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**AMERICANS SPLIT ON WHICH PARTY WILL PROTECT RIGHT TO VOTE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
ONLY 14% THINK THE CORONAVIRUS WILL BE WIPED OUT IN THE U.S.**

With voting rights legislation in focus in the United States, Americans are split on which party in Congress is more likely to protect their right to vote with 45 percent saying the Democratic Party, 43 percent saying the Republican Party and 12 percent not offering an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

When Americans were asked how confident they are that their state elected officials will protect their right to vote, 66 percent say they are either very confident (34 percent) or somewhat confident (32 percent), while 32 percent say they are either not so confident (16 percent) or not confident at all (16 percent).

“Who has your back on making sure your vote counts? A near even split on which party will make sure your ballot counts. And on the state level, where pitched battles are being fought to maintain voting integrity, two-thirds of voters are somewhat confident or very confident the dam will hold,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**THE CDC**

Americans give the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) a negative 37 – 57 percent job approval rating for its handling of the response to the coronavirus.

As for how well people understand the current CDC guidance for people who have COVID-19, 43 percent say very well, 37 percent say somewhat well, 11 percent say not so well, and 7 percent say not well at all.

**COVID-19: WHEN WILL IT END?**

Roughly 8 in 10 Americans (81 percent) expect the United States will have to live with the coronavirus as the new normal, while 14 percent expect that the coronavirus will be wiped out in the United States. This sentiment is shared among all listed demographic groups.

“It’s here and it’s here to stay, say a vast majority of Americans. And unlike the vaxxing, masking and myriad other COVID flashpoint issues, there is bi-partisan acceptance of what the future holds,” added Malloy.

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

Two-thirds of Americans (66 percent) think it’s safe for students to attend elementary, middle, and high schools in person at this time, while 28 percent do not think it’s safe.

Among parents of kids under 18 years of age, 71 percent say it's safe for students to attend elementary, middle, and high schools in person, while 25 percent say they do not think it's safe.

### **VACCINES**

A majority of Americans (54 – 42 percent) support airlines requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their passengers compared to 53 – 46 percent support in a September Quinnipiac University survey.

Roughly two-thirds of Americans, 68 percent, say in an emergency situation, they do not think vaccinated adults with COVID-19 should be given higher priority at hospitals than adults with COVID-19 who have chosen not to get vaccinated, while 25 percent think they should be given higher priority.

A majority of Americans, 58 – 37 percent, say if someone loses a job or quits a job over COVID-19 vaccine mandates, they should be eligible for unemployment benefits.

A majority of Americans (60 percent) say that when they hear a professional athlete did not get a COVID-19 vaccine, it does not affect their opinion of that athlete, 31 percent say they view that athlete less favorably, while 8 percent say they view that athlete more favorably.

### **COVID-19 & IMPACT ON LIVES**

Roughly one-third of Americans (34 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on how lonely they feel while 65 percent say it has not.

Three in 10 (30 percent) say that they have distanced themselves from certain people close to them because of their stance on masking or COVID-19 vaccines, while 69 percent say that they have not done that.

Nearly 3 in 10 (28 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic has put significant strains on their relationships with family members while 71 percent say it has not.

Nearly 3 in 10 (28 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic has put significant strains on their relationships with friends while 72 percent say it has not.

Among those who are married or have a live-in relationship with a partner, 11 percent say the coronavirus pandemic has put significant strains on their relationship with their spouse or partner while 88 percent say it has not.

When asked about consuming alcoholic beverages, 11 percent of adults say they are drinking more than they were before the coronavirus pandemic, 68 percent say they are not drinking more, and 19 percent volunteered they do not drink alcoholic beverages.

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

Among those who have children under the age of 18 years old, nearly 4 in 10 (39 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic has had an adverse psychological effect on their children, while 59 percent say it has not.

Among adults, 12 percent say that they or someone in their family has sought out the services of a mental health professional as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Among those who have sought out the services of a mental health professional, half (50 percent) say it was either very difficult (27 percent) or somewhat difficult (23 percent) to schedule an appointment with a mental

health professional while 41 percent say it was either very easy (27 percent) or somewhat easy (14 percent) to schedule an appointment.

1,313 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from January 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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20. How confident are you that elected officials in your state will protect your right to vote: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very confident	34%	27%	44%	31%	35%	33%	43%	32%
Somewhat confident	32	35	27	36	32	32	29	30
Not so confident	16	18	15	17	16	16	13	19
Not confident at all	16	17	13	16	15	18	15	18
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very confident	32%	36%	34%	31%	35%	36%	36%	38%	29%
Somewhat confident	40	30	28	33	28	31	30	32	38
Not so confident	14	18	19	15	17	16	17	12	17
Not confident at all	13	14	19	20	18	16	17	16	15
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	3	1

	REGION.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West
Very confident	48%	23%	31%	37%
Somewhat confident	27	40	30	33
Not so confident	10	22	20	10
Not confident at all	15	13	18	19
DK/NA	1	2	1	1

21. Which party in Congress do you think is more likely to protect your right to vote: the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Democratic Party	45%	4%	95%	40%	38%	52%	53%	30%
Republican Party	43	91	2	42	47	38	39	58
DK/NA	12	5	3	18	15	10	8	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Democratic Party	49%	43%	43%	48%	31%	44%	38%	86%	45%
Republican Party	38	40	45	45	56	47	51	8	37
DK/NA	12	16	13	7	13	9	11	6	17

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the CDC is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	37%	15%	63%	32%	36%	38%	44%	34%
Disapprove	57	81	33	60	60	54	53	59
DK/NA	6	3	4	8	5	8	3	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	28%	32%	43%	47%	35%	39%	37%	50%	26%
Disapprove	64	62	54	44	59	55	57	44	63
DK/NA	7	6	3	9	5	6	6	5	10

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Approve	36%	36%	38%	36%	41%	36%	32%
Disapprove	56	57	57	58	52	59	62
DK/NA	8	7	5	6	7	5	6

28. How well do you understand the current CDC guidance for people who have COVID-19: very well, somewhat well, not so well, or not well at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very well	43%	44%	50%	37%	40%	46%	48%	39%
Somewhat well	37	32	39	40	38	36	34	40
Not so well	11	15	5	12	11	11	11	13
Not well at all	7	7	4	9	10	4	6	6
DK/NA	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	3

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very well	41%	47%	48%	37%	41%	43%	42%	43%	46%
Somewhat well	38	34	34	43	38	37	38	40	34
Not so well	12	10	10	12	11	13	12	6	9
Not well at all	8	6	8	5	8	3	6	7	10
DK/NA	1	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	1

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Very well	45%	42%	44%	42%	41%	47%	42%
Somewhat well	35	39	37	37	39	34	37
Not so well	11	10	10	13	12	10	11
Not well at all	7	7	6	8	7	8	6
DK/NA	2	2	3	1	2	1	3

29. Do you expect that the United States will have to live with the coronavirus as the new normal or do you expect that the coronavirus will be wiped out in the United States?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Live with new normal	81%	78%	84%	82%	79%	82%	85%	80%
Will be wiped out	14	15	13	14	16	13	12	14
DK/NA	5	7	3	5	5	5	3	5

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Live with new normal	82%	83%	83%	75%	81%	83%	82%	76%	82%
Will be wiped out	14	13	13	17	14	13	13	16	16
DK/NA	5	4	4	8	5	4	5	7	2

  

REGION.....				DENSITY.....					
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural		
Live with new normal	70%	84%	83%	82%	83%	80%	79%		
Will be wiped out	23	10	12	15	13	14	16		
DK/NA	8	6	5	3	4	6	5		

30. Do you support or oppose airlines requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination from their passengers?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	54%	26%	85%	50%	49%	59%	60%	49%
Oppose	42	70	14	47	47	38	39	46
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	4	3	1	5

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	56%	43%	53%	70%	49%	56%	52%	66%	56%
Oppose	42	52	45	25	47	41	44	30	42
DK/NA	2	5	1	5	4	4	4	3	2

  

REGION.....				DENSITY.....					
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural		
Support	56%	57%	52%	54%	60%	55%	45%		
Oppose	43	39	44	43	37	44	50		
DK/NA	1	4	4	3	4	1	5		

31. In general, when you hear that a professional athlete did not get a COVID-19 vaccine, do you view that athlete more favorably, less favorably, or doesn't it affect your opinion of that athlete?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More favorably	8%	15%	2%	9%	11%	6%	5%	9%
Less favorably	31	13	55	25	27	33	47	27
Doesn't affect	60	71	42	65	61	59	46	63
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
More favorably	9%	8%	8%	5%	10%	6%	8%	5%	13%
Less favorably	23	24	31	48	29	38	34	35	20
Doesn't affect	66	68	59	44	61	54	57	59	67
DK/NA	2	-	1	3	1	2	2	1	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
More favorably	7%	4%	11%	9%	9%	8%	8%
Less favorably	34	33	26	33	31	34	26
Doesn't affect	57	62	62	56	60	56	64
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	2	2

32. At this time, do you think it's safe or unsafe for students to attend elementary, middle, and high schools in person?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Safe	66%	88%	43%	70%	72%	61%	74%	74%
Unsafe	28	10	48	25	23	32	19	20
DK/NA	6	3	9	5	5	7	6	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Safe	55%	74%	67%	67%	79%	69%	74%	38%	58%
Unsafe	42	22	27	24	16	24	20	58	36
DK/NA	4	4	6	9	5	7	6	3	5

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Safe	72%	64%	63%	70%	62%	69%	69%
Unsafe	22	31	31	24	32	25	24
DK/NA	6	5	7	5	6	5	7

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Safe	71%	73%
Unsafe	25	23
DK/NA	4	5

33. In an emergency situation, do you think that vaccinated adults with COVID-19 should be given higher priority at hospitals than adults with COVID-19 who have chosen not to get vaccinated?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Should	25%	14%	41%	21%	24%	25%	29%	24%
No	68	81	51	73	69	67	66	69
DK/NA	7	5	9	6	7	8	5	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Should	20%	24%	20%	39%	23%	28%	26%	34%	19%
No	71	72	73	53	71	64	68	55	73
DK/NA	9	4	7	8	6	8	7	11	7

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Should	28%	25%	24%	24%	25%	28%	21%
No	65	66	68	71	67	66	71
DK/NA	7	9	8	5	8	6	8

34. If someone loses a job or quits a job over COVID-19 vaccine mandates, do you think they should be eligible for unemployment benefits, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Should	58%	71%	45%	59%	61%	56%	48%	58%
No	37	25	52	35	34	39	47	35
DK/NA	5	4	4	6	4	6	5	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Should	69%	63%	54%	42%	56%	53%	55%	63%	63%
No	29	33	40	51	39	39	39	33	36
DK/NA	3	4	6	7	5	7	6	4	1

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Should	58%	55%	59%	60%	56%	58%	62%
No	36	42	34	36	38	38	33
DK/NA	5	3	6	4	6	4	4



35. Have you distanced yourself from certain people close to you because of their stance on masking or COVID-19 vaccines?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Have distanced	30%	16%	48%	27%	22%	38%	34%	24%
No	69	84	51	73	77	62	65	76
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes/Have distanced	29%	27%	31%	36%	19%	35%	27%	36%	35%
No	71	72	69	63	80	64	72	63	65
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-

  

REGION.....				DENSITY.....						
				City	Suburb	Rural				
	NEast	MWest	South	West						
Yes/Have distanced	31%	33%	27%	34%	30%	33%	29%			
No	67	67	73	66	70	67	71			
DK/NA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-			

36. Has the coronavirus pandemic had an impact on how lonely you feel, or not?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	34%	23%	50%	29%	30%	37%	39%	26%
No	65	77	50	69	69	61	60	73
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	1

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes	45%	33%	30%	29%	25%	35%	30%	40%	37%
No	54	66	70	70	75	64	69	60	61
DK/NA	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	3

  

REGION.....				DENSITY.....						
				City	Suburb	Rural				
	NEast	MWest	South	West						
Yes	42%	34%	29%	34%	35%	35%	31%			
No	56	65	69	65	64	64	68			
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	1	1	1			



39. Are you married or in a live-in relationship with a partner, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	62%	69%	56%	63%	63%	61%	72%	62%		
No	36	30	43	37	35	38	27	37		
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	-		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	Yes	39%	77%	79%	55%	64%	67%	66%	47%	61%
No	61	23	21	45	35	33	34	52	38	
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	

39a. (If yes q39) Has the coronavirus pandemic put significant strains on your relationship with your spouse or partner, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	MARRIED OR LIVE-IN RELATIONSHIP Q39.....						4 YR COLL DEG			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes	11%	8%	15%	11%	12%	10%	9%	8%		
No	88	92	84	89	88	89	91	91		
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1		

40. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	27%	28%	22%	30%	29%	25%	28%	22%		
No	72	72	77	70	70	74	72	78		
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	Yes	20%	65%	17%	2%	26%	22%	24%	29%	37%
No	80	35	83	98	73	78	76	71	63	
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

40a. (If yes/have children under age 18 q40) Has the coronavirus pandemic had an adverse psychological effect on your children, or not?

	ADULTS.....		
	HAVE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 Q40		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Yes	39%	32%	46%
No	59	63	53
DK/NA	3	5	1

40b. (If yes/have children under age 18 q40) Do you have children who attend public school?

ADULTS.....			
HAVE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 Q40			
	Tot	Men	Wom
Yes	70%	73%	67%
No	28	24	33
DK/NA	2	3	-

41. Have you or someone in your family sought out the services of a mental health professional as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	12%	10%	17%	8%	8%	15%	14%	8%
No	87	90	82	91	91	84	85	92
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes	14%	17%	12%	4%	6%	14%	10%	15%	15%
No	86	82	87	95	93	86	90	85	84
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

REGION.....					DENSITY.....		
					City	Suburb	Rural
	NEast	MWest	South	West			
Yes	15%	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%	7%
No	84	88	87	89	85	86	92
DK/NA	2	-	1	-	1	-	1

41a. (If yes q41) How easy or difficult was it to schedule an appointment with a mental health professional: very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

ADULTS.....	
SOUGHT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES Q41	
	Tot
Very easy	27%
Somewhat easy	14
Somewhat difficult	23
Very difficult	27
DK/NA	9

42. If you drink alcoholic beverages, are you drinking more alcoholic beverages than you were before the coronavirus pandemic, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/More	11%	10%	15%	7%	10%	12%	14%	6%
No	68	66	63	74	67	68	74	69
DON'T DRINK (VOL)	19	22	21	15	20	18	12	23
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	2	2	-	1

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/More	17%	15%	9%	3%	9%	9%	9%	18%	17%
No	68	63	71	68	71	70	71	63	64
DON'T DRINK (VOL)	11	20	20	29	19	20	19	19	18
DK/NA	4	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/More	10%	10%	11%	13%	14%	10%	7%
No	71	73	64	68	66	70	69
DON'T DRINK (VOL)	16	16	23	18	18	19	20
DK/NA	3	1	3	1	2	1	4