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Ipsos Snap Poll: Elon Musk and Twitter

A survey of the American adult population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: April 4-5, 2022
Number of interviews: 1,000
Number of Republican interviews: 253
Number of Democrat interviews: 341
Number of independent/other interviews: 406

Credibility Interval: +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following?

a. Elon Musk

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	32%	57%	27%	17%
Somewhat familiar	31%	24%	33%	34%
Heard of, but that is about it	21%	11%	24%	26%
Never heard of	17%	8%	17%	22%
<i>Total familiar</i>	63%	81%	59%	52%
<i>Total aware</i>	83%	92%	83%	78%

b. Twitter

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	40%	78%	42%	14%
Somewhat familiar	33%	17%	40%	41%
Heard of, but that is about it	23%	4%	15%	39%
Never heard of	4%	1%	4%	6%
<i>Total familiar</i>	73%	94%	82%	55%
<i>Total aware</i>	96%	99%	97%	94%



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c. Controversies about free speech on social media

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	35%	57%	30%	22%
Somewhat familiar	37%	30%	39%	40%
Heard of, but that is about it	20%	10%	20%	26%
Never heard of	9%	3%	11%	12%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>62%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>88%</i>

d. Controversies about misinformation on social media

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	37%	60%	33%	24%
Somewhat familiar	37%	28%	38%	41%
Heard of, but that is about it	17%	9%	22%	21%
Never heard of	9%	4%	7%	14%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>65%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>86%</i>

e. Controversies about bullying or cancel culture on social media

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	38%	60%	37%	24%
Somewhat familiar	37%	30%	39%	41%
Heard of, but that is about it	17%	6%	17%	24%
Never heard of	8%	4%	7%	12%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>64%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>88%</i>

f. Elon Musk buying a significant amount of Twitter stock

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Very familiar	21%	39%	16%	11%
Somewhat familiar	21%	25%	24%	18%
Heard of, but that is about it	21%	17%	30%	20%
Never heard of	37%	19%	30%	52%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>48%</i>

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2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Social media companies have the right to remove any person they consider to violate the terms of service for the platform

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly agree	46%	51%	39%	38%
Somewhat agree	32%	27%	36%	28%
Somewhat disagree	10%	14%	14%	13%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	8%	14%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	8%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>27%</i>

b. Social media companies have the right to block any post they consider inappropriate

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly agree	42%	54%	43%	42%
Somewhat agree	30%	29%	34%	32%
Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	14%	9%
Strongly disagree	10%	5%	7%	10%
Don't know	5%	2%	2%	7%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>19%</i>

c. Social media companies have a clear political agenda in who and what they block

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly agree	38%	48%	33%	35%
Somewhat agree	31%	31%	36%	29%
Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	13%	13%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	9%	7%
Don't know	12%	6%	9%	17%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>20%</i>

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3. Do you support or oppose the following?

a. Social media companies removing posts that have probably false information

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly support	49%	52%	51%	46%
Somewhat support	27%	30%	26%	24%
Somewhat oppose	10%	12%	11%	9%
Strongly oppose	7%	3%	9%	9%
Don't know	8%	3%	3%	13%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>17%</i>

b. Social media companies removing posts that promote violence against particular individuals or groups

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly support	57%	64%	50%	57%
Somewhat support	22%	25%	26%	19%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	15%	6%
Strongly oppose	7%	3%	8%	8%
Don't know	5%	2%	1%	9%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>14%</i>

c. Social media companies removing posts that pose a risk to the public

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly support	52%	57%	47%	51%
Somewhat support	27%	29%	30%	25%
Somewhat oppose	9%	7%	13%	9%
Strongly oppose	6%	4%	7%	7%
Don't know	5%	3%	3%	8%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>16%</i>

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d. Social media companies removing posts that promote political action

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly support	23%	36%	18%	17%
Somewhat support	25%	25%	34%	20%
Somewhat oppose	21%	21%	22%	21%
Strongly oppose	17%	12%	18%	20%
Don't know	14%	6%	9%	22%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>37%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>41%</i>

e. Social media companies removing posts that contain heated political rhetoric

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Strongly support	28%	40%	24%	23%
Somewhat support	25%	25%	32%	23%
Somewhat oppose	20%	17%	21%	21%
Strongly oppose	14%	10%	14%	17%
Don't know	12%	8%	11%	16%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>38%</i>

4. As you may know, Elon Musk recently bought a major share of Twitter stock. Do you think Elon Musk's involvement in Twitter will...?

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Cause Twitter to allow greater free speech on the platform	28%	40%	29%	21%
Cause Twitter to allow less free speech on the platform	13%	19%	16%	7%
Have no impact on free speech	24%	26%	25%	22%
Don't know	35%	16%	30%	51%

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5. And, do you think Elon Musk's involvement in Twitter will...?

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Improve the quality of discussion on the platform	32%	40%	39%	23%
Make the quality of discussion on the platform worse	14%	23%	19%	6%
Have no impact on quality of discussion	22%	25%	20%	21%
Don't know	32%	11%	23%	50%

6. How often do you use or watch the following?

a. Twitter

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Multiple times a day	17%	57%	0%	0%
About once a day	13%	43%	0%	0%
A few times a week	12%	0%	53%	0%
A few times a month	11%	0%	47%	0%
Rarely or never	47%	0%	0%	100%
<i>Total heavy</i>	31%	100%	0%	0%
<i>Total light</i>	23%	0%	100%	0%

b. Social Media

	All	Heavy Twitter user	Light Twitter user	Non-user
Multiple times a day	49%	69%	44%	37%
About once a day	21%	22%	21%	20%
A few times a week	12%	5%	20%	13%
A few times a month	7%	4%	12%	7%
Rarely or never	12%	0%	2%	24%
<i>Total heavy</i>	69%	91%	66%	57%
<i>Total light</i>	19%	9%	32%	19%



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c. Cable news

	<u>All</u>	<u>Heavy Twitter user</u>	<u>Light Twitter user</u>	<u>Non-user</u>
Multiple times a day	19%	33%	13%	13%
About once a day	20%	28%	17%	17%
A few times a week	18%	21%	28%	11%
A few times a month	9%	5%	17%	9%
Rarely or never	33%	14%	26%	49%
<i>Total heavy</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>31%</i>
<i>Total light</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>20%</i>



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on April 4-5, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 253 Republicans, 341 Democrats and 406 independents/Others.

The sample was randomly drawn from [Ipsos' online panel](#), partner online panel sources, and ["river" sampling](#) 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 2019 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.

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The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 7.5 percentage points for Republicans, +/- 6.5 for Democrats, +/- 6 for independents/others.



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