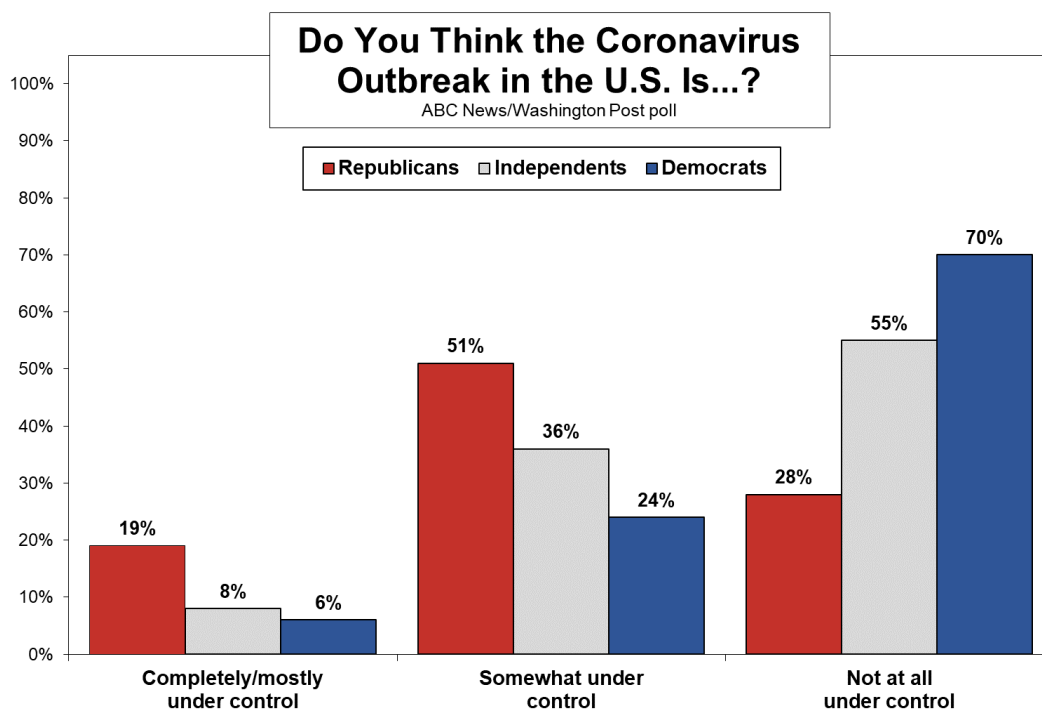


## **Nine in 10 Say Pandemic's Not Controlled; Fewer, Two-thirds, Intend to Vaccinate**

Nearly nine in 10 Americans say the coronavirus pandemic is not under control in the United States, but many fewer say they'll get vaccinated against it, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll finds.

As the country endures record levels of daily COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, 52 percent say the virus is "not at all" under control, up sharply from 35 percent (among registered voters) in October. The view is deeply partisan; seven in 10 Democrats and 55 percent of independents say the virus is not at all under control, vs. 28 percent of Republicans.



In terms of vaccination, 63 percent say they will definitely or probably get the vaccine and 3 percent say they've already done so. The net (65 percent, due to rounding) is lower than the 71 percent who said they would get vaccinated in a similar question in late May. The decline is steepest among those who haven't gone beyond high school (-14 percentage points), Hispanics (-13 points), those age 18-49 (-12 points) and Republicans and conservatives (each -12 points).

In which might ordinarily be seen as simply a public health matter, this poll, produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#), finds that partisan and ideological differences in intended

vaccine uptake remain vast. Eighty-five percent of Democrats and 80 percent of liberals probably or definitely will get vaccinated or have done so, vs. fewer than half of Republicans (46 percent) and conservatives (48 percent). And these divisions have widened since last spring.

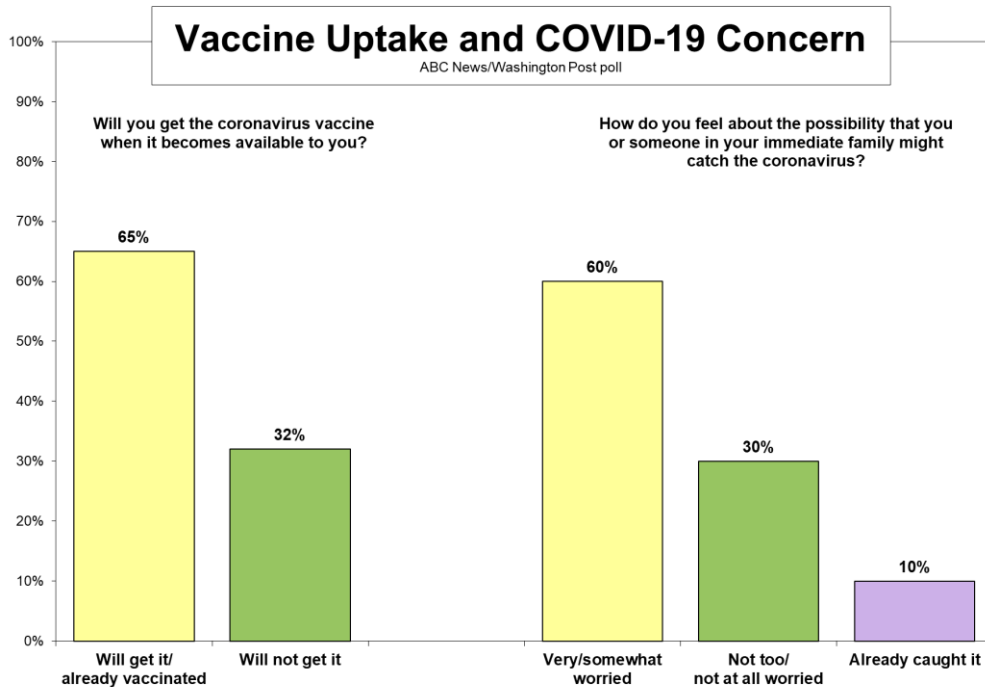
<b>Definitely/probably will get vaccinated against COVID-19</b>			
	<b>Now*</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>All</b>	65%	71%	-6 pts.
<b>Age 18-49</b>	58	70	-12
<b>Age 50+</b>	74	71	+3
<b>High school or less</b>	53	67	-14
<b>Some college</b>	64	67	-3
<b>College graduate</b>	80	78	+2
<b>White adults</b>	67	70	-3
<b>Black adults</b>	64	63	+1
<b>Hispanic adults</b>	65	78	-13
<b>Liberals</b>	80	81	-1
<b>Moderates</b>	74	75	-1
<b>Conservatives</b>	48	60	-12
<b>Democrats</b>	85	81	+4
<b>Independents</b>	63	72	-9
<b>Republicans</b>	46	58	-12

\*Includes those who have already been vaccinated

Concern over catching the virus is strongly linked to intention to get vaccinated. Six in 10 are very or somewhat worried that they or someone in their immediate family might catch it, down from 66 percent in July and as much as 69 percent in late March. Among those who are more worried about catching the virus, 79 percent intend to get vaccinated or have done so, compared with 39 percent of those who are less worried.

Again, this too, reflects partisan predispositions. Seventy-eight percent of Democrats are very or somewhat worried, vs. 63 percent of independents and just 38 percent of Republicans.

Beyond those worried about catching it, an additional one in 10 now says they or an immediate family member already has caught the virus, up from 5 percent last summer and just 1 percent last March.



**AHEAD** – In terms of the approach ahead, Americans broadly say it’s more important to control the spread of the virus than to restart the economy, 62-33 percent. At the same time, that 29-point preference for controlling the spread is virtually unchanged from its level in July, despite a more than fourfold increase in newly reported deaths per day.

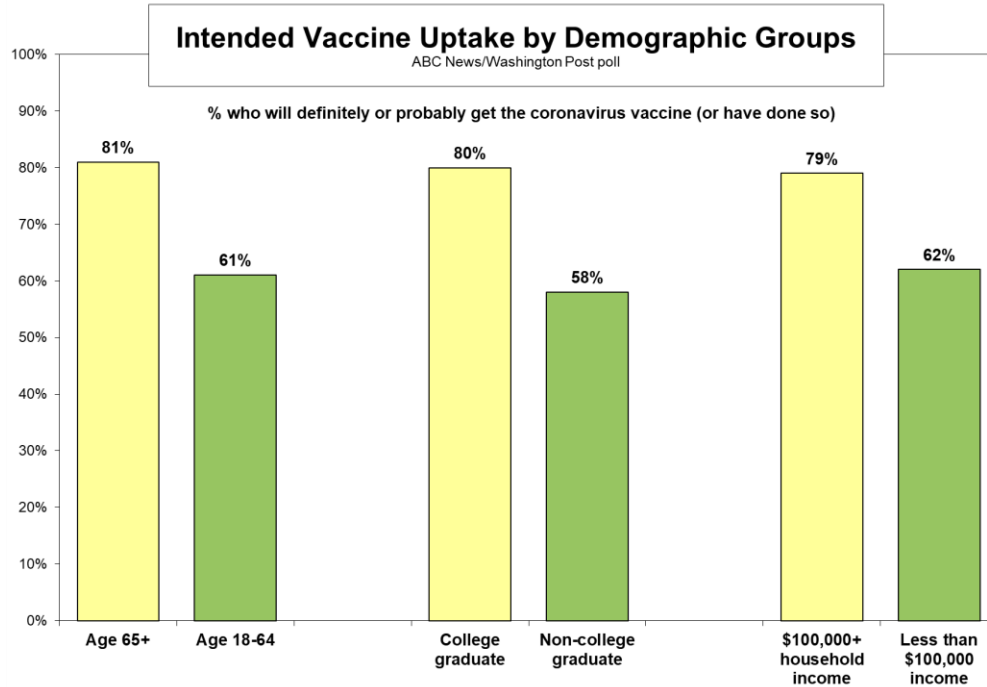
Those priorities inform assessments of how Donald Trump handled the outbreak. Trump, who emphasized restarting the economy over controlling the pandemic, receives 38 percent approval on how he’s handled the issue, with 59 percent disapproving. Approval soars to 76 percent among those who are chiefly concerned with restarting the economy, plummeting to 17 percent among those who prioritize curbing the virus.

Whether Joe Biden can do better is an open question. As reported [Sunday](#), a narrow majority, 53 percent, expresses confidence in his ability to make progress on getting the pandemic under control. That includes 87 percent of Democrats, dropping to 50 percent of independents and just 18 percent of Republicans.

**VACCINE UPTAKE** – As noted, 65 percent Americans have either received the vaccine or say they will get it when it becomes available to them, including four in 10 who say they will definitely get it, with notable demographic divides.

Intended vaccine uptake peaks among adults age 65 and older, a particularly vulnerable group, at 81 percent, vs. 61 percent of those 18-64. Planning “definitely” to get the vaccine reaches 59 percent among seniors vs. just 27 percent among 18- to 29-year-olds.

Education and income also play a role. Intention to get the vaccine is 22 points higher among college-educated adults than those without a college degree, 80 vs. 58 percent. It reaches 79 percent of Americans with household incomes of \$100,000 or more, dropping to 62 percent of those in lower-income households.



Differences also emerge by urbanicity, with 68 percent of both urban and suburban residents saying they will get the vaccine or have already done so, compared with 55 percent of rural residents.

By race, roughly two-thirds across racial and ethnic groups say they either will get the vaccine or already have received it. There are differences, however, in the share who say they “definitely” will get vaccinated – 46 percent of whites, vs. 31 percent of Black people and 28 percent of Hispanics.

**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Jan. 10-13, 2021, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 percentage points, including design effects. Partisan divisions are 31-25-36 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling and data collection by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md. See details on the survey’s methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

1, 3-20 previously released. \* = less than 0.5 percent.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump has handled the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/13/21	38	27	10	59	8	51	3
10/9/20* RV	41	28	13	58	6	52	1
9/24/20	40	27	13	58	8	50	2
8/15/20	40	27	13	59	8	50	2
7/15/20	38	25	13	60	8	52	2
5/28/20	46	28	17	53	10	43	1
3/25/20	51	36	15	45	8	36	4
3/7/20**	41	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	11

\*10/9/20 and prior "is handling"

\*\*CNN

21. How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught it (vol.)	No op
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
1/13/21	60	30	31	30	14	16	10	*
10/9/20 RV	65	29	36	27	15	12	8	1
9/24/20	62	29	33	33	18	15	5	*
8/15/20	65	31	34	29	15	14	5	*
7/15/20	66	33	33	29	17	12	5	1
5/28/20	63	30	33	35	22	13	2	*
3/25/20	69	30	39	30	20	10	1	*
3/13/20* RV	53	15	38	47	31	16	*	*

\*NBC/Wall Street Journal

22. Do you think the coronavirus outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

	-- More under control --			---- Less under control ---			No opinion
	NET	Completely	Mostly	NET	Somewhat	Not at all	
1/13/21	11	3	8	88	36	52	1
10/9/20 RV	21	5	17	78	43	35	1
8/15/20	14	3	10	85	39	46	1
7/15/20* RV	20	8	12	78	27	51	2
6/16/20 RV	23	7	16	75	43	33	2
5/20/20 RV	21	5	15	78	43	35	1

\*7/15/20 and previous: Fox News, "coronavirus in the United States"

23. What do you think is more important - (trying to control the spread of the coronavirus, even if it hurts the economy), or (trying to restart the economy, even if it hurts efforts to control the spread of the virus)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Control spread ----			---- Restart economy ----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/13/21	62	48	14	33	6	28	5
7/15/20	63	52	11	33	7	26	5
5/28/20	57	41	16	37	11	26	6

24. When it becomes available to you, will you definitely get the coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	----- Will get it -----			----- Will not get it -----			Already	No
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably	Definitely	got it	op.
1/13/21	63	40	23	32	11	22	3	2

Compare to:

If a vaccine that protected you from the coronavirus was available for free to everyone who wanted it, would you definitely get it, probably get it, probably not get it or definitely not get it?

	---- Likely to get it ----			----- Not likely to get it -----			No
	NET	Definitely	Probably	NET	Probably not	Definitely not	op.
5/28/20	71	43	28	27	12	15	2

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