

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania
 Annenberg Science Knowledge (ASK) survey, January 11-17, 2022
 N=1,656 adults

See final page for methodology and notes

(Asked of Total Respondents)

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about means of preventing and treating COVID-19?

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

	Not too/Not at all confident			Somewhat/Very confident			DK/REF
	NET	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET	Somewhat confident	Very confident	
1/17/22	35%	17%	18%	65%	31%	34%	0%
11/9/21	33%	16%	17%	67%	31%	36%	*
9/5/21	32%	15%	17%	68%	30%	38%	0%
6/22/21	32%	15%	17%	68%	30%	38%	0%
4/19/21	29%	12%	17%	71%	29%	41%	*

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

	Not too/Not at all confident			Somewhat/Very confident			DK/REF
	NET	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET	Somewhat confident	Very confident	
1/17/22	28%	9%	19%	72%	40%	32%	0%
11/9/21	23%	7%	16%	77%	39%	38%	0%
9/5/21	25%	7%	17%	75%	38%	37%	0%
6/22/21	24%	7%	16%	76%	41%	35%	0%
4/19/21	25%	7%	18%	75%	39%	36%	*

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

	Not too/Not at all confident			Somewhat/Very confident			DK/REF
	NET	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET	Somewhat confident	Very confident	
1/17/22	26%	7%	18%	74%	46%	28%	0%
11/9/21	24%	6%	19%	76%	43%	32%	*
9/5/21	24%	6%	18%	76%	45%	31%	*
6/22/21	23%	5%	18%	77%	49%	28%	*
4/19/21	25%	6%	19%	75%	48%	28%	*

(Asked of Total Respondents)

**In general, how confident, if at all, are you that your doctor, nurse, or other primary health care provider is providing you with trustworthy information about means of preventing and treating COVID-19?

	Not too/Not at all confident			Somewhat/Very confident			I have no primary health care provider	DK/REF
	NET	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET	Somewhat confident	Very confident		
1/17/22	12%	4%	8%	82%	37%	45%	6%	0%
11/9/21	8%	1%	7%	85%	35%	50%	7%	*
9/5/21	8%	3%	5%	87%	37%	50%	5%	*
6/22/21	10%	2%	7%	83%	35%	48%	7%	*

**In earlier waves, wording was: *In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the doctor or nurse who is your primary health care provider is providing you with trustworthy information about means of preventing and treating COVID-19?*

Confidence in Institutions by Heavy Media Use

1/17/2022

% Very/Somewhat Confident in Institutions, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Primary Health Care Provider by Media Use (Heavy users)¹

11/9/2021	Total (n=1,656)	Fox News/Mark Levin/Breitbart Conservative Heavy users (n=173)	Very Conservative Heavy users (n=54)	Broadcast- Newspaper Mainstream Heavy users (n=724)	Users of Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube Heavy users (n=311)
Dr. Anthony Fauci	65%	39%	46%	85%	71%
CDC	72%	52%	54%	89%	80%
FDA	74%	60%	60%	90%	78%
Primary Health Care Provider	82%	88%	78%	95%	87%

¹ For each category listed, respondents were classified as “Heavy users” if they answered 4 or 5 on 0 to 5 scale asking how much information they get from that source. 0 means they get “No information” from the source, and 5 means they get “A lot of information” from the source. Respondents could use any number between 0 and 5. For the **Fox News/Mark Levin/Breitbart Conservative**, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources such as Fox News, Mark Levin, or Breitbart News. For the **Very Conservative** media category, respondents answered 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources like Newsmax, OAN, Parler, Gateway Pundit, Telegram. For the **Broadcast-Newspaper Mainstream** combined category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked from Broadcast sources like ABC News, NBC News, CBS News, or newspaper sources like the Associated Press, the news pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal. For the **Social Media** category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they got from sources such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube.

Confidence in Institutions by Heavy Media Use
11/9/2021

% Very/Somewhat Confident in Institutions, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Primary Health Care Provider by Media Use (Heavy users)²

11/9/2021	Total (n=1,672)	Fox News/Mark Levin/Breitbart Conservative Heavy users (n=182)	Very Conservative Heavy users (n=76)	Broadcast- Newspaper Mainstream Heavy users (n=769)	Users of Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube Heavy users (n=325)
Dr. Anthony Fauci	67%	47%	46%	87%	70%
CDC	77%	59%	50%	91%	75%
FDA	76%	64%	54%	90%	72%
Primary Health Care Provider	85%	90%	86%	95%	89%

Confidence in Institutions by Heavy Media Use
9/5/2021

² For each category listed, respondents were classified as “Heavy users” if they answered 4 or 5 on 0 to 5 scale asking how much information they get from that source. 0 means they get “No information” from the source, and 5 means they get “A lot of information” from the source. Respondents could use any number between 0 and 5. For the **Fox News/Mark Levin/Breitbart Conservative**, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources such as Fox News, Mark Levin, or Breitbart News. For the **Very Conservative** media category, respondents answered 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources like Newsmax, OAN, Parler, Gateway Pundit, Telegram. For the **Broadcast-Newspaper Mainstream** combined category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked from Broadcast sources like ABC News, NBC News, CBS News, or newspaper sources like the Associated Press, the news pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal. For the **Social Media** category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they got from sources such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube (added this wave).

% Very/Somewhat Confident in Institutions, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Primary Health Care Provider by Media Use (Heavy users)³

9/5/2021	Total (n=1,669)	Fox News/Mark Levin/Breitbart Conservative Heavy users (n=189)	Very Conservative Heavy users (n=91)	Broadcast- Newspaper Mainstream Heavy users (n=806)	Users of Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram Heavy users (n=252)
Dr. Anthony Fauci	68%	49%	31%	87%	76%
CDC	75%	60%	39%	90%	83%
FDA	76%	68%	51%	90%	80%
Primary Health Care Provider	87%	90%	86%	96%	94%

³ For each category listed, respondents were classified as “Heavy users” if they answered 4 or 5 on 0 to 5 scale asking how much information they get from that source. 0 means they get “No information” from the source, and 5 means they get “A lot of information” from the source. Respondents could use any number between 0 and 5. For the **Conservative** media, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources such as **Fox News, Mark Levin, or Breitbart News**. For the **Very Conservative** media category, respondents answered 4 or 5 when asked how much information they get from sources like Newsmax, OAN, Parler, Gateway Pundit, or Telegram. For the **Broadcast-Newspaper Mainstream** combined category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked from Broadcast sources like ABC News, NBC News, or CBS News, or newspaper sources like the Associated Press or the news pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal. For the **Social Media** category, respondents answered a 4 or 5 when asked how much information they got from sources such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Confidence in Institutions by Heavy Media Use
6/22/2021

% Very/Somewhat Confident in Institutions, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Primary Health Care Provider by Media Use (All the time/Often)⁴

6/22/21	Total (n=1,719)	Fox News Conservative All the time/Often (n=265)	Very Conservative All the time/Often (n=93)	Broadcast- Newspaper Mainstream All the time/Often (n=888)	Users of Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram All the time/Often (n=372)
Dr. Anthony Fauci	68%	51%	38%	84%	71%
CDC	76%	69%	52%	87%	80%
FDA	77%	68%	55%	87%	80%
Primary Health Care Provider	83%	87%	82%	89%	83%

⁴ **Fox News Conservative:** report getting information about the most important issues of the day from sources like Fox News “all the time” or “often.” **Very Conservative:** report getting information about the most important issues of the day from sources like Newsmax, OAN, Parler, Gateway Pundit, Telegram “all the time” or “often.”

Broadcast-Newspaper Mainstream: report getting information about the most important issues of the day from sources like ABC News, NBC News, CBS News, the Associated Press, the news pages of the New York Times, the Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal “all the time” or “often.” **Users of Social Media such as Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter** “all the time” or “often.”

Confidence in Institutions by Leaned Party Identification Across Time

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about means of preventing and treating COVID-19?

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

% saying very or somewhat confident

	4/19/2021	6/22/2021	9/5/2021	11/9/2021	1/17/2022
Democrat/Dem Leaner	92%	92%	89%	89%	88%
Republican/Rep Leaner	47%	41%	46%	40%	36%
Independent	65%	61%	63%	65%	65%

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

% saying very or somewhat confident

	4/19/2021	6/22/2021	9/5/2021	11/9/2021	1/17/2022
Democrat/Dem Leaner	94%	91%	90%	90%	89%
Republican/Rep Leaner	57%	61%	60%	62%	50%
Independent	65%	69%	72%	73%	73%

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

% saying very or somewhat confident

	4/19/2021	6/22/2021	9/5/2021	11/9/2021	1/17/2022
Democrat/Dem Leaner	90%	89%	90%	89%	90%
Republican/Rep Leaner	63%	66%	63%	63%	54%
Independent	66%	71%	69%	68%	76%

Methodology

Leaned Party ID Methodology

Party Leaners were created by combining the following questions:

PID1. “Do you consider yourself a (Democrat), a (Republican), an Independent, a supporter of some other party, or none of these?”

If respondents indicated “independent” or “none of these,” they were asked:

PID3. “Do you think of yourself as closer to the (Democratic Party) or the (Republican Party)?”

Those who said “closer to the Democratic Party” were combined with those who indicated they considered themselves a “Democrat” in the PID1, and those who said “closer to the Republican Party” were combined with those who indicated they considered themselves a “Republican” in PID1.

If they said “neither party” in the PID3, then they were counted as an independent. Those who gave another party, were also put into a separate “other” category and not included in this analysis since the sample size was too small.

PID1. “Do you consider yourself a (Democrat), a (Republican), an Independent, a supporter of some other party, or none of these?”

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Some other party	None of these	DK/REF
1/17/22	28%	23%	29%	2%	17%	1%
11/9/21	31%	24%	30%	3%	12%	*
9/5/21	30%	23%	31%	3%	12%	1%
6/22/21	31%	23%	30%	3%	13%	1%
4/19/21	30%	23%	30%	3%	13%	1%

Leaned Party Identification (PID1/PID3)

	Democrat /Lean Dem	Republican/Lean Rep	Independent	Other
1/17/22	45%	34%	19%	2%
11/9/21	45%	34%	18%	3%
9/5/21	44%	34%	19%	3%
6/22/21	45%	33%	19%	3%
4/19/21	44%	33%	20%	3%

Survey Methodology

The January Annenberg Science Knowledge (ASK) survey is the fifth wave of data conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS’s Opinion Panel from **January 11 – January 17, 2022**, among a sample of **1,656** respondents in English (**1623**) and Spanish (**33**). The web total respondents were **1,611** and there were **45** telephone respondents. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/- 3.3 percentage

points at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is **1.86**. The panel survey is a follow-up to November 2021, September 2021, June 2021 and April 2021 surveys fielded with the same respondents.

PRIOR WAVE FIELD DATES AND SAMPLE SIZES

11/9/21 Wave 4 fielded November 3 – November 9, 2021 ($n=1,672$)
9/5/21 Wave 3 fielded August 16 – September 5, 2021 ($n=1,669$)
6/22/21 Wave 2 fielded June 9 – June 22, 2021 ($n=1,719$)
4/19/21 Wave 1 fielded March 30 – April 19, 2021 ($n=1,941$)

Notes: Data collection was conducted via web and telephone. Verbiage in this topline reflects web wording. Telephone wording may differ slightly due to interviewer-administered data collection. This topline includes questions that were asked in Wave 5 as well as questions that were asked in previous waves but not asked in Wave 5.

Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100% overall and NET percentages may not exactly match sum of corresponding percentages.

Throughout this topline the abbreviation “DK/REF” stands for a NET of those who answered “Don’t know” or refused to answer via telephone and those who skipped the question (i.e. “Web Blank”) in the web survey. The abbreviation “REF” stands for a NET of those who refused to answer via telephone and those who skipped the question in the web survey. An asterisk () indicates less than 0.5%.*