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### Interest in COVID-19 vaccine waning

New Newsy/Ipsos poll shows COVID-19 pandemic has bolstered support for public health funding, but not in the form of a tax increase

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, September 25, 2020** – More than half of Americans would be interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, if approved by the FDA, according to a new Newsy/Ipsos poll. However, this number represents a 13-point drop from late July. Furthermore, while most report being more likely to support increased federal funding for vaccine development, diseases prevention measures, and public health organizations due to the coronavirus pandemic, the American public is more divided on whether they are now more or less likely to support tax increases to aid public health.

#### Detailed Findings

1. Fewer Americans report interest in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, compared to late July. This is true for people on both sides of the political aisle.
  - Currently, 56% report they would be interested in getting a coronavirus vaccine that is approved for use by the FDA (34% are not). Less than two months ago, 69% said the same thing.
  - Interest has waned among men and women, among all age groups (but especially those under 55), and with both Democrats and Republicans.
  - Currently, 64% of Democrats and 55% of Republicans report being very or somewhat interested in an FDA-approved vaccine, compared to 81% and 63%, respectively, in July.
2. The coronavirus pandemic has had a positive impact on support for expanded public health funding and initiatives, but doing so in the form of a direct tax increase remains a tough sell.
  - A majority of Americans say the pandemic has made them more likely to support increased federal funding for each of the following: vaccine development/testing (55%), disease prevention measures such as testing and contact tracing (55%), and public health organizations (51%).
  - By more than two-to-one, Americans are also more likely to support Medicare for All (48%), rather than less likely (21%), due to the pandemic.
  - Around one-third (35%) are more likely to support a tax increase to directly fund public health organizations, while 29% are less likely. Twenty-six percent say the pandemic has made no difference in their level of support. However, more Americans under age 39 (millennials and Gen Z) are in favor of tax increase to fund public health – 42% say the pandemic has made them more likely to support this effort.
3. Regarding the upcoming election, Americans have a great deal of concern around the impact of everything from fake news, to voter fraud, to COVID-19. Compared to late July, slightly more are concerned about mail-in ballot fraud, while fewer are concerned about COVID-19's impact.
  - While most Americans are concerned about these items, concerns vary widely by partisan affiliation. Democrats are significantly more likely to be concerned about the impact of COVID-19, foreign interference, and vote suppression. Republicans are more worried about fake news, voter fraud, and mail-in ballot fraud.





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- Currently, 72% of Americans are concerned about the coronavirus' impact on the election, down from 79% in July. Fifty-nine percent are worried about the impact of mail-in voting fraud, compared to 54% then.

*These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 18-22, 2020 on behalf of Newsy. For this survey, a sample of 2,010 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents.*

**For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.**

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### Full Annotated Questionnaire

- Thinking about the election for president and other offices this November, how, if at all, do you plan to vote?

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020 (N=2,010)</b>	<b>Republican (N=859)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=806)</b>
In person, on Election Day	31%	45%	25%
In person, before Election Day	14%	18%	11%
By mail or absentee ballot	33%	22%	47%
I plan to vote, but not sure how	10%	9%	11%
I do not plan to vote	12%	6%	6%

- How concerned are you, if at all, about the impact of the following on the upcoming 2020 elections?

#### Total Concerned Summary

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Fake news	72%	83%	67%
COVID-19	72%	62%	87%
Vote suppression	65%	57%	77%
Foreign interference	64%	53%	80%
Voter fraud	62%	80%	49%
Mail-in ballot fraud	59%	81%	44%

<b>Trended</b>	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>July 24-29, 2020 (N=2,015)</b>	<b>Feb 21-25, 2020 (N=2,010)</b>	<b>Dec 16-17, 2019 (N=1,005)</b>
Fake news	72%	71%	69%	67%
COVID-19	72%	79%	-	-
Vote suppression	65%	63%	59%	54%
Foreign interference	64%	63%	60%	56%
Voter fraud	62%	58%	65%	55%
Mail-in ballot fraud	59%	54%	-	-

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### a. Fake news

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Very concerned	44%	53%	40%
Somewhat concerned	27%	29%	28%
Somewhat not concerned	12%	9%	14%
Not concerned at all	12%	6%	16%
Don't know	4%	2%	2%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>30%</i>

<b>Trended</b>	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>July 24-29, 2020</b>	<b>Feb 21-25, 2020</b>	<b>Dec 16-17, 2019</b>
Very concerned	44%	43%	43%	39%
Somewhat concerned	27%	28%	26%	28%
Somewhat not concerned	12%	13%	12%	17%
Not concerned at all	12%	12%	14%	11%
Don't know	4%	4%	6%	6%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>28%</i>

### b. Foreign interference

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Very concerned	30%	18%	42%
Somewhat concerned	35%	35%	38%
Somewhat not concerned	18%	26%	12%
Not concerned at all	11%	16%	5%
Don't know	7%	5%	3%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>80%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>17%</i>

<b>Trended</b>	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>July 24-29, 2020</b>	<b>Feb 21-25, 2020</b>	<b>Dec 16-17, 2019</b>
Very concerned	30%	29%	33%	22%
Somewhat concerned	35%	34%	27%	34%
Somewhat not concerned	18%	17%	17%	25%
Not concerned at all	11%	14%	16%	13%
Don't know	7%	6%	7%	7%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>56%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>38%</i>

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### c. Voter fraud

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Very concerned	33%	48%	23%
Somewhat concerned	28%	32%	27%
Somewhat not concerned	15%	10%	21%
Not concerned at all	18%	7%	28%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>49%</i>

<b>Trended</b>	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>July 24-29, 2020</b>	<b>Feb 21-25, 2020</b>	<b>Dec 16-17, 2019</b>
Very concerned	33%	31%	36%	26%
Somewhat concerned	28%	27%	29%	30%
Somewhat not concerned	15%	19%	15%	24%
Not concerned at all	18%	19%	15%	14%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	7%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>38%</i>

### d. Vote suppression

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Very concerned	34%	25%	47%
Somewhat concerned	30%	32%	30%
Somewhat not concerned	17%	21%	15%
Not concerned at all	12%	18%	5%
Don't know	6%	4%	2%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>77%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>20%</i>

<b>Trended</b>	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>July 24-29, 2020</b>	<b>Feb 21-25, 2020</b>	<b>Dec 16-17, 2019</b>
Very concerned	34%	35%	33%	28%
Somewhat concerned	30%	28%	26%	27%
Somewhat not concerned	17%	17%	16%	22%
Not concerned at all	12%	13%	15%	15%
Don't know	6%	7%	10%	8%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>38%</i>

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### e. COVID-19

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Very concerned	39%	28%	53%
Somewhat concerned	33%	34%	34%
Somewhat not concerned	13%	17%	9%
Not concerned at all	10%	18%	4%
Don't know	4%	2%	1%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>87%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>12%</i>

Trended	Sept 18-22, 2020	July 24-29, 2020
Very concerned	39%	46%
Somewhat concerned	33%	34%
Somewhat not concerned	13%	9%
Not concerned at all	10%	9%
Don't know	4%	3%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>79%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>18%</i>

### f. Mail-in ballot fraud

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Very concerned	32%	49%	20%
Somewhat concerned	26%	32%	23%
Somewhat not concerned	15%	8%	19%
Not concerned at all	22%	8%	36%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>44%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>55%</i>

Trended	Sept 18-22, 2020	July 24-29, 2020
Very concerned	32%	30%
Somewhat concerned	26%	24%
Somewhat not concerned	15%	18%
Not concerned at all	22%	24%
Don't know	5%	4%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>42%</i>

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3. Do each of the following make you feel more or less favorable toward President Donald Trump?

### More Favorable Summary

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
His handling of the economy	40%	76%	12%
His handling of the COVID-19 pandemic	30%	61%	8%
The release of the tapes from Trump's conversations with journalist Bob Woodward	14%	25%	5%

#### a. His handling of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Much more favorable	14%	33%	2%
Somewhat more favorable	15%	28%	5%
Makes no difference	15%	21%	8%
Somewhat less favorable	11%	10%	9%
Much less favorable	40%	6%	74%
Don't know	5%	2%	1%
<i>More Favorable (Net)</i>	30%	61%	8%
<i>Less Favorable (Net)</i>	50%	16%	83%

#### b. His handling of the economy

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Much more favorable	24%	52%	4%
Somewhat more favorable	16%	24%	8%
Makes no difference	14%	13%	14%
Somewhat less favorable	10%	5%	12%
Much less favorable	31%	3%	60%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%
<i>More Favorable (Net)</i>	40%	76%	12%
<i>Less Favorable (Net)</i>	41%	8%	72%

#### c. The release of the tapes from Trump's conversations with journalist Bob Woodward

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Much more favorable	8%	16%	3%
Somewhat more favorable	5%	10%	2%
Makes no difference	32%	53%	14%
Somewhat less favorable	9%	5%	11%
Much less favorable	33%	6%	63%
Don't know	13%	11%	7%
<i>More Favorable (Net)</i>	14%	25%	5%
<i>Less Favorable (Net)</i>	42%	10%	74%

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4. Once a COVID-19 vaccine has been developed, if it were approved for use by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), how interested would you be in getting the vaccine?

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Very interested	30%	31%	35%
Somewhat interested	26%	24%	29%
Not very interested	14%	14%	14%
Not at all interested	20%	25%	13%
Don't know	11%	6%	9%
<i>Interested (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>64%</i>
<i>Not Interested (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>27%</i>

	Sept 18-22, 2020	July 24-29, 2020
Very interested	30%	42%
Somewhat interested	26%	27%
Not very interested	14%	10%
Not at all interested	20%	15%
Don't know	11%	7%
<i>Interested (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Not Interested (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>24%</i>

5. Has the coronavirus pandemic made you more or less likely to support each of the following proposals?

### Total More Likely to Support Summary

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Increased federal funding for vaccine development/testing	55%	46%	69%
Increased federal funding for disease prevention measures, such as testing and contact tracing	55%	45%	71%
Increased federal funding for public health organizations	51%	37%	69%
Medicare for All	48%	30%	69%
A tax increase that would directly fund public health organizations	35%	23%	52%

### a. Medicare for All

	Sept 18-22, 2020	Republican	Democrat
Much more likely to support	28%	14%	44%
Somewhat more likely to support	20%	16%	25%
Makes no difference	23%	27%	18%
Somewhat less likely to support	6%	9%	5%
Much less likely to support	14%	28%	4%
Don't know	8%	5%	5%
<i>More Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Less Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>8%</i>



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### b. Increased federal funding for vaccine development/testing

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Much more likely to support	24%	17%	34%
Somewhat more likely to support	31%	29%	36%
Makes no difference	25%	32%	19%
Somewhat less likely to support	6%	7%	4%
Much less likely to support	7%	10%	4%
Don't know	8%	5%	4%
<i>More Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>55%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<i>Less Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>8%</b>

### c. Increased federal funding for public health organizations

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Much more likely to support	22%	12%	34%
Somewhat more likely to support	29%	25%	34%
Makes no difference	27%	34%	21%
Somewhat less likely to support	8%	12%	4%
Much less likely to support	6%	11%	3%
Don't know	9%	6%	4%
<i>More Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>51%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<i>Less Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>7%</b>

### d. Increased federal funding for disease prevention measures, such as testing and contact tracing

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Much more likely to support	25%	14%	39%
Somewhat more likely to support	31%	31%	32%
Makes no difference	24%	29%	18%
Somewhat less likely to support	6%	8%	4%
Much less likely to support	7%	12%	3%
Don't know	8%	5%	4%
<i>More Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>55%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>71%</b>
<i>Less Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>13%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>7%</b>

### e. A tax increase that would directly fund public health organizations

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Much more likely to support	14%	7%	23%
Somewhat more likely to support	21%	16%	29%
Makes no difference	26%	28%	23%
Somewhat less likely to support	15%	19%	10%
Much less likely to support	14%	24%	7%
Don't know	10%	5%	8%
<i>More Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>35%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>52%</b>
<i>Less Likely to Support (Net)</i>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>17%</b>

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6. Have you tested positive for the coronavirus?

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Yes	4%	6%	4%
No	94%	93%	95%
Prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%

7. Have any of your family members or close friends...

### Total Yes Summary

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Tested positive for the coronavirus	20%	18%	24%
Died of the coronavirus	7%	6%	9%

a. Tested positive for the coronavirus

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Yes	20%	18%	24%
No	78%	81%	74%
Prefer not to answer	2%	1%	2%

b. Died of the coronavirus

	<b>Sept 18-22, 2020</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Yes	7%	6%	9%
No	92%	94%	90%
Prefer not to answer	1%	1%	1%



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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 18-22, 2020, on behalf of Newsy. For this survey, a sample of 2,010 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. This poll is trended against Newsy/Ipsos polls conducted between:

- July 24-29, 2020, with a sample of 2,015 U.S. adults,
- February 21-25, 2020, with a sample of 2,010 adults,
- And December 16-17, 2019, with a sample of 1,005 adults.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2018 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=2,010, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.0 percentage points).

The polls fielded between July 24-29 and February 21-25, 2020, have a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, and the poll fielded between December 16-17, 2019, has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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