

Reuters/Ipsos Poll: 737 MAX Poll

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between December 8-9, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 434 Democrats, 391 Republicans, and 111 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 \pm 3.5 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 \pm 5.4 percentage points for Democrats, \pm 5.7 percentage points for Republicans, and \pm 10.6 percentage points for independents.

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







		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
-	Democrat	44%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Independent	12%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	7%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Weekly	2%	3%	3%	0%
	A few times a month	2%	2%	2%	2%
Before the coronavirus pandemic, how often, if at all, did	Once a month	3%	2%	3%	1%
you travel by air (for personal	A few times a year	9%	10%	10%	5%
reasons and for work)?For work	Once a year	10%	9%	13%	5%
	Never	75%	74%	69%	86%
-	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Weekly	2%	2%	2%	2%
	A few times a month	3%	2%	4%	2%
Before the coronavirus pandemic, how often, if at all, did	Once a month	5%	6%	4%	2%
you travel by air (for personal	A few times a year	24%	26%	23%	19%
reasons and for work)?For personal reasons	Once a year	24%	25%	24%	24%
·	Never	44%	39%	43%	52%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Weekly	2%	2%	2%	0%
	A few times a month	2%	3%	2%	1%
When the coronavirus pandemic	Once a month	3%	5%	2%	2%
ends, how often, if at all, do you – expect to travel by air (for	A few times a year	10%	10%	10%	9%
personal reasons and for work)?For work	Once a year	11%	11%	11%	9%
- ,	Never	73%	69%	72%	79%
	Total	1005	434	391	111







		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Weekly	1%	1%	2%	2%
	A few times a month	3%	3%	3%	2%
When the coronavirus pandemic ends, how often, if at all, do you	Once a month	5%	5%	7%	1%
expect to travel by air (for	A few times a year	24%	26%	23%	25%
personal reasons and for work)?For personal reasons	Once a year	27%	29%	25%	26%
, .	Never	39%	35%	40%	43%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Airlines prioritize passenger safety over profits	22%	25%	23%	17%
Which of the statements comes closer to your personal opinion?	Airlines prioritize profits over passenger safety	43%	49%	39%	43%
	Don't know	35%	27%	37%	40%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	6%	5%	6%	9%
	2	16%	14%	15%	22%
	3	18%	17%	17%	19%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	21%	22%	20%	19%
airline ticket for personal travel	5	16%	18%	18%	9%
with number 1 most important consideration and 9 being the	6	10%	11%	10%	7%
least important consideration for youTravel time	7	6%	7%	6%	7%
,	8	4%	3%	4%	4%
	9	4%	4%	4%	4%
	Total	1005	434	391	111







		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	1	41%	34%	51%	38%
	2	19%	21%	14%	21%
	3	12%	15%	11%	10%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	6%	6%	6%	7%
airline ticket for personal travel	5	7%	9%	6%	4%
with number 1 most important consideration and 9 being the	6	5%	6%	4%	7%
least important consideration for youTicket Price	7	5%	5%	5%	5%
,	8	3%	3%	2%	4%
	9	3%	2%	2%	5%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	9%	13%	6%	9%
	2	13%	13%	14%	15%
	3	14%	10%	18%	14%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	13%	12%	15%	11%
airline ticket for personal travel	5	15%	15%	12%	20%
with number 1 most important consideration for you and 9	6	15%	15%	14%	16%
being the least important consideration for youAirline	7	10%	12%	9%	7%
	8	6%	6%	8%	3%
	9	4%	4%	4%	5%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	3%	4%	2%	2%
	2	4%	4%	4%	3%
Please rank the following	3	5%	5%	3%	6%
considerations before buying an	4	7%	7%	6%	8%
airline ticket for personal travel with number 1 most important	5	7%	5%	9%	7%
consideration and 9 least important consideration for	6	12%	10%	13%	15%
youAircraft maker or model	7	18%	18%	20%	15%
number	8	22%	23%	20%	22%
	9	24%	26%	23%	22%
	Total	1005	434	391	111

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	1	6%	5%	7%	5%
	2	17%	16%	21%	17%
	3	21%	19%	24%	19%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	18%	21%	17%	10%
airline ticket for personal travel	5	11%	10%	11%	15%
with number 1 most important consideration and 9 being the	6	9%	11%	7%	9%
least important consideration for youNumber of stops	7	9%	9%	7%	18%
	8	6%	6%	3%	5%
	9	2%	1%	2%	2%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	4%	4%	6%	1%
	2	9%	12%	8%	4%
Diagon rank the following	3	12%	11%	11%	17%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	15%	13%	18%	22%
airline ticket for personal travel with number 1 most important	5	20%	19%	21%	21%
consideration and 9 being the least important	6	16%	17%	17%	11%
considerationAvailable seats	7	11%	11%	11%	11%
(aisle/window)	8	7%	7%	5%	10%
	9	5%	6%	3%	3%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	4%	3%	4%	5%
	2	4%	3%	4%	5%
Diagon rank the following	3	4%	4%	3%	4%
Please rank the following considerations before buying an	4	4%	4%	2%	9%
airline ticket for personal travel with number 1 most important	5	6%	5%	6%	6%
consideration and 9 being the least important considerationIf	6	11%	13%	11%	10%
I can buy a business/first class	7	15%	12%	16%	15%
ticket	8	24%	25%	24%	21%
	9	29%	31%	29%	25%
	Total	1005	434	391	111





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	1	3%	2%	3%	8%
	2	5%	4%	6%	6%
Discos reals the following	3	6%	7%	7%	1%
Please rank the following – considerations before buying an	4	8%	8%	6%	8%
airline ticket for personal travel with number 1 most important	5	7%	9%	5%	10%
consideration and 9 being the least important consideration for	6	12%	10%	15%	9%
youCan the ticket be	7	19%	20%	18%	16%
purchased with reward miles	8	21%	21%	21%	19%
-	9	19%	19%	18%	23%
-	Total	1005	434	391	111
	1	24%	31%	14%	23%
	2	13%	14%	13%	6%
Please rank the following	3	9%	12%	6%	9%
considerations before buying an airline ticket for personal travel	4	8%	8%	10%	7%
with number 1 being the most	5	10%	10%	12%	8%
important consideration for you and 9 being the least important	6	9%	7%	9%	16%
consideration for youCOVID- 19 measures like blocking	7	7%	5%	7%	8%
middle seats	8	8%	5%	12%	12%
-	9	10%	7%	15%	11%
-	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	55%	51%	58%	61%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	45%	49%	42%	39%
applyMechanical/technical issues with the plane	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	79%	76%	79%	87%
while flying in an airplane?	Yes	21%	24%	21%	13%
Please choose as many as applyHijacking	Total	1005	434	391	111







		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	76%	74%	76%	82%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	24%	26%	24%	18%
applyTerrorism/attempts to crash the plane	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	74%	73%	77%	72%
while flying in an airplane?	Yes	26%	27%	23%	28%
Please choose as many as applyPilots making mistakes	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	81%	77%	84%	86%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	19%	23%	16%	14%
applyPilots being disturbed or suicidal	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	59%	58%	60%	60%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	41%	42%	40%	40%
applyTurbulence or bad weather	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	59%	48%	66%	68%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	41%	52%	34%	32%
applyContracting the coronavirus	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following	No	96%	95%	98%	95%
things do you feel worried about while flying in an airplane?	Yes	4%	5%	2%	5%
Please choose as many as applyOther	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	82%	87%	77%	77%
while flying in an airplane? Please choose as many as	Yes	18%	13%	23%	23%
applyNone - I don't feel worried when I fly	Total	1005	434	391	111
Which, if any, of the following things do you feel worried about	No	90%	93%	91%	87%
while flying in an airplane?	Yes	10%	7%	9%	13%
Please choose as many as applyDon't know	Total	1005	434	391	111

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	A lot of confidence	13%	12%	19%	9%
	A little bit of confidence	18%	20%	19%	12%
How much confidence do you	Not a lot of confidence	14%	15%	12%	18%
have in the Boeing 737 MAX airplane?	No confidence	11%	14%	8%	12%
	Not sure	44%	40%	43%	50%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Very familiar	11%	14%	9%	7%
	Somewhat familiar	28%	32%	29%	18%
How familiar are you with the	Not very familiar	19%	17%	19%	18%
crashes of the Lion Air flight in Indonesia in 2018 and/or the Ethiopian Airlines flight in	I have heard of them, but that's about it	20%	17%	24%	18%
Ethiopia in 2019?	I have never heard of them	23%	19%	19%	39%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Airbus	5%	4%	6%	5%
	Boeing	73%	69%	76%	88%
	Bombardier	3%	4%	2%	0%
Do you know what company built	Embraer	1%	1%	0%	0%
the aircraft that crashed in the two incidents in Ethiopia and	Cessna	1%	1%	1%	0%
Indonesia? (Select one)	Tupolev	1%	1%	1%	0%
	Other	1%	2%	0%	3%
	Don't know	16%	18%	14%	4%
	Total	426	220	156	35







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	737 MAX	66%	65%	66%	73%
	A380	3%	4%	1%	8%
	A350	2%	3%	2%	0%
	777X	1%	1%	2%	0%
Do you know which aircraft model was involved in the	737NG	4%	2%	6%	0%
crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia? (Select one)	MD-90	1%	2%	0%	0%
	MD-11	1%	0%	2%	2%
	A320neo	1%	2%	0%	0%
	Don't know	21%	21%	20%	18%
	Total	426	220	156	35
	A lot of confidence	20%	19%	26%	12%
How much confidence do you	A little bit of confidence	33%	34%	35%	29%
have that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) puts	Not a lot of confidence	20%	22%	17%	23%
passenger and crew safety first when determining whether an	No confidence	11%	13%	8%	13%
aircraft is fit to fly?	Not sure	16%	13%	14%	23%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Very likely	10%	8%	15%	6%
	Somewhat likely	16%	19%	17%	6%
How likely would you be to fly in	Somewhat unlikely	14%	13%	16%	15%
a Boeing 737 MAX airliner right now?	Not very likely	43%	46%	36%	56%
	Not sure	17%	15%	16%	18%
	Total	1005	434	391	111
	Very likely	13%	11%	18%	10%
	Somewhat likely	24%	25%	28%	15%
How likely would you be to fly in a Boeing 737 MAX airliner once	Somewhat unlikely	13%	14%	14%	9%
it has been flying for 6 months or more?	Not very likely	32%	35%	26%	42%
	Not sure	18%	15%	15%	25%
	Total	1005	434	391	111







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