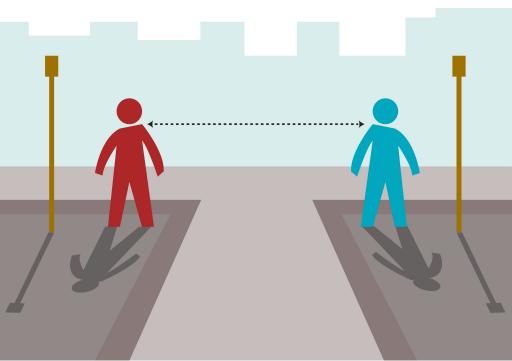
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Communicating in Crisis: Coronavirus





## Key takeaways:

- Only a quarter of Americans say the government should continue its lawsuit to repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- Americans remain most concerned about Trump's early inaction.
- Partisanship largely drives who Americans blame for the crisis.

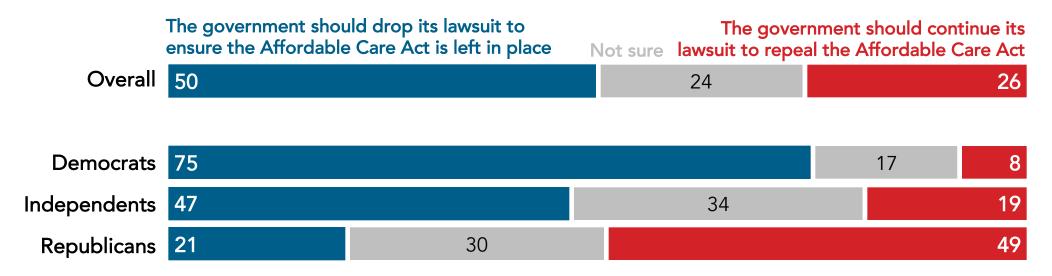


### Few Americans Think ACA Lawsuit Should Continue

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 In a November 2019 <u>Kaiser Family Foundation survey</u>, 71% of Republicans said they would like to see the Supreme Court overturn the Affordable Care Act. Compare that to just 49% of Republicans below who say that today, they want to see the government repeal the ACA.

As you may know, the federal government is continuing to pursue a lawsuit that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, which is also sometimes known as Obamacare. What do you think should happen with this lawsuit?



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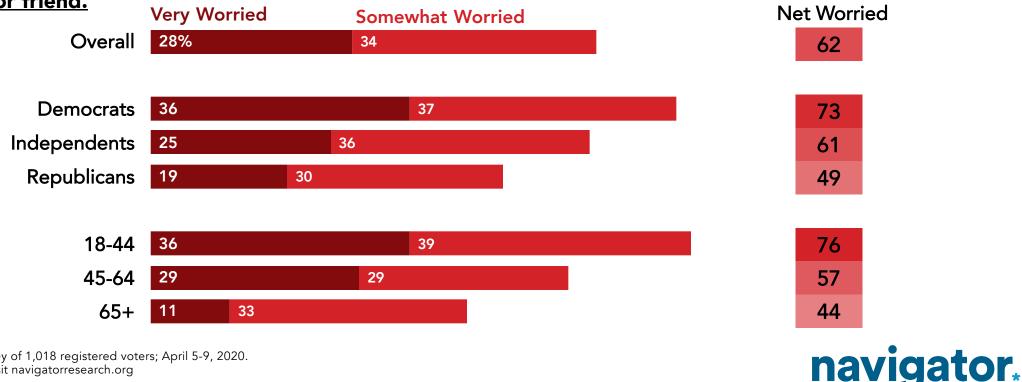


## Mental Health Concerns Vary By Age, Partisanship

While Americans remain more worried about the direct impact of coronavirus, like a family member getting sick (84%) or being unable to visit a sick family member (73%), a majority of Americans are worried about the mental health of a family member or friend in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mental health concerns are particularly acute with younger people, especially women under 55 (75%).

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, please indicate how worried you are about the mental health of a family member or friend.



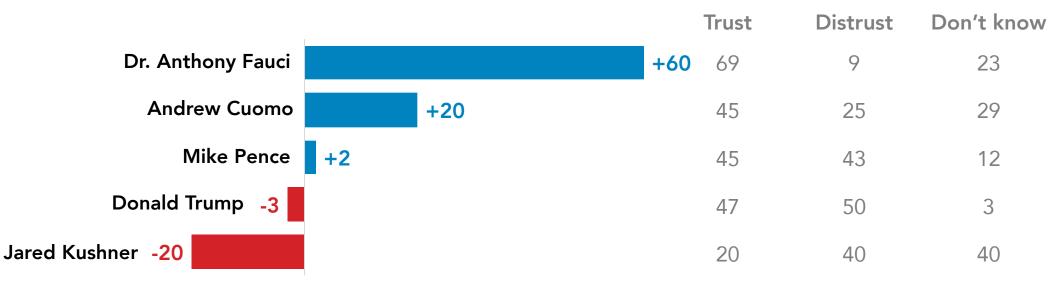
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## **Public Continues to Trust Fauci and Cuomo Most**

Americans continue to trust Dr. Anthony Fauci, a disease expert from the National Institute of Health, and Andrew Cuomo, the Governor of New York, to tell the truth about coronavirus.

- Americans who are "mixed on Trump" trust Dr. Anthony Fauci (+42) and Andrew Cuomo (+20) the most to tell the truth.
- Democrats are the most likely to have an opinion on Jared Kushner (33% not familiar enough to rate), compared to independents (58% not familiar enough to rate) and Republicans (43% not familiar enough to rate).

#### Please indicate how much you trust \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the truth when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic.



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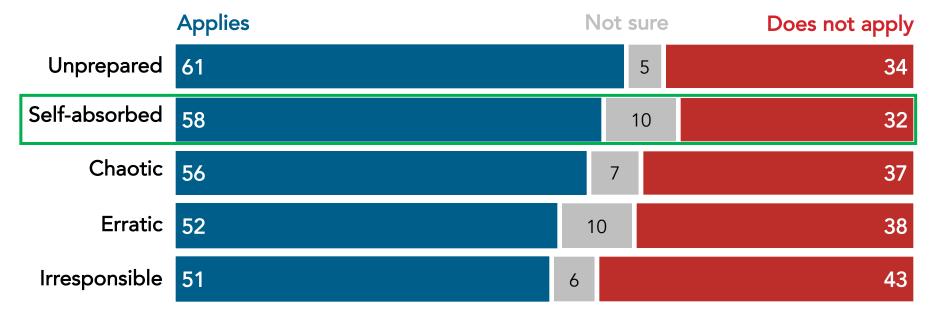
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## Unprepared and Self-Absorbed are Top Descriptors of Trump Response

After adding "self-absorbed" as an option to describe Trump's coronavirus response, it rose near the top, with nearly six in 10 Americans saying it applies.

• A majority of independents (54%) and nearly a third of Republicans (31%) say "self-absorbed" applies to Trump's coronavirus response.

#### Please indicate whether each word does or does not apply to Trump's coronavirus response.



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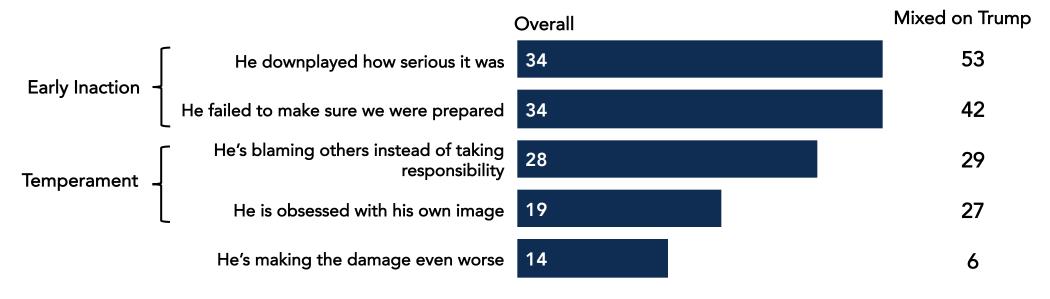


## **Early Inaction is Still Most Concerning**

Items relating to Trump's temperament, like his feuds with others and his self-absorption, are no doubt concerning to Americans, but early inaction is still the focus of their concerns.

• This is especially true with those who hold mixed views on Trump's performance.

Please indicate which two of the following items give you the biggest doubts about the way that Donald Trump has handled the coronavirus pandemic.



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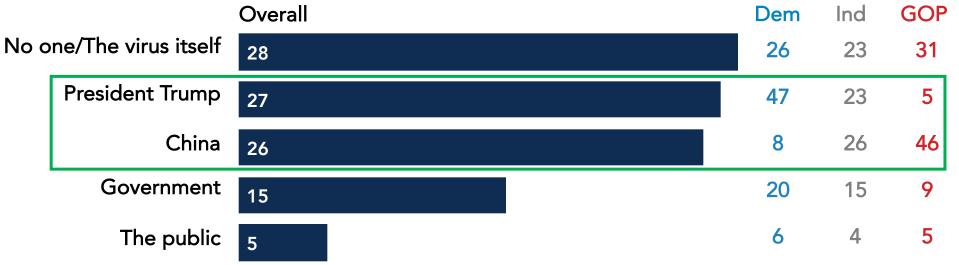


### **Partisanship Drives who Americans Blame for Crisis**

While Americans place equal blame on the virus itself, President Trump, and China, Democrats are most likely to blame President Trump, while Republicans are most likely to blame China.

• 2016 Trump voters are especially likely to blame China for the crisis (50%), while those who are "mixed on Trump" are most likely to blame the virus itself (36%).

The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in significant consequences for the country, with 10 million newly unemployed in just two weeks and estimates of 100,000 to 240,000 Americans who may die as a result. Who do you blame for that?



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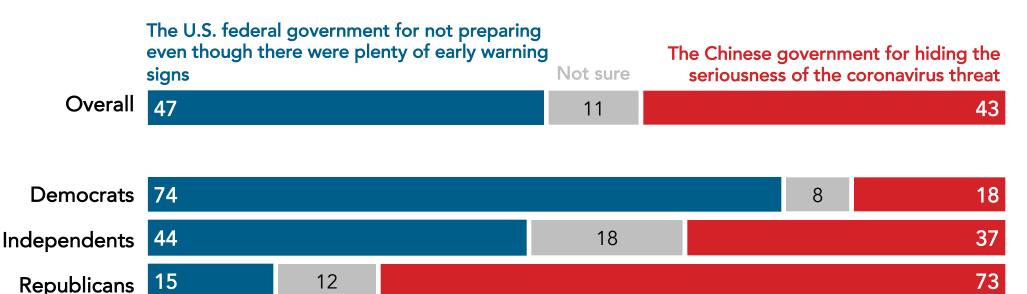
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#### Warning: Trump's "Blame China" Line Has Some Resonance

While the plurality of Americans say the U.S. federal government bears more responsibility than the Chinese government for the virus spreading throughout the country, Trump's blaming of China has gained traction.

• 46% of Americans who are "mixed on Trump" say that the U.S. federal government bears more responsibility, while 36% say that the Chinese government bears more responsibility.

#### Who do you think bears more responsibility for the way coronavirus has spread throughout the country?



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#### About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Andrea Purse, progressive strategist; Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Delvone Michael, Working Families; Felicia Wong, Roosevelt Institute; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

#### About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,018 registered voters conducted April 5-9, 2020. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from multiple opt-in online panel vendors. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.

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