



This Washington Post-Ipsos poll was conducted online April 21-May 2, 2022, among a random national sample of 1,248 non-Hispanic Black adults age 18 and older and a partially overlapping sample of 997 U.S. adults overall. The sample was drawn through the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. Results among Black Americans and Americans overall have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Sampling, field work and data processing were conducted by Ipsos of Washington, D.C. 806 respondents were recontacted May 18-20, 2022, with the questions near the bottom of this document, Q2 was asked again then as well.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?

		----- Satisfied -----			----- Dissatisfied -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
5/1/22	Black	87	37	50	13	10	3	*
11/2/11	Black*	84	49	36	15	10	5	1
4/29/06	Black	85	47	37	15	10	4	*
5/1/22	All U.S.	86	37	49	14	12	2	*
11/2/11	All U.S.	86	50	37	13	9	4	1
4/29/06	All U.S.	90	56	34	9	7	2	1

*2011 and previous Post-KFF

2. In general, do you think it is a (good) or a (bad) time to be a...

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
a. Black person in America	42	56	2
b. White person in America	82	13	5

5/20/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
a. Black person in America	34	65	1

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
a. Black person in America	54	45	1
b. White person in America	70	28	1

Trend among Black Americans:

a. Black person in America

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
5/1/22	42	56	2
1/8/20	30	65	4

b. White person in America

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
5/1/22	82	13	5
1/8/20	77	18	5

3. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/1/22 Black	70	23	47	28	19	9	2

Compare to all Americans:

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/28/22*	42	21	21	52	10	42	6
2/24/22	37	20	18	55	11	44	7
11/10/21	41	19	22	53	10	44	6
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

*2022 and previous Post-ABC poll of all U.S.

4. Do you approve or disapprove the way Joe Biden is handling...

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. The economy	57	41	3
b. The coronavirus pandemic	70	28	2
c. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine	60	37	3
d. Immigration	55	42	3

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. The economy	37	61	2
b. The coronavirus pandemic	51	47	2
c. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine	46	51	3
d. Immigration	36	62	2

Compare to all Americans:

a. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
4/28/22*	38	57	5
2/24/22	37	58	5
11/10/21	39	55	6
9/1/21	45	49	5
4/21/21	52	41	7

*2022 and previous Post-ABC of all U.S.

b. The coronavirus pandemic

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
4/28/22*	51	43	7
2/24/22	44	50	5
11/10/21	47	49	4
9/1/21	52	41	6
6/30/21	62	31	7
4/21/21	64	31	11

*2022 and previous Post-ABC of all U.S.

c. the situation involving Russia and Ukraine

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
4/28/22*	42	47	11
2/24/22	33	47	20

*2022 and previous Post-ABC of all U.S.

d. No comparison

5. Is Biden keeping most of his major campaign promises, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	60	37	3
5/1/22 All U.S.	40	56	4

Compare to all Americans:

	Yes	No	Some (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21*	31	51	4	14

*Post-ABC of all U.S.

Questions 6-10 held for release.

11. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of each of the following people, or don't you know enough to say?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			DK enough to say	No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very		
a. Nancy Pelosi	55	23	33	23	14	10	20	2
b. Chuck Schumer	36	14	22	21	12	9	42	2
c. Mitch McConnell	9	2	7	62	16	46	27	2
d. Donald Trump	11	4	7	81	12	69	6	2
e. Joe Biden	66	29	28	24	14	10	9	1
f. Kamala Harris	65	32	34	21	12	9	12	1

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			DK enough to say	No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very		
a. Nancy Pelosi	33	13	20	52	13	39	14	1
b. Chuck Schumer	25	7	18	39	13	26	34	2
c. Mitch McConnell	14	2	12	59	19	40	25	1
d. Donald Trump	35	20	16	60	11	49	4	1
e. Joe Biden	34	16	27	50	15	35	6	1
f. Kamala Harris	37	15	22	48	13	35	14	1

Trend:

a-d. No trend.

e. Joe Biden

	---- Favorable ----			--- Unfavorable ---			Heard of, no op.	Never heard of	No op
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly			
5/1/22 Black	66	29	28	24	14	10	NA	9	1
1/8/20 Black*	69	44	25	13	7	6	12	3	2

*"How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of each of the follow Democratic presidential candidates? If you haven't heard of them, please indicate."

12. How likely are you to vote in the November election for U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats?

		Absolutely certain to vote	Will probably vote	There is a 50-50 chance	There is less than a 50-50 chance	No opinion
5/1/22	Black	54	17	15	13	1
6/14/20	Black*	74	8	6	11	1
1/8/20	Black	71	10	9	9	1
5/1/22	All U.S.	56	15	13	15	2
6/14/20	All U.S.*	72	8	8	11	*

*"...the presidential election in November 2020?"

13. How much does the outcome of the November election matter to you?

		--- Great deal/Good amount ---			--- Little/Not at all ---			No op.
		NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Little	Not at all	
5/1/22	Black	68	40	28	31	20	11	1
6/14/20	Black*	86	71	15	14	9	5	*
1/8/20	Black	83	60	23	16	9	7	1
5/1/22	All U.S.	70	43	27	29	21	9	1

*"... the 2020 presidential election..."

14. If you vote this fall, would you prefer to vote on Election Day or before Election Day?

		On Election Day	Before Election Day	No opinion
5/1/22	Black	36	61	3
5/1/22	All U.S.	43	54	2

Compare to:

And would you prefer to vote on Election Day or before Election Day?

		On Election Day	Before Election Day	No opinion
8/31/20*		38	61	1

*Post-UMD of all U.S.

16. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? If you had to choose, would you lean toward the...

VOTE PREFERENCE WITHOUT LEANERS

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/1/22	Black RV	80	6	2	7	4	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/1/22	Black RV	88	9	*	1	1	1

Compare to:

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
4/28/22*		46	45	1	5	*	4
2/24/22		42	49	1	3	1	4

*Post-ABC of all U.S.

17. If control of the U.S. Congress and Senate switched from the Democrats to the Republicans after this election, do you think that would be...

	A good thing	A bad thing	Wouldn't make any difference	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	9	58	31	2
5/1/22 All U.S.	35	39	25	1

18. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much are each of the following a threat to Black people in America today?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans*

	A major threat	A minor threat	Not a threat	No opinion
a. Restrictions on voting rights	73	19	8	1
b. The criminal justice system	82	11	6	1
c. Police brutality	84	10	5	1
d. Racism	86	10	3	1
e. Pollution	53	32	15	1
f. Climate change	47	33	18	2
g. Lack of economic opportunity	72	21	5	2
h. Gun violence	85	11	2	2
i. Drugs	71	20	7	2
j. The coronavirus	55	34	8	2
k. Cost of health care	76	17	5	2
l. Lack of access to education	61	26	11	2

*Each item asked of random half sample

19. How well does each of the following represent your views and interests?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	Well			Less well			No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. The Democratic Party	73	25	48	25	16	9	2
b. The Republican Party	18	4	14	80	31	49	2

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	Well			Less well			No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. The Democratic Party	47	11	35	52	21	31	2
b. The Republican Party	42	12	30	56	23	34	2

Trend:

a. The Democratic Party

	Well			Less well			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/1/22 Black	73	25	48	25	16	9	2
1/8/20 Black	82	37	45	16	8	8	2

b. The Republican Party

	Well			Less well			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/1/22 Black	18	4	14	80	31	49	2
1/8/20 Black	13	2	11	81	27	55	5

20. Do you think each of the following is racist against Black Americans, or not?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	Yes, is racist against Black Americans	No, is not racist against Black Americans	No opinion
a. Democratic Party	25	69	6
b. Republican Party	75	20	5

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	Yes, is racist against Black Americans	No, is not racist against Black Americans	No opinion
a. Democratic Party	28	68	4
b. Republican Party	45	51	4

21. How confident are you that...

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	-- More confident ---			- Less confident -			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	No op.
a. Votes across the country will be counted accurately	61	22	40	36	26	10	3
b. Votes in your state will be counted accurately	74	31	43	23	16	8	3
c. All eligible citizens in the U.S. will have a fair opportunity to vote	53	20	34	44	29	15	3
d. You will be able to vote easily if you want	79	47	32	19	13	5	2

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	----- Confident -----			- Less confident -			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	No op.
a. Votes across the country will be counted accurately	60	24	37	38	26	12	2
b. Votes in your state will be counted accurately	75	33	41	23	16	8	2
c. All eligible citizens in the U.S. will have a fair opportunity to vote	65	33	33	33	23	9	2
d. You will be able to vote easily if you want	88	59	29	10	6	4	2

22. As you may know, a voting rights bill supported by Democrats and President Biden was NOT passed in the U.S. Senate earlier this year. Which of the following best describes how you feel about this:

5/1/22 - Summary table

	Black Americans	All Americans
Angry	15	12
Disappointed	46	28
Relieved	3	12
Pleased	2	13
No opinion	33	35

23. (AMONG DISAPPOINTED OR ANGRY) How much, if at all, do you blame Biden for the voting rights bill not being passed?

	--- Great deal/Good amount ---			--- Little/Not at all ---			No
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Little	Not at all	op.
5/1/22 Black	14	5	10	84	27	57	1
5/1/22 All U.S.	18	6	13	81	27	54	1

NET 22/23

	----- Disappointed/Angry -----				Pleased/	No
	NET	Blame	Don't blame	No op.	Relieved	opinion
5/1/22 Black	61	9	51	1	5	33
5/1/22 All U.S.	40	7	32	*	25	35

24. (AMONG DEMOCRATS OR DEMOCRATIC LEANING INDEPENDENT VOTERS) In the 2024 presidential election, who would you prefer to be the Democratic Party nominee for president?

	Black		All	
	Dem/Lean Dem	Dem	Dem/Lean Dem	Dem
	5/1/22		5/1/22	
Joe Biden	43		32	
Kamala Harris	29		23	
Pete Buttigieg	7		21	
Bernie Sanders (vol.)	2		3	
Michelle Obama (vol.)	1		*	
Elizabeth Warren (vol.)	*		2	
Someone else	15		17	
No opinion	3		3	

Questions 25-26 held for release.

27. How much discrimination do you think there is against each of the following in our society today? (Items a, c and d held for release.)

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	- More discrim. --			-- Not as much discrimination ---			No
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Only a little	None at all	op.
b. African Americans	93	74	19	6	2	3	2

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	- More discrim. --			-- Not as much discrimination ---			No
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Only a little	None at all	op.
b. African Americans	71	39	32	28	16	11	2

28. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right:

	Our country has made the changes need to give Black people equal rights with White people	Our country needs to continue making changes to give Black people equal rights with White people	No
			op.
5/1/22 Black	9	88	3
5/1/22 All U.S.	43	55	2

Compare to:

Which statement comes closer to your own view even if neither is exactly right:

Our country needs to

	Our country has made the changes needed to give Blacks equal rights with Whites	continue making changes to give Blacks equal rights with Whites	No op.
6/14/20 Black	4	94	3
6/14/20 All U.S.	34	64	1

29. How would you describe the problem of crime in the community where you live?

	NET	Bad Very	Bad	NET	Not as bad Not too bad	Not bad at all	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	38	15	23	61	44	17	1
5/1/22 All U.S.	27	8	20	72	50	22	1

30. How much, if at all, do you think each of the following would reduce crime in your community?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	NET	Would reduce crime a lot	Would reduce crime somewhat	Would NOT reduce crime	No op
a. Increasing the number of police officers patrolling communities	72	28	44	25	3
b. Having outreach workers try to resolve disputes between residents who might use guns	68	19	48	29	3
c. Increasing funding to build economic opportunities in poor neighborhoods with higher crime	86	44	42	11	3
d. Increasing prison sentences for gun law violations	61	22	39	35	3

5/1/22 - Summary table among all Americans

	NET	Would reduce crime a lot	Would reduce crime somewhat	Would NOT reduce crime	No op
a. Increasing the number of police officers patrolling communities	81	34	46	18	2
b. Having outreach workers try to resolve disputes between residents who might use guns	54	13	42	44	2
c. Increasing funding to build economic opportunities in poor neighborhoods with higher crime	74	29	45	74	2
d. Increasing prison sentences for gun law violations	61	24	37	37	2

31. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAID A LOT OR SOMEWHAT FOR ANY) Which of the following do you think would do the *most* to reduce crime?

	Black Americans 5/1/22	All Americans 5/1/22
a. Increasing the number of police officers		

patrolling communities	24	38
b. Having outreach workers try to resolve disputes between residents who might use guns	7	5
c. Increasing funding to build economic opportunities in poor neighborhoods with higher crime	55	39
d. Increasing prison sentences for gun law violations	13	17
e. No opinion	*	1

32. In general, would you say that (Black people are treated less fairly than White people) by police in the U.S. overall, (White people are treated less fairly than Black people), or both are treated equally?

	Black people are treated less fairly than White people	White people are treated less fairly than Black people	Both are treated equally	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	88	2	7	3
6/14/20 Black	95	1	2	2
5/1/22 All U.S.	61	3	34	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	67	3	28	1

33. In general, would you say that (Black people are treated less fairly than White people) by police in your community, (White people are treated less fairly than Black people), or both are treated equally?

	Black people are treated less fairly than White people	White people are treated less fairly than Black people	Both are treated equally	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	80	2	16	2
6/14/20 Black	89	1	9	
5/1/22 All U.S.	47	3	48	2
6/14/20 All U.S.	52	2	44	2

34. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much, if at all, do you think the attention to police killing George Floyd in 2020 has resulted in police treating Black Americans better?

	Has resulted in better treatment			Has not resulted in better treatment			No op.
	NET	A grt deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	
5/1/22 Black	19	8	11	79	38	41	2

Compare to:

Overall, how likely do you think it is that police treatment of black Americans will improve in the coming years?

	Likely			Unlikely			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
6/14/20 Black	54	8	46	45	26	18	2

35. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much, if at all, do you think the attention to Floyd's killing by police has increased White Americans' concern about police discrimination against Black Americans?

----- Has increased ----- ---- Has not increased ---- No

5/1/22 Black	NET	A grt deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	op.
	30	9	21	68	46	22	2

Compare to:

How much, if at all, do you think the attention to Floyd's killing by police will increase how much white Americans are concerned about police discrimination against black Americans?

		----- Will increase -----			---- Will not increase ----			No
	NET	A grt deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	op	
6/14/20 Black	59	19	40	39	32	7	2	

36. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Overall, how much has Joe Biden done as president to reduce discrimination against Black Americans in the criminal justice system?

		--- Has reduced ---			--- Has reduced less ---			No
	NET	A great deal	Some	NET	A little	Nothing	opinion	
5/1/22 Black	21	6	15	76	42	33	3	

Compare to:

(AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) If he were elected, how much do you think Joe Biden would do to reduce discrimination against black Americans in the criminal justice system?

		--- Will reduce ---			--- Will reduce less ---			No
	NET	A great deal	Some	NET	A little	Nothing	opinion	
6/14/20 Black	65	26	39	33	24	9	2	

37. (AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) Do you think Biden is sympathetic to the problems of Black people in this country, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/1/22 Black	66	32	3
6/14/20 Black	74	23	3

Questions 38-46 held for release.

Results below are based on a May 18-20, 2022, Washington Post-Ipsos poll conducted in English among 806 Black Americans who participated in the initial survey. This sample was weighted to the same demographic benchmarks for the Black population as the initial survey. Results for the follow-up survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

F1. In general, do you think it is a (good) or a (bad) time to be a Black person in America?

	Good time	Bad time	No opinion
5/20/22 Black	34	65	1

F2. At this time, how worried are you that you or someone you love will be physically attacked because they are Black? Are you...

	----- Worried -----			----- Less worried -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
5/20/22 Black	75	32	43	25	17	8	*

F3. Just your best guess, how many White people in America hold white supremacist beliefs, that is believing that White people are superior to people of other races?

		----- Half or more -----			Less	Very	No		
		Nearly		Half	than half	few	None	opinion	
NET		all	Most	Half					
5/20/22	Black	70	8	35	27	19	8	1	1

F4. How much are people with white supremacist beliefs a threat to Black people in America today?

		A major	A minor	Not a	No
		threat	threat	threat	opinion
5/20/22	Black	75	22	2	1

Compare to:

(AMONG BLACK AMERICANS) How much are each of the following a threat to Black people in America today?

5/1/22 - Summary table among Black Americans*

	A major	A minor	Not a	No
	threat	threat	threat	opinion
a. Restrictions on voting rights	73	19	8	1
b. The criminal justice system	82	11	6	1
c. Police brutality	84	10	5	1
d. Racism	86	10	3	1
e. Pollution	53	32	15	1
f. Climate change	47	33	18	2
g. Lack of economic opportunity	72	21	5	2
h. Gun violence	85	11	2	2
i. Drugs	71	20	7	2
j. The coronavirus	55	34	8	2
k. Cost of health care	76	17	5	2
l. Lack of access to education	61	26	11	2

*Each item asked of random half sample

F5. Compared with five years ago, do you think that white supremacy is...

		A bigger	A smaller	About the	No
		problem today	problem today	same problem	opinion
5/20/22	Black	66	5	28	1

F6. As you may have read or heard, a White man allegedly shot and killed 10 people Saturday at a supermarket in a mostly Black part of Buffalo, New York. Has this shooting made you feel any of the following?

	5/20/22
Sad	70
Angry	62
Troubled	52
Afraid	34
Shocked	21
Surprised	8

Compare to:

Overall, has Floyd's killing made you feel any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	6/14/20
Sad	73
Angry	72
Troubled	61
Afraid	37
Shocked	24
Surprised	8

F7. How much do you think each of the following contributes to people committing hate crimes against Black Americans?

5/20/22 - Summary table among Black Americans

	-Grt deal/Good amount-	- Little/Not at all -					
	A great deal	A good amount	NET	A little	Not at all	No op.	
a. Personal family and upbringing	86	57	30	12	9	3	2
b. Personal mental health issues	63	36	27	35	26	10	1
c. Lack of personal connections to Black people	75	40	36	24	16	8	1
d. Blaming Black people for their problems	81	47	33	19	11	7	1
e. Social media	82	52	30	17	12	5	1
f. Cable news	67	32	35	32	22	10	1
g. Access to guns	84	63	21	15	9	6	1
h. Political leaders	76	46	30	23	18	5	1
i. Not enough teaching of tolerance in schools	71	45	26	28	19	8	1

F8. Since the Buffalo shooting, have you considered buying a gun to protect yourself, or not?

	Yes, considered buying a gun	No, have not considered buying a gun	Already own a gun	No opinion
5/20/22 Black	24	51	24	1

F9. Over the rest of your life, do you think the problem of racism in America will...

	Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same	No opinion
5/20/22 Black	10	53	36	1

END

Both the April 21-May 2 poll and the May 18-20 polls were jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and Ipsos. The April 21-May2 poll includes a random sample of 997 adults in the United States, as well as a partially overlapping sample of 1,248 non-Hispanic Black adults. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The May 18-20 poll was of 806 non-Hispanic Black adults and was conducted in English.

The questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a representative panel of adults ages 18 and over living in the United States. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a tablet and internet service.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall sample and the non-Hispanic Black sample were weighted separately to match the makeup of the respective population demographics by sex, region, metropolitan

status, age, education and household income according to the Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey. The overall sample included an additional adjustment for race/ethnicity. Benchmarks for metropolitan status were from the Census Bureau's March 2021 Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error for the April 21-May 2 sample of non-Hispanic Black Americans as well as the overall sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. For the May 18-20 poll the margin of error is 4.5 points. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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