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**81% OF AMERICANS SAY LIFE WON'T RETURN TO NORMAL ANYTIME SOON,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
7 IN 10 SAY FACEBOOK AND TWITTER DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD**

More than a year and a half since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States, an overwhelming majority of Americans (81 percent) do not expect life to return to normal in the U.S. anytime soon, as 26 percent say life will never return to normal, 32 percent expect it will take more than 1 year for life to return to normal, 23 percent say it will take about a year, 10 percent expect life to return to normal in about 6 months, and 4 percent say a couple of months, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

As for the mood of the country regarding the situation with COVID-19 in the U.S. right now, Americans were given a number of words and asked whether or not those words described how they are feeling.

Most Americans say they are disappointed (62 percent), followed by hopeful (50 percent), emotionally exhausted (46 percent), worried (43 percent), angry (41 percent), and indifferent (24 percent).

In thinking about their personal lives, more than 4 in 10 Americans (43 percent) say issues involving COVID-19, such as vaccinations or safety protocols, have caused divisions with family or friends, while 56 percent say they have not.

“As COVID-19 was taking the lives of thousands, in American homes, measures to try to control the pandemic were exacting a toll on the personal relationships of more than 4 in 10 Americans,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

COVID-19 AND JOBS

Asked whether the COVID-19 pandemic made you or people you know more likely to look for a new job, roughly 4 in 10 Americans (41 percent) say it did, and 52 percent say it did not.

One group standing out among all categories is younger Americans. Among those 18 to 34 years of age, a majority (63 – 34 percent) say the pandemic did make them or people they know more likely to look for a new job.

THE ECONOMY

More than half of Americans (55 percent) think the nation’s economy is getting worse, while 15 percent think it’s getting better, and 28 percent think it’s staying the same.

Less than one-quarter of Americans (24 percent) rate the economy as excellent (1 percent) or good (23 percent), while 74 percent rate the economy as not so good (37 percent) or poor (37 percent).

This is a decline from just two weeks ago when 29 percent of Americans rated the economy as excellent or good and 69 percent rated it as not so good or poor.

As for next year, half of Americans (50 percent) think the nation's economy will be worse, while 42 percent expect it will be better.

Four in ten Americans (40 percent) say they are worse off financially than they were a year ago, while 36 percent say they are better off, and 21 percent say they are the same.

Roughly two-thirds of Americans (65 percent) are optimistic about their financial future, while 29 percent are pessimistic. When it comes to differences along party lines: Democrats are the most optimistic at 79 – 18 percent, followed by independents at 63 – 32 percent and Republicans at 51 – 43 percent.

TEACHERS

With schools in the spotlight during the COVID-19 pandemic, most Americans agree on this: teachers in the United States are underappreciated. Nearly 8 in 10 Americans (77 percent) think teachers in the United States are not appreciated enough, while 18 percent say teachers are appreciated enough.

“Though not wearing scrubs and working in the ER, one could make a valid argument that teachers have been and remain on the front lines of the COVID pandemic. Americans make it very clear they appreciate their dedication,” added Malloy.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Americans are split on government regulation of social media companies. Forty-seven percent of Americans think the government needs to be involved in regulating companies like Facebook and Twitter, while 45 percent think that the government does not need to be involved in regulating these companies.

Seven out of ten Americans (70 percent) say social media companies like Facebook and Twitter do more harm than good, while 20 percent say the companies do more good than harm.

When specifically asked to rate Facebook's handling of misinformation on its social media platform, a majority (52 percent) say Facebook is doing a poor job, 27 percent say it is doing a not so good job, 12 percent say Facebook is doing a good job, and 1 percent say the company is doing an excellent job of handling misinformation.

“A sharp slap in the face for Facebook and its social media cohorts. ‘You are not helping... you are hurting people,’ say Americans. But should the government police the offenders? No consensus on that,” added Malloy.

1,342 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from October 15th – 18th 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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11. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Good	23	5	45	19	23	24	33	15
Not so good	37	38	40	36	35	39	32	38
Poor	37	57	12	43	38	36	31	45
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	2	1	2	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%
Good	19	25	23	27	20	21	21	32	29
Not so good	42	41	29	36	34	38	36	40	33
Poor	35	32	46	34	42	39	40	24	35
DK/NA	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1

12. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	15%	2%	32%	11%	13%	16%	22%	9%
Worse	55	88	19	61	57	53	50	66
The same	28	9	48	26	27	29	28	23
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	12%	17%	13%	20%	11%	15%	13%	24%	14%
Worse	54	50	61	52	63	58	60	28	57
The same	32	30	24	27	24	26	25	47	28
DK/NA	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	1

13. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Better off	36%	16%	57%	34%	36%	37%	41%	27%
Worse off	40	64	15	45	40	39	35	52
SAME (VOL)	21	17	25	19	21	21	24	20
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Better off	49%	34%	31%	30%	29%	34%	31%	51%	43%
Worse off	29	39	49	44	49	43	46	23	34
SAME (VOL)	19	23	19	26	21	22	22	23	20
DK/NA	4	5	1	1	2	-	1	4	3

14. In general, would you say that you are optimistic or pessimistic about your financial future?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Optimistic	65%	51%	79%	63%	65%	66%	68%	58%
Pessimistic	29	43	18	32	29	29	28	37
DK/NA	6	6	3	5	7	5	3	5

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Optimistic	70%	76%	56%	59%	61%	62%	62%	82%	71%
Pessimistic	23	21	39	35	35	33	34	14	24
DK/NA	7	3	5	6	4	5	4	4	5

15. Do you think that the nation's economy will be better or worse next year?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Better	42%	9%	76%	39%	38%	45%	48%	30%
Worse	50	85	19	52	54	46	45	60
SAME (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	7	4	5	8	7	7	4	8

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Better	47%	44%	37%	41%	32%	40%	36%	71%	43%
Worse	44	48	56	48	60	51	55	22	51
SAME (VOL)	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	-	1
DK/NA	7	6	5	8	6	7	7	7	4

16. Would you say that the COVID-19 pandemic made you or people you know more likely to look for a new job, or wouldn't you say that?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/More likely	41%	26%	45%	48%	37%	45%	39%	35%
No	52	65	48	46	56	48	56	55
DK/NA	7	9	7	6	7	7	6	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/More likely	63%	45%	32%	19%	33%	39%	36%	45%	47%
No	34	54	64	63	59	51	55	49	51
DK/NA	3	1	4	18	7	9	8	6	2

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/More likely	40%	40%	39%	46%	47%	42%	31%
No	52	54	54	47	47	53	62
DK/NA	8	6	7	6	7	5	8

17. Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, when do you expect life to return to normal: in the next couple of months, in about six months, in about one year, in more than one year, or never?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Couple months	4%	5%	2%	5%	6%	2%	4%	5%
About 6 months	10	7	13	10	12	8	15	11
About 1 year	23	15	33	22	21	24	31	20
More than 1 year	32	35	32	32	33	32	29	30
Never	26	31	18	28	24	28	18	29
DK/NA	5	7	2	3	4	5	4	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Couple months	5%	3%	3%	4%	7%	3%	5%	3%	3%
About 6 months	13	8	8	13	14	10	12	3	9
About 1 year	23	17	23	29	21	26	24	21	19
More than 1 year	34	36	31	28	27	31	29	45	31
Never	21	31	31	21	26	24	25	24	34
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	4	6	5	5	4

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Couple months	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
About 6 months	13	13	9	8	13	8	8
About 1 year	24	20	20	28	23	24	21
More than 1 year	29	33	36	27	32	33	32
Never	25	24	25	29	23	27	29
DK/NA	5	5	6	2	5	5	5

18. Thinking about your personal life, would you say that issues involving COVID-19, such as vaccinations or safety protocols, have caused divisions with your family or friends, or wouldn't you say that?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Caused divisions	43%	45%	37%	45%	39%	46%	45%	43%
No	56	54	62	53	60	52	55	56
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	2	-	1

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Caused divisions	49%	47%	43%	32%	39%	47%	43%	31%	55%
No	50	52	56	65	60	51	56	67	44
DK/NA	1	-	2	3	1	1	1	2	1

REGION..... DENSITY.....

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Yes/Caused divisions	38%	38%	40%	54%	43%	41%	46%
No	60	61	57	46	56	59	52
DK/NA	2	1	2	-	1	-	2

19. In thinking about what's going on with the COVID-19 situation in the United States right now, please tell me if any of the following words describe how you are feeling. As I read each option, please tell me if it describes how you're feeling or not. Are you feeling: hopeful, worried, emotionally exhausted, angry, indifferent, or disappointed? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Hopeful	50%	45%	61%	45%	50%	50%	48%	51%
Worried	43	39	50	41	35	50	48	43
Emotionally exhausted	46	42	49	49	35	57	50	47
Angry	41	50	40	40	40	42	46	49
Indifferent	24	27	19	23	26	22	14	27
Disappointed	62	69	58	62	63	60	65	66
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2	1	-	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Hopeful	49%	45%	46%	62%	47%	53%	50%	64%	44%
Worried	43	44	39	46	40	50	45	44	43
Emotionally exhausted	56	52	41	39	37	57	48	44	50
Angry	36	41	48	43	49	47	48	31	32
Indifferent	30	26	23	16	25	21	23	27	27
Disappointed	64	63	64	59	69	62	65	58	58
DK/NA	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	-

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Hopeful	53%	53%	47%	50%	55%	48%	46%
Worried	42	41	43	43	43	42	42
Emotionally exhausted	47	43	45	51	47	49	44
Angry	47	37	39	44	39	40	47
Indifferent	20	23	27	22	24	21	26
Disappointed	63	58	60	66	63	58	69
DK/NA	1	3	1	1	1	2	1

24. Do you think the government needs to be involved in regulating social media companies like Facebook and Twitter, or don't you think so?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Involved	47%	42%	57%	45%	45%	49%	59%	44%
No	45	53	36	47	47	42	34	48
DK/NA	8	5	7	8	8	9	7	8

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Involved	36%	43%	51%	64%	49%	50%	49%	42%	51%
No	58	51	42	27	44	42	43	51	43
DK/NA	6	6	7	9	7	8	8	7	6

HAVE KIDS <18 YRS		
InPublic		
Yes	School	
Yes/Involved	39%	38%
No	54	55
DK/NA	7	7

25. Do you think social media companies like Facebook and Twitter do more good than harm or do more harm than good?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Do more good	20%	10%	27%	21%	21%	19%	18%	12%
Do more harm	70	85	62	70	69	72	73	79
DK/NA	10	5	11	9	10	9	10	9

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Do more good	28%	18%	20%	11%	14%	14%	14%	39%	25%
Do more harm	62	71	73	79	77	77	77	49	67
DK/NA	9	11	8	11	9	9	9	12	8

HAVE KIDS <18 YRS		
InPublic		
Yes	School	
Do more good	18%	19%
Do more harm	73	72
DK/NA	9	9

26. How would you rate the job Facebook is doing handling misinformation on its social media platform: excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	-
Good	12	5	13	15	11	13	5	11
Not so good	27	19	43	24	21	32	27	26
Poor	52	65	38	53	58	47	64	56
DK/NA	8	9	5	8	9	7	4	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Excellent	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	3%	4%
Good	15	13	12	9	6	11	9	23	15
Not so good	26	23	25	34	21	31	26	32	27
Poor	50	52	55	51	65	52	58	33	45
DK/NA	8	11	7	6	8	5	7	10	10

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Excellent	2%	2%
Good	12	11
Not so good	20	20
Poor	55	57
DK/NA	11	10

28. Do you think teachers in the United States today are appreciated enough, or do you think teachers are not appreciated enough?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Appreciated enough	18%	31%	7%	17%	21%	15%	16%	22%
Not enough	77	64	92	76	73	80	80	73
DK/NA	5	5	1	7	6	5	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Appreciated enough	14%	9%	21%	25%	23%	18%	20%	9%	18%
Not enough	83	85	73	68	73	77	75	88	79
DK/NA	3	6	6	7	4	5	4	2	3

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Appreciated enough	13%	12%
Not enough	81	82
DK/NA	6	6