



PRESS RELEASE

Most say the Coronavirus is an on-going threat; only 1 in 5 see virus contained.

A poll of 8 countries shows strong support for actions including travel bans and quarantines to control the virus.

February 12th, 2020; Paris, France – A majority of people across eight large countries say the coronavirus poses a high or very high threat to the world and an additional one in three say the virus is a moderate threat to the world.

More than one in two people in Japan (66%), Australia (61%) and the United States (55%) are concerned about the threat of the outbreak on the world. Canada (42%) and Russia (42%), the United Kingdom (43%), and Germany (47%) have slightly lower levels of high or very high threat.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos survey conducted online from February 7 to 9, 2020 among 8,001 adults aged 16 (18) -74 in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

On average, only one in five people (19%) agree the coronavirus outbreak has been contained and will soon be over, while more than twice as many disagree (46%). People in the U.K. (55%), Canada (51%), Australia (50%), and Japan (49%) were most likely to disagree the outbreak has been contained. One in three Russian respondents believe the coronavirus outbreak has been contained (33%).

Added to that, more than four in five (86%) people across these eight countries say they have seen, heard, or read a great deal or fair amount about the outbreak.

Together, this data shows that most people are closely tracking the coronavirus outbreak and are also worried the health epidemic will continue to worsen before it gets better.

In response, there is widespread support for significant actions to control the virus. On average, four in five (85%) people support mandatory screening of those traveling from infected countries, and there is a similar level of strong support for mandatory quarantine of those who could have the infection. Two-thirds (66%) of people agree the government should ban travel to and from impacted countries, and that airlines in their country should be restricted from flying to China.

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Topline data follows:

Q. How much, if at all, have you seen, read or heard about the coronavirus outbreak?

	US	Canada	France	United Kingdom	Australia	Germany	Japan	Russia
Base: All respondents	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1001	1000	1000
A great deal	42%	40%	67%	39%	42%	27%	39%	29%
A fair amount	43%	45%	28%	54%	47%	49%	53%	48%
Not very much	12%	13%	4%	7%	9%	22%	5%	21%
Nothing at all	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Summary								
T2B: Great deal/fair amount	85%	86%	95%	92%	88%	76%	92%	77%
B2B: Nothing/Not much	14%	14%	4%	7%	10%	23%	6%	22%

Q. (The world) What level of threat do you think the coronavirus poses to each of the following?

	US	Canada	France	United Kingdom	Australia	Germany	Japan	Russia
Base: All respondents	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1001	1000	1000
Very high threat	23%	13%	16%	12%	28%	13%	26%	11%
High threat	31%	29%	33%	31%	33%	34%	40%	30%
Moderate threat	32%	38%	34%	42%	27%	35%	27%	36%
Low threat	9%	15%	10%	11%	7%	13%	4%	14%
Very low threat	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	6%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Summary								
T2B: High threat	55%	42%	49%	43%	61%	47%	66%	42%
B3B: Low threat	43%	55%	48%	56%	37%	51%	33%	57%

Q. (The coronavirus outbreak has been contained and will soon be over.) Do you agree or disagree with the following (is that strongly or somewhat?):

	US	Canada	France	United Kingdom	Australia	Germany	Japan	Russia
Base: All respondents	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1001	1000	1000
Strongly agree	6%	3%	2%	4%	5%	5%	2%	7%
Somewhat agree	15%	13%	14%	12%	15%	16%	13%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	26%	26%	30%	22%	26%	33%	32%	28%
Somewhat disagree	27%	32%	29%	36%	29%	28%	31%	18%
Strongly disagree	19%	19%	13%	20%	21%	14%	18%	14%
Don't know	7%	8%	12%	7%	5%	5%	5%	7%
Summary								
T2B: Agree	21%	15%	16%	16%	19%	20%	15%	33%
B2B: Disagree	46%	51%	42%	55%	50%	42%	49%	33%

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Q. (Total strongly & somewhat agree) To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose each of the following measures?

	US	Canada	France	United Kingdom	Australia	Germany	Japan	Russia
Base: All respondents	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1001	1000	1000
Anyone travelling to and from infected countries should undergo mandatory screening	83%	86%	87%	86%	88%	78%	78%	91%
Government should impose mandatory quarantine for those who could have the infection	79%	83%	84%	84%	87%	74%	80%	84%
Airlines from my country should stop flying to China	68%	67%	68%	70%	75%	59%	67%	61%
The government should ban any travel to and from affected countries	70%	66%	68%	66%	73%	50%	71%	64%
Public transit systems in my country, including buses, subways, and trains, should be taking precautions to prevent the further spread of coronavirus	73%	60%	56%	61%	70%	48%	76%	72%
The government should send doctors, materials, supplies abroad to help countries affected by the virus	61%	55%	52%	49%	52%	62%	56%	56%
Airlines from my country should stop flying to other infected countries besides China	62%	54%	59%	57%	59%	44%	46%	54%

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About the Study

These are the results of an Ipsos survey conducted February 7-9, 2020 on the Global Advisor online platform among 8,001 adults aged 18-74 in Canada and the United States and 16-74 in Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Russia and the United Kingdom.

The sample consists of approximately 1000+ individuals in each country. The samples in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75. The sample in Russia is more urban, more educated and/or more affluent than the general population and should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of the population. The data is weighted so that each market's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

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