

**IFYC – PRRI Survey on Religion & COVID-19 Vaccine Trust**  
**Total=5,625 (Online)**  
**March 8-30, 2021**

**Q1.** How much of the time do you think you can trust each of the following to do what is right for you and your community? **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q1a.** The health care system

10	Almost all of the time
41	Most of the time
41	Some of the time
8	Almost none of the time
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q1b.** Residents of your community

5	Almost all of the time
38	Most of the time
49	Some of the time
8	Almost none of the time
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q1c.** Political leaders in your community

2	Almost all of the time
17	Most of the time
57	Some of the time
24	Almost none of the time
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q1d.** Religious leaders in your community

33	Most of the time
42	Some of the time
15	Almost none of the time
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q1e. Business leaders in your community**

2	Almost all of the time
24	Most of the time
59	Some of the time
15	Almost none of the time
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q2. How worried, if at all, are you about each of the following? [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q2a. You or someone in your family will get sick with COVID-19**

23	Very worried
39	Somewhat worried
27	Not too worried
11	Not at all worried
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q2b. You might experience serious side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine**

19	Very worried
30	Somewhat worried
32	Not too worried

19	Not at all worried
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q2c.** The COVID-19 vaccines are not as effective as they are said to be

14	Very worried
29	Somewhat worried
36	Not too worried
20	Not at all worried
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q2d.** The COVID-19 vaccines are not as safe as they are said to be

17	Very worried
28	Somewhat worried
31	Not too worried
23	Not at all worried
*	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q2e.** The long-term effects of the COVID-19 vaccines are unknown

24	Very worried
34	Somewhat worried
29	Not too worried
12	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q3.** Do you personally know anyone who has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? **[Select as many as apply]**

22      Yes      16

- 59 Yes, family member
- 39 Yes, close friend
- 36 Yes, acquaintance
- 12 No, do not know anyone [EXCLUSIVE]

**Q4.** When an FDA approved vaccine for COVID-19 is available to you for free do you think you will [N=3,442]:

- 38 Get the vaccine as soon as you can
- 28 Wait until it has been available for a while to see how it is working for other people
- 13 Only get the vaccine if you are required to do so for work, school, or other activities
- 21 Definitely not get the vaccine
- \* Skipped/Refused
- 100 Total

**Q5.** How confident are you, if at all, that the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. is taking the needs of each of the following into account? [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]

**Q5a.** Black people

- 19 Very confident
- 43 Somewhat confident
- 26 Not too confident
- 11 Not at all confident
- 1 Skipped/Refused
- 100 Total

**Q5b.** Hispanic people

- 18 Very confident

45	Somewhat confident
27	Not too confident
9	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q5c. Religious people**

20	Very confident
51	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
8	Not at all confident
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q5d. People living in rural communities**

14	Very confident
46	Somewhat confident
29	Not too confident
9	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q5e. Native Americans**

16	Very confident
41	Somewhat confident
29	Not too confident
13	Not at all confident
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6. [IF Q3=YES SELF]** When deciding whether to get a COVID-19 vaccine, how much did you turn to each of the following for information?

**[IF Q3=NOT SELF]** When deciding whether to get a COVID-19 vaccine, how much would you turn to each of the following for information? **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q6a.** A doctor, nurse, or other health care provider

38	A lot
31	Some
16	A little
14	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6b.** Family or friends

15	A lot
34	Some
30	A little
20	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6c.** A religious leader such as minister, pastor, priest, or rabbi

3	A lot
12	Some

17	A little
67	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6d. [FORM 1 ONLY] The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also known as the CDC [N=2,806]**

32	A lot
30	Some
19	A little
18	Not at all
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6e. [FORM 1 ONLY] Your state or local public health department [N=2,806]**

20	A lot
34	Some
23	A little
22	Not at all
<u>*</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6f. [FORM 2 ONLY] Social media sites, such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, or Reddit [N=2,819]**

2	A lot
11	Some
19	A little

68	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q6g. [FORM 2 ONLY] News outlets on television, in print, or online [N=2,819]**

10	A lot
28	Some
28	A little
33	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
	Total

**Q7.1. [IF Q3=NOT SELF] Would each of the following make you more likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, less likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, or would it make no difference? [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q7.1a. A close friend or family member got vaccinated for COVID-19 [N=3,442]**

11	Much more likely
25	Somewhat more likely
55	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
5	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1b. A doctor or health care provider you trust got the vaccine [N=3,442]**

16	Much more likely
23	Somewhat more likely

53	Would make no difference
2	Somewhat less likely
5	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1c.** A religious leader you trust got the vaccine [N=3,442]

4	Much more likely
9	Somewhat more likely
74	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
10	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1d.** You could get the vaccine at a nearby religious congregation [N=3,442]

4	Much more likely
8	Somewhat more likely
72	Would make no difference
4	Somewhat less likely
11	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1e.** A religious leader you trust encouraged you to get the vaccine [N=3,442]

4	Much more likely
9	Somewhat more likely
73	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely

10	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1f.** Your religious community held a forum to discuss the safety of the vaccine  
**[N=3,442]**

3	Much more likely
9	Somewhat more likely
74	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
10	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1g.** Your religious community provided assistance in getting an appointment to get the vaccine  
**[N=3,442]**

3	Much more likely
10	Somewhat more likely
73	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
10	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1h.** A member of your religious community got the vaccine **[N=3,442]**

3	Much more likely
7	Somewhat more likely

77	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
9	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.1i.** Registering and getting an appointment to receive a vaccine was a fast and simple process [N=3,442]

22	Much more likely
19	Somewhat more likely
49	Would make no difference
3	Somewhat less likely
6	Much less likely
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2 [IF Q3=YES SELF]** Did each of the following make you more likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, less likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, or did it make no difference? [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]

**Q7.2a.** A close friend or family member got vaccinated for COVID-19 [N=2,183]

26	Much more likely
20	Somewhat more likely
39	Made no difference
2	Somewhat less likely
1	Much less likely
12	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2b. A doctor or health care provider you trust got the vaccine [N=2,183]**

26	Much more likely
17	Somewhat more likely
26	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
1	Much less likely
27	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2c. A religious leader you trust got the vaccine [N=2,183]**

3	Much more likely
3	Somewhat more likely
31	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
2	Much less likely
57	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2d. You could get the vaccine at a nearby religious congregation [N=2,183]**

2	Much more likely
3	Somewhat more likely

28	Made no difference
2	Somewhat less likely
3	Much less likely
60	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2e.** A religious leader you trust encouraged you to get the vaccine [N=2,183]

3	Much more likely
5	Somewhat more likely
28	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
3	Much less likely
61	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2f.** Your religious community held a forum to discuss the safety of the vaccine [N=2,183]

2	Much more likely
4	Somewhat more likely
26	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
3	Much less likely
63	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2g.** Your religious community provided assistance in getting an appointment to get the vaccine [N=2,183]

4	Somewhat more likely
25	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
2	Much less likely
63	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2h.** A member of your religious community got the vaccine [N=2,183]

4	Much more likely
5	Somewhat more likely
34	Made no difference
1	Somewhat less likely
2	Much less likely
54	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q7.2i.** Registering and getting an appointment to receive a vaccine was a fast and simple Process [N=2,183]

38	Much more likely
17	Somewhat more likely
23	Made no difference
4	Somewhat less likely
4	Much less likely
13	Did not have this experience
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q8.** Do you favor or oppose each of the following? [RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]

**Q8a.** Allowing individuals who would otherwise be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to refuse, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Jan 2021</u>	
19	15	Strongly favor
37	33	Favor
28	31	Oppose
14	20	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

**Q8b.** Allowing churches and other religious organizations to continue to hold in-person services, even when the government has issued orders that limit social gatherings because of the virus

<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>	
17	19	7	Strongly favor
24	25	14	Favor
32	30	37	Oppose
25	24	40	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
<u>100</u>	100	100	Total

**Q9.** Do you agree or disagree with each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q9a.** The government, media, and financial worlds in the U.S. are controlled by a group of Satan-worshipping pedophiles who run a global child sex trafficking operation

10	Mostly agree
19	Mostly disagree
63	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9b.** The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump

15	Completely agree
14	Mostly agree
11	Mostly disagree
57	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9c.** There is a storm coming soon that will sweep away the elites in power and restore the rightful leaders

6	Completely agree
14	Mostly agree
27	Mostly disagree
50	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9d.** The chaos in America today is evidence that we are living in what the Bible calls “the end times”

11	Completely agree
22	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree

42	Completely disagree
3	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9e.** Because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country

4	Completely agree
11	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree
59	Completely disagree
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9f.** God always rewards those who have faith with good health and will protect them from being infected with COVID-19

<u>March</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2020</u>	
6	8	Completely agree
15	15	Mostly agree
25	20	Mostly disagree
51	56	Completely disagree
3	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

**Q9g.** The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 was developed intentionally by scientists in a lab

15	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
26	Mostly disagree
33	Completely disagree

<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9h.** Shutdowns, mask mandates, and other steps taken by state and local governments since the coronavirus pandemic began are unreasonable attempts to control people

13	Completely agree
16	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
49	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9i.** Because getting vaccinated against COVID-19 helps protect everyone, it is a way to live out the religious principle of loving my neighbors

19	Completely agree
34	Mostly agree
22	Mostly disagree
22	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q9j.** The COVID-19 vaccine contains a surveillance microchip that is the sign of the beast in biblical prophecy

3	Completely agree
6	Mostly agree
16	Mostly disagree
73	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Skipped/Refused

100 Total

**[Note: There was no Q10.]**

**Q11.** Which of the following have you or someone in your household experienced in the past year? **[Check all that apply]**

<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Sept. 2020</u>	
14	22	Lost a job due to the COVID-19 pandemic
25	38	Had hours or pay cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic
16	6	Tested positive for COVID-19
16	10	Gotten sick with COVID-19 symptoms
3	2	Been hospitalized for COVID-19
42	34	Known someone who has been hospitalized for COVID-19
35	22	Known someone who died from COVID-19
31	27	None of these/Skipped/Refused

**Q12.** Over the past year, how often have you done each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**

**Q12a.** Talked with a religious or spiritual leader, either in person or virtually

5	More than once a week
6	Once a week
6	Once or twice a month
7	A few times a year
13	Seldom
63	Never
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q12b.** Prayed with others, such as in a Bible study group or at home with your family

7	Once a week
4	Once or twice a month
6	A few times a year
11	Seldom
59	Never
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q12c.** Participated in informal religious or spiritual activities or gatherings in your home, someone else's home, or in another setting outside a congregation

3	More than once a week
3	Once a week
4	Once or twice a month
5	A few times a year
11	Seldom
74	Never
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q12d.** Attended in person or virtual religious events other than worship services

4	More than once a week
7	Once a week
4	Once or twice a month
6	A few times a year

12	Seldom
66	Never
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q12e.** Aside from weddings and funerals, attended religious services, either virtually or in person

6	More than once a week
14	Once a week
5	Once or twice a month
6	A few times a year
13	Seldom
55	Never
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q13.** How important is religion in your life?

37	Very important
25	Somewhat important
17	Not too important
20	Not important at all
<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

**Q14.** Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[Select one answer only]**  
**[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS LIST]**

<u>March</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2020</u>	
17	16	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
10	11	CNN
11	15	Fox News
5	5	MSNBC
12	12	Local television news
8	9	Public television
7	5	Other [SPECIFY]
29	27	Do not watch television news
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Skipped/Refused
100	100	Total

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI and IFYC among a random sample of 5,149 adults (age 18 and up) living in all 50 states in the United States and who are part of Ipsos's Knowledge Panel and an additional 476 who were recruited by Ipsos using opt-in survey panels to increase the sample sizes in smaller states. Interviews were conducted online between March 8 and 30, 2021.

Respondents are recruited to the KnowledgePanel using an addressed-based sampling methodology from the Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery addresses in the U.S. As such, it covers all households regardless of their phone status, providing a representative online sample. Unlike opt-in panels, households are not permitted to "self-select" into the panel; and are generally limited to how many surveys they can take within a given time period.

The initial sample drawn from the KnowledgePanel was adjusted using pre-stratification weights so that it approximates the adult U.S. population defined by the latest March supplement of the Current Population Survey. Next, a probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling scheme was used to select a representative sample.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, Census division, metro area, education, and income. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. In addition to an overall national weight, separate weights were computed for each state to ensure that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations. The state-level post-stratification weights rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, education, and income.

These weights from the KnowledgePanel cases were then used as the benchmarks for the additional opt-in sample in a process called "calibration." This calibration process is used to correct for inherent biases associated with nonprobability opt-in panels. The calibration methodology aims to realign respondents from nonprobability samples with respect to a multidimensional set of measures to improve their representation.

The margin of error for the national survey is +/- 1.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, including the design effect for the survey of 1.4. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects. Additional details about the KnowledgePanel can be found on the Ipsos website: <https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/solution/knowledgepanel>

## Appendix

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**Table 1. Demographic, Political, Religious, and  
Geographic Subgroup Sample Sizes**  
*(Unweighted)*

	N=
Total Sample	5,625
Male	2,604
Female	3,021
Republican	1,656
Independent	1,746
Democrat	1,762
Other/Don't know	461
White, non-Hispanic	4,136
Black, non-Hispanic	480
Hispanic	602
Multiracial	167
Other	240
Age 18-29	538
30-49	1,552
50-64	1,742
65+	1,793

White evangelical Protestant	921
White mainline Protestant	960
Black Protestant	329
Hispanic Protestant	113
Other nonwhite Protestant	151
White Catholic	911
Hispanic Catholic	343
Mormon	105
Other Christian	161
Jewish	139
Other non-Christian religion	176
Religiously unaffiliated	1,275
Don't know/refused	41