	49%
Somewhat agree	28%	40%	15%	37%
Somewhat disagree	8%	16%	3%	4%
Strongly disagree	4%	6%	2%	2%
Don't know	6%	4%	4%	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>86%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>

f. Ordinary Americans cannot count on the federal government for help during the coronavirus crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	19%	11%	27%	16%
Somewhat agree	35%	31%	39%	38%
Somewhat disagree	27%	38%	21%	23%
Strongly disagree	10%	16%	6%	7%
Don't know	9%	5%	6%	17%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>30%</i>

g. The federal government is more likely to help big businesses than small businesses survive this crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	39%	22%	56%	37%
Somewhat agree	29%	29%	29%	32%
Somewhat disagree	16%	27%	8%	18%
Strongly disagree	8%	14%	2%	5%
Don't know	8%	8%	5%	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>23%</i>

h. Politics will interfere more with the federal government's response to the crisis than politics will interfere with state and local governments' response

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	42%	40%	47%	33%
Somewhat agree	35%	37%	32%	40%
Somewhat disagree	10%	13%	9%	8%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	3%	5%
Don't know	9%	6%	9%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>13%</i>

i. The federal government is doing everything it can to address the coronavirus crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	20%	36%	10%	14%
Somewhat agree	30%	38%	22%	30%
Somewhat disagree	24%	16%	29%	29%
Strongly disagree	20%	6%	34%	17%
Don't know	6%	4%	3%	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>44%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>45%</i>

j. My state and local governments are doing everything they can to address the coronavirus crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	30%	29%	34%	19%
Somewhat agree	44%	50%	38%	52%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%	13%	17%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	7%	7%
Don't know	8%	5%	8%	5%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>24%</i>

12. Here are several ideas about how the federal government could help communities cope with the coronavirus crisis and its aftermath. Which of the following comes closest to how you feel about each idea? (Select one)

Total Would Support Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
The federal government should provide free testing for the coronavirus for people who need it	89%	89%	92%	86%
The federal government should provide no-interest loans to businesses that keep paying their employees during the crisis	87%	89%	89%	79%
The federal government should provide direct cash payments to all Americans who need it until the crisis is over	79%	74%	86%	75%
The federal government should require by law that manufacturing, tech, and other industries shift production to making supplies to fight the coronavirus crisis	73%	68%	80%	69%
Federal government support for businesses should be equally distributed to small, medium, and larger businesses	73%	76%	74%	70%
The federal government should require by law that the <u>pharmaceutical</u> industry shift all possible resources to researching and producing treatments and a vaccine for coronavirus	68%	63%	74%	72%
Large businesses that let employees go should get zero financial support from the federal government	55%	51%	62%	52%

- a. The federal government should require by law that the pharmaceutical industry shift all possible resources to researching and producing treatments and a vaccine for coronavirus

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	30%	24%	37%	28%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	38%	39%	37%	44%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	15%	20%	14%	9%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	6%	8%	4%	3%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	10%	9%	8%	16%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	68%	63%	74%	72%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	21%	28%	18%	12%

- b. The federal government should require by law that manufacturing, tech, and other industries shift production to making supplies to fight the coronavirus crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	36%	29%	44%	31%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	37%	39%	36%	38%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	14%	17%	11%	17%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	4%	7%	3%	5%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	8%	8%	6%	9%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	73%	68%	80%	69%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	19%	24%	14%	22%

- c. The federal government should provide no-interest loans to businesses that keep paying their employees during the crisis

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	55%	50%	60%	53%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	31%	39%	29%	26%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	5%	5%	5%	7%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	2%	1%	1%	7%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	6%	4%	5%	7%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	87%	89%	89%	79%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	8%	7%	6%	14%

d. Large businesses that let employees go should get zero financial support from the federal government

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	26%	21%	32%	22%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	29%	30%	30%	30%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	22%	25%	21%	21%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	9%	12%	6%	7%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	14%	12%	11%	21%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	55%	51%	62%	52%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	31%	37%	27%	27%

e. Federal government support for businesses should be equally distributed to small, medium, and larger businesses

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	37%	34%	39%	40%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	37%	42%	35%	30%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	14%	14%	15%	15%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	4%	3%	5%	5%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	9%	7%	6%	10%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	73%	76%	74%	70%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	18%	17%	19%	20%

f. The federal government should provide free testing for the coronavirus for people who need it

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	67%	61%	75%	62%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	22%	29%	17%	24%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	4%	4%	4%	3%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	2%	2%	1%	4%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	4%	4%	2%	7%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	89%	89%	92%	86%
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	6%	7%	6%	7%



g. The federal government should provide direct cash payments to all Americans who need it until the crisis is over

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
It sounds <u>very good</u> to me, and I would support it	44%	33%	52%	45%
It sounds <u>somewhat good</u> to me, and I would probably support it	36%	41%	34%	30%
It <u>does not</u> sound very good to me, and I would probably not support it	10%	15%	7%	3%
It <u>does not</u> sound good at all, and I would not support it	4%	5%	2%	9%
Don't know/Don't have enough information to say	7%	6%	5%	12%
<i>Would support (Net)</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Would not support (Net)</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>13%</i>



About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 27-30, 2020, on behalf of Public Agenda and USA Today. For this survey, a sample of roughly 1,002 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 403 Republicans, 407 Democrats, and 114 Independents.

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