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**72% ARE CONCERNED ABOUT NEW COVID-19 STRAINS MAKING THE
PANDEMIC WORSE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
NEARLY 6 IN 10 SAY THE PANDEMIC HAS CAUSED FINANCIAL STRUGGLES**

As COVID-19 variants spread, almost three-quarters of Americans say they are either very concerned (34 percent) or somewhat concerned (38 percent) that the new strains of COVID-19 will make the coronavirus pandemic in the United States worse, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University national poll of 1,075 adults released today. About one-quarter of Americans say they are not so concerned (13 percent) or not concerned at all (14 percent) that the new strains will make the pandemic worse.

When it comes to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, 7 percent say they have already been vaccinated, 59 percent say they are willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine, and 30 percent say they are not willing to get one.

Among those who say they are not willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine, nearly two-thirds (65 percent) cite safety concerns that are specific to the COVID-19 vaccine while 28 percent of those not willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine say they have concerns about vaccines in general.

“Worries are high about darker days ahead in the pandemic as new strains of COVID-19 emerge. While the race is on to get adults vaccinated, 3 in 10 Americans are voicing resistance about rolling up their sleeves,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

A majority of Americans say, 57 – 34 percent, that they believe President Joe Biden will be able to fulfill his pledge to get enough vaccines for 300 million Americans by the end of the summer.

Two-thirds of Americans say they are either very confident (21 percent) or somewhat confident (45 percent) in the federal government’s ability to oversee the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Another thirty-one percent say they are either not so confident (17 percent) or not confident at all (14 percent).

ANTHONY FAUCI: FAVORABILITY

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden’s chief medical adviser on COVID-19, receives a positive favorability rating as 53 percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of him, 23 percent have an unfavorable opinion, and 22 percent haven’t heard enough about him.

MASKS

Three-quarters (75 percent) of Americans say they wear a mask all the time when they go out in public where six feet of social distancing can't always be maintained, and 12 percent say they wear a mask most of the time.

Asked to compare their mask wearing to a few months ago, 66 percent say they wear masks about as often as they did a few months ago, with 25 percent saying they wear them more often.

Among those wearing a mask more often compared to a few months ago, 29 percent say President Biden's urging Americans to wear a mask was a major reason why, 11 percent say it was a minor reason and 58 percent say it was not a reason at all.

CORONAVIRUS: MENTAL HEALTH & FINANCIAL IMPACT

Roughly half of Americans (51 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic is harming their mental health or a family member's mental health, and 48 percent say it is not.

More than half of Americans (58 percent) say the coronavirus pandemic has caused financial struggles for them or someone in their immediate family, while 42 percent say it has not.

When asked how difficult it would be to pay an unexpected bill of one thousand dollars right away, 59 percent say it would be either very difficult (31 percent) or somewhat difficult (28 percent) to pay a bill of that size. Forty percent say it would be not so difficult (14 percent) or not difficult at all (26 percent).

"With COVID-19 upending life in the U.S. for almost an entire year, the financial toll of the pandemic shows no escape for a majority of American families. For 3 in 10 Americans, paying an unexpected bill of \$1,000 right now would be very difficult," added Snow.

ECONOMY

Seventy-one percent of Americans rate the economy as not so good (44 percent) or poor (27 percent). Twenty-six percent rate it as excellent (3 percent) or good (23 percent).

Asked what they think is the best indicator in regard to how well the country's economy is doing, 59 percent said the unemployment rate, 11 percent said the stock market, 9 percent said home values, 9 percent did not offer an opinion, 7 percent said something else and 6 percent said retirement savings.

SUPER BOWL

A little more than half of Americans (53 percent) plan to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday while 42 percent say they'll pass on watching it this year.

Among those who plan to watch, 7 out of 10 say they'll do so with fewer people this year, but 29 percent say they're not likely to watch with fewer people than in previous years.

Neither team can claim to be America's favorite. The Kansas City Chiefs have a razor thin lead over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 25 – 21 percent, among Americans. Forty-nine percent say they don't care which team wins.

1,075 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from January 28th – February 1st with a margin of error of +/- 3 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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11. Is your opinion of Anthony Fauci favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Favorable	53%	24%	80%	52%	49%	57%	69%	37%
Unfavorable	23	41	4	25	26	21	24	34
Hvn't hrd enough	22	34	14	22	24	20	5	27
REFUSED	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Favorable	45%	57%	51%	58%	40%	57%	49%	60%
Unfavorable	21	23	28	26	32	29	31	12
Hvn't hrd enough	34	19	20	14	26	12	19	28
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-

22. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Excellent	3%	6%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Good	23	24	21	23	24	22	26	27
Not so good	44	38	52	47	43	46	44	39
Poor	27	30	23	27	28	27	27	28
DK/NA	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Excellent	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%
Good	19	24	26	25	31	22	26	18
Not so good	48	42	42	45	37	45	41	52
Poor	29	29	28	26	26	28	27	27
DK/NA	3	1	1	2	3	1	2	2

REGION.....				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...				
NEast	MWest	South	West	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K	
Excellent	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	5%	3%	4%
Good	20	30	22	20	18	20	29	29
Not so good	44	46	46	40	44	45	45	45
Poor	33	21	23	36	35	29	22	21
DK/NA	1	1	4	3	2	1	2	1

23. What do you think is the best indicator with regard to how well the country's economy is doing: the stock market, the unemployment rate, your retirement savings, or home values?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Stock market	11%	20%	7%	10%	13%	8%	9%	17%
Unemployment rate	59	49	62	62	55	62	69	51
Retirement savings	6	5	5	6	5	6	5	5
Home values	9	14	7	8	10	8	7	12
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	7	2	9	9	8	7	6	7
DK/NA	9	9	10	5	9	8	4	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Stock market	15%	10%	9%	12%	16%	12%	14%	6%
Unemployment rate	49	68	68	53	52	63	58	63
Retirement savings	2	5	8	9	6	4	5	7
Home values	11	9	8	10	12	8	10	9
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	10	6	4	7	6	7	6	7
DK/NA	13	4	4	10	9	5	7	8

	REGION.....				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Stock market	14%	14%	10%	8%	8%	14%	11%	11%
Unemployment rate	56	51	60	65	53	55	61	71
Retirement savings	4	7	6	4	7	10	2	6
Home values	10	10	9	8	12	10	11	5
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	8	7	6	9	9	2	8	6
DK/NA	8	12	9	6	11	9	6	2

24. How difficult would it be for you to pay an unexpected bill of one thousand dollars right away: very difficult, somewhat difficult, not so difficult, or not difficult at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very difficult	31%	34%	24%	33%	31%	31%	10%	33%
Somewhat difficult	28	32	33	22	25	30	27	27
Not so difficult	14	12	16	16	15	13	19	13
Not difficult at all	26	22	26	28	28	24	43	25
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very difficult	40%	26%	33%	21%	24%	26%	25%	41%
Somewhat difficult	29	31	29	24	22	32	27	30
Not so difficult	10	16	14	16	18	13	15	11
Not difficult at all	20	27	23	39	35	29	32	18
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-

	REGION.....				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Very difficult	19%	30%	38%	30%	59%	38%	18%	8%
Somewhat difficult	31	27	26	30	27	33	35	17
Not so difficult	17	14	12	15	4	14	19	21
Not difficult at all	33	28	22	24	10	15	27	54
DK/NA	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	-

38. How often would you say you wear a mask when you go out in public where six feet of social distancing can't always be maintained: all the time, most of the time, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
All the time	75%	63%	90%	76%	65%	85%	83%	64%
Most of the time	12	18	7	12	17	8	10	17
Sometimes	4	8	-	5	7	1	4	5
Hardly ever	4	9	-	5	5	3	2	9
Never	3	2	2	2	6	-	1	5
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
All the time	70%	75%	77%	81%	59%	82%	71%	83%
Most of the time	13	13	12	12	19	10	15	10
Sometimes	6	3	4	3	7	2	5	3
Hardly ever	6	5	3	2	7	5	6	1
Never	4	4	3	1	6	-	3	3
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-

REGION.....				DENSITY.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
All the time	81%	70%	73%	79%	84%	77%	63%
Most of the time	11	16	12	12	6	15	17
Sometimes	5	4	5	2	3	5	6
Hardly ever	3	6	3	5	4	3	7
Never	-	3	4	3	2	1	7
DK/NA	-	-	2	-	1	-	1

39. Compared to a few months ago, are you wearing a mask when you go out in public more often, less often, or about as often?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
More often	25%	24%	28%	25%	25%	25%	13%	24%
Less often	7	11	3	6	9	5	5	9
About as often	66	64	66	69	64	68	81	65
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	3

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
More often	19%	21%	29%	30%	21%	19%	20%	34%
Less often	12	9	5	2	11	3	7	7
About as often	68	69	65	64	66	75	71	59
DK/NA	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	1

REGION.....				DENSITY.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
More often	16%	23%	28%	30%	27%	22%	26%
Less often	5	6	8	7	7	7	7
About as often	77	71	61	62	65	70	65
DK/NA	2	1	4	1	1	1	3

39a. (If more often q39) Was President Biden's urging all Americans to wear a mask in public for the next three months a major reason for why you are wearing a mask more often, a minor reason, or not a reason at all?

ADULTS.....
WEAR MASK MORE OFTEN Q39

	Tot	Men	Wom
Major reason	29%	23%	34%
Minor reason	11	11	10
Not a reason at all	58	64	52
DK/NA	2	1	4

40. Are you willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... 4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Willing	59%	41%	76%	61%	56%	62%	74%	52%
No	30	45	13	30	35	24	16	36
ALREADY GOT IT (VOL)	7	8	7	5	5	8	8	7
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	4	6	2	4

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....
18-34 35-49 50-64 65+ Men Wom Wht NonWht

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Willing	54%	57%	63%	66%	57%	63%	60%	60%
No	42	33	30	13	35	23	29	32
ALREADY GOT IT (VOL)	2	6	3	16	5	10	7	4
DK/NA	3	5	4	5	3	4	4	4

REGION..... DENSITY.....
NEast MWest South West City Suburb Rural

	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Willing	57%	65%	55%	62%	63%	68%	47%
No	32	27	30	29	29	22	39
ALREADY GOT IT (VOL)	6	7	8	4	4	7	8
DK/NA	5	1	7	4	4	3	6

40a. (If no q40) Which is a bigger reason for you for not getting a COVID-19 vaccine: you have concerns about vaccines in general or you have concerns about the safety of a COVID-19 vaccine?

ADULTS.....
NO/NOT WILLING Q40
Tot

General vaccine concerns	28%
Covid-19 vaccine safety concerns	65
DK/NA	7

41. At this time, how confident are you in the federal government's ability to oversee the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines: 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	21%	7%	33%	20%	18%	24%	20%	19%
Somewhat confident	45	46	55	41	41	49	51	42
Not so confident	17	20	8	23	19	15	17	20
Not confident at all	14	25	3	13	19	9	11	17
DK/NA	3	2	-	2	3	3	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very confident	17%	20%	23%	25%	16%	22%	19%	24%
Somewhat confident	46	47	42	47	42	48	45	46
Not so confident	19	16	20	15	20	17	19	16
Not confident at all	15	16	14	11	19	11	15	12
DK/NA	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Very confident	17%	21%	24%	19%	23%	24%	16%
Somewhat confident	50	43	41	50	51	46	38
Not so confident	15	22	16	17	16	16	20
Not confident at all	18	12	14	12	9	11	23
DK/NA	1	3	5	2	1	3	2

42. As you may know, President Biden has pledged that there will be enough vaccines for 300 million Americans by the end of the summer. Do you believe that President Biden will be able to do this, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Believe	57%	39%	79%	55%	52%	61%	64%	51%
No	34	54	16	35	40	28	31	40
DK/NA	9	7	6	11	7	10	5	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Believe	56%	59%	60%	58%	49%	61%	56%	64%
No	38	35	32	34	43	32	37	30
DK/NA	7	6	7	9	8	7	7	6

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Believe	58%	59%	53%	60%	63%	64%	45%
No	38	35	33	32	29	30	45
DK/NA	3	7	13	8	8	6	9

43. How concerned are you that the new strains of COVID-19 will make the coronavirus pandemic in the United States worse: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG Yes	No
Very concerned	34%	27%	45%	29%	26%	41%	32%	26%
Somewhat concerned	38	33	43	42	37	40	43	40
Not so concerned	13	18	6	13	16	10	13	16
Not concerned at all	14	21	4	15	21	7	11	18
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very concerned	29%	30%	38%	37%	21%	35%	28%	42%
Somewhat concerned	31	42	40	42	37	45	41	36
Not so concerned	18	10	11	11	17	12	15	8
Not concerned at all	20	17	12	7	24	7	15	12
DK/NA	2	2	-	2	1	1	1	2

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Very concerned	38%	28%	36%	31%	38%	33%	28%
Somewhat concerned	38	44	35	38	41	42	34
Not so concerned	9	14	14	13	9	11	18
Not concerned at all	13	13	12	18	11	13	19
DK/NA	2	1	3	-	2	1	1

44. Has the coronavirus pandemic caused any financial struggles for you or anyone in your immediate family, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG Yes	No
Yes	58%	57%	56%	58%	58%	57%	48%	60%
No	42	43	44	42	42	41	52	39
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes	66%	56%	66%	46%	52%	58%	55%	64%
No	34	44	34	54	47	41	44	36
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

	REGION.....				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Yes	54%	55%	59%	61%	66%	72%	52%	47%
No	46	45	40	38	34	27	47	53
DK/NA	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-

45. Is the coronavirus pandemic harming the mental health of you or someone in your family, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	Yes No
Yes	51%	43%	54%	55%	43%	58%	57%	47%
No	48	56	45	44	56	40	42	52
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes	55%	56%	54%	37%	43%	59%	51%	52%
No	45	43	45	62	56	41	48	48
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes	53%	51%	45%	59%	53%	51%	51%
No	46	48	52	41	47	49	48
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	1	-	1

54. Which team do you want to win the Super Bowl: the Kansas City Chiefs, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, or don't you care who wins the Super Bowl?

	ADULTS.....							Watching Game q55
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+				
Chiefs	25%	29%	22%	27%	27%	26%	23%	37%
Buccaneers	21	24	18	21	19	25	24	32
Don't care	49	45	54	46	52	47	52	27
DK/NA	4	2	6	6	2	2	1	3

	REGION.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West
Chiefs	23%	34%	24%	20%
Buccaneers	23	17	27	13
Don't care	47	47	44	62
DK/NA	6	2	4	5

	HAVE TEAM PREFERENCE Q54.....			
	Tot	Men	Wom	Watching Game q55
Chiefs	55%	54%	55%	54%
Buccaneers	45	46	45	46

55. Do you plan to watch the Super Bowl, or not?

	ADULTS.....				AGE IN YRS.....			
	Tot	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Yes	53%	57%	49%	58%	53%	55%	51%	
No	42	40	44	38	44	43	45	
DK/NA	5	3	6	4	3	2	4	

	REGION.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West
Yes	61%	57%	51%	47%
No	36	40	44	47
DK/NA	3	3	5	6

	HAVE TEAM PREFERENCE Q54		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Yes	80%	81%	78%
No	18	18	19
DK/NA	2	1	3

55a. (If yes q55) Are you likely to watch the Super Bowl with fewer people this year than in previous years, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	YES/WATCH SUPER BOWL Q55.....						4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes	70%	51%	87%	70%	65%	75%	69%	59%
No	29	48	11	29	34	23	30	39
DK/NA	1	-	2	2	1	2	2	2

	WHITE.....			
	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes	60%	66%	63%	80%
No	39	32	36	19
DK/NA	2	2	2	-