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Reuters/Ipsos Core Political: Coronavirus Tracker (05/22/2020)

Many Americans are interested in taking a coronavirus vaccine, but some have concerns

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, May 22, 2020 – A Reuters/Ipsos poll interested in understanding the American perceptions regarding a coronavirus vaccine shows that a majority of Americans would be interested in getting a vaccine if one were available. The survey also shows that a majority of Americans believe vaccines are generally safe for adults and children, but more would be interested in receiving the vaccine if a large scale scientific study proved the vaccine’s safety.

Detailed Findings

A strong majority of Americans report that they believe vaccines, like those for measles, mumps, and rubella, are generally safe for adults (84%) and for children (84%).

- Perceptions that vaccines are generally safe for children and adults are shared across party lines, with 9 in 10 Democrats and Republicans reporting they believe vaccines to be safe for adults (89% and 85%, respectively) and children (88% and 85% respectively).

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Vaccine Safety

Generally speaking, how safe do you believe that vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella are for children and/or adults?

% Very/Somewhat safe



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Two-thirds of Americans are interested in getting the coronavirus vaccine (65%), and a quarter of Americans were not interested (24%).

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Interest in Coronavirus Vaccine

How interested would you be in getting a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?

How interested would you be in getting your children a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all? (asked of parents)

% Very/Somewhat interested



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- Among those who are not interested in receiving the vaccine, the most common reason cited is nervousness about a vaccine that has been approved so quickly (48%), and 42% report that the risk of taking a new vaccine outweighs any potential benefits.
- Americans report being more interested in taking the vaccine if large scale scientific studies show that people who have taken the vaccine do not suffer any negative side effects (62%), the vaccine would be by FDA approval (58%), U.S. health authorities report it could prevent a repeat of the pandemic (57%), and that their life could return to normal, like it was before the pandemic (57%).
- While generally, Republicans and Democrats agree that vaccines are safe (see above), Republicans are significantly more likely to say they are not interested in receiving the coronavirus vaccine (31%), compared to Democrats (16%). Independents also express trepidation – 31% say they are not interested.



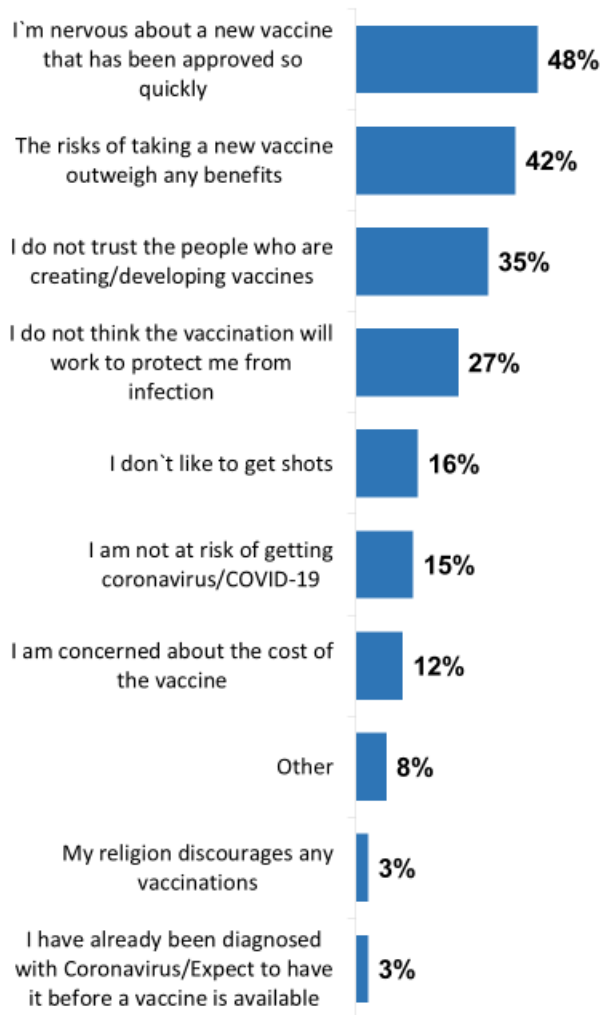


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Fears Surrounding Coronavirus Vaccine

You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?





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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Democrat	44%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	11%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	9%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1876Y20. Are you a parent?	Yes	55%	49%	65%	51%
	No	45%	51%	35%	49%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	82%	88%	88%	74%
	No	15%	11%	10%	24%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	2%	2%	2%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1877Y20 . Generally speaking, how safe do you believe that vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella are for children and/or adults?...Vaccines for adults	Very safe	58%	65%	55%	50%
	Somewhat safe	26%	24%	30%	28%
	Not very safe	6%	4%	6%	8%
	Not at all safe	4%	3%	5%	5%
	Don't know	6%	4%	4%	9%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1877Y20 . Generally speaking, how safe do you believe that vaccines for diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella are for children and/or adults?...Vaccines for children	Very safe	58%	64%	57%	52%
	Somewhat safe	26%	24%	28%	27%
	Not very safe	6%	4%	7%	8%
	Not at all safe	4%	3%	4%	5%
	Don't know	5%	4%	4%	7%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1878Y20. What statement best describes your plans for the 2020 flu season vaccine (Fall 2020-Winter 2021)? (Please select one.)	I will definitely get the flu vaccine for the Fall 2020-Spring 2021 flu season	44%	51%	44%	33%
	I plan to get the flu vaccine	15%	16%	14%	15%
	I may or may not get the flu vaccine	13%	12%	12%	20%
	I probably won't get the flu vaccine	11%	9%	12%	15%
	I'm sure that I won't get the flu vaccine	16%	12%	17%	18%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1879Y20. What statement best describes your plans for the 2020 flu season vaccine for your children (Fall 2020-Winter 2021)? (Please select one.)	I will definitely get my children the flu vaccine for the Fall 2020-Spring 2021 flu season	37%	43%	36%	31%
	I plan to get my children the flu vaccine	16%	17%	15%	14%
	I may or may not get my children the flu vaccine	18%	17%	18%	22%
	I probably won't get my children the flu vaccine	7%	6%	8%	10%
	I'm sure that I won't get my children the flu vaccine	21%	17%	23%	22%
	Total	2421	951	1062	244

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TR178_2020. During the last five years, how often have you gotten got a flu vaccination? (Please select one.)	Every year	40%	44%	42%	30%
	Four out of five years	8%	7%	8%	7%
	Three out of five years	8%	10%	7%	9%
	Two out of five years	6%	7%	6%	6%
	One out of five years	8%	8%	6%	10%
	None of the years	30%	25%	30%	39%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1880Y20. How interested would you be in getting a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?	Very interested	38%	48%	34%	27%
	Somewhat interested	27%	26%	27%	29%
	Not very interested	10%	8%	11%	13%
	Not at all interested	14%	8%	19%	18%
	Not sure	11%	10%	9%	13%
	Total	4428	1979	1645	466
TM1881Y20. How interested would you be in getting your children a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?	Very interested	33%	40%	30%	24%
	Somewhat interested	22%	23%	21%	26%
	Not very interested	6%	6%	6%	6%
	Not at all interested	18%	10%	23%	18%
	Not sure	22%	20%	21%	26%
	Total	2421	951	1062	244
TM1882Y20_1. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply...The risks of taking a new vaccine outweigh any benefits	No	58%	60%	55%	56%
	Yes	42%	40%	45%	44%
	Total	1043	309	495	136



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1882Y20_2. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... My religion discourages any vaccinations	No	97%	96%	97%	94%
	Yes	3%	4%	3%	6%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_3. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I am not at risk of getting coronavirus/COVID-19	No	85%	90%	82%	84%
	Yes	15%	10%	18%	16%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_4. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I do not think the vaccination will work to protect me from infection	No	73%	76%	72%	67%
	Yes	27%	24%	28%	33%
	Total	1043	309	495	136



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1882Y20_5. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I do not trust the people who are creating/developing vaccines	No	65%	72%	62%	63%
	Yes	35%	28%	38%	37%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_6. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... already diagnosed with coronavirus/Expect to before vaccine is available	No	97%	92%	98%	99%
	Yes	3%	8%	2%	1%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_7. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I don't like to get shots	No	84%	86%	85%	73%
	Yes	16%	14%	15%	27%
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TM1882Y20_8. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I'm nervous about a new vaccine that has been approved so quickly	No	52%	48%	53%	57%
	Yes	48%	52%	47%	43%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_9. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... I am concerned about the cost of the vaccine	No	88%	87%	87%	87%
	Yes	12%	13%	13%	13%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1882Y20_10. You indicated that you would not be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine. Which ...comes closest to your opinion...? Select all that apply... Other (Please Specify)	No	92%	95%	93%	89%
	Yes	8%	5%	7%	11%
	Total	1043	309	495	136
TM1883Y20_1. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...The vaccine is approved for use by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA)	More interested	57%	67%	54%	47%
	No more or no less interested	28%	23%	31%	35%
	Less interested	7%	4%	9%	8%
	Not sure	8%	6%	6%	11%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1883Y20_2. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...Large scientific studies show that people who have taken the vaccine do not suffer any negative side effects	More interested	62%	71%	59%	54%
	No more or no less interested	24%	19%	28%	28%
	Less interested	6%	4%	8%	6%
	Not sure	8%	6%	5%	11%
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TM1883Y20_3. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...President Trump says the vaccine is safe	More interested	14%	7%	26%	6%
	No more or no less interested	37%	26%	51%	40%
	Less interested	36%	55%	13%	36%
	Not sure	13%	13%	10%	17%
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TM1883Y20_4. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...My personal doctor says the vaccine is safe	More interested	54%	62%	53%	46%
	No more or no less interested	30%	26%	33%	35%
	Less interested	6%	4%	7%	5%
	Not sure	10%	8%	7%	14%
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TM1883Y20_5. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...The vaccine is developed in America	More interested	43%	40%	54%	39%
	No more or no less interested	43%	49%	35%	47%
	Less interested	5%	4%	6%	4%
	Not sure	8%	7%	6%	10%
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TM1883Y20_6. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...The vaccine is developed in Europe	More interested	14%	17%	12%	12%
	No more or no less interested	57%	60%	54%	60%
	Less interested	14%	8%	21%	12%
	Not sure	15%	14%	12%	16%
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TM1883Y20_7. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...The vaccine is developed in China	More interested	6%	7%	6%	3%
	No more or no less interested	34%	45%	22%	33%
	Less interested	46%	34%	63%	48%
	Not sure	13%	14%	9%	16%
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TM1883Y20_8. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...U.S. health authorities say the vaccine will prevent a repeat of the pandemic	More interested	57%	67%	54%	48%
	No more or no less interested	27%	22%	30%	34%
	Less interested	6%	4%	9%	7%
	Not sure	9%	7%	7%	11%
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TM1883Y20_9. How would the following developments impact your interest in taking a coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccine, if at all?...Taking the vaccine would mean my life could go back to normal, like it was before the pandemic	More interested	57%	64%	56%	48%
	No more or no less interested	28%	24%	30%	32%
	Less interested	6%	4%	7%	8%
	Not sure	9%	8%	7%	12%
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TM1350Y17. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news about current events and politics? (Select one)	FOX News	19%	8%	36%	11%
	CNN	14%	22%	6%	12%
	MSNBC	5%	10%	2%	3%
	ABC	11%	13%	8%	14%
	CBS	9%	9%	9%	10%
	NBC	11%	12%	10%	7%
	Public Television	5%	6%	4%	5%
	Other	8%	7%	8%	11%
	None of the above	18%	13%	17%	26%
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TM1844Y20. Have you seen the video called "Plandemic"?	Yes, I saw the whole video	7%	7%	9%	5%
	Yes, but I did not see the whole video	6%	6%	6%	5%
	No, I did not see the video, but I heard about it	22%	26%	20%	22%
	No, I did not see the video and I have not heard of this	65%	62%	64%	68%
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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 13-19, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 4,428 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 1,979 Democrats, 1,645 Republicans and 466 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 1.7 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval ± 2.5 percentage points for Democrats, ± 2.8 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 5.2 percentage points for independents.

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