The Marist Poll’s America Now: National Outlook Index (NOI) remains steady at a cautious 6.2 out of a maximum top score of 10. Concerns about the economy and society linger. However, there are signs that views of the economy may be on an upswing. Americans remain relatively satisfied with the state of their health and life in their local communities.

**ECONOMIC**

5.2

Americans are still hesitant in their economic outlook, but certain indicators show signs of optimism. Though concern about the jobs market persists, views have steadily increased since January. Though still tepid, Americans are also more positive than negative about their current and future financial picture. Concern about the consumer market persists.

**HEALTH**

7.0

Americans are consistent in their views of their health and well-being. They consider themselves to be in excellent health and are pleased with their lifestyle. They are also satisfied with their access to health care. Reaching its highest point in the history of the NOI, Americans are more positive than negative about the current risk to their health being low.

**COMMUNITY**

7.2

Americans’ impressions of life in their community bolster the NOI. Residents feel safe in and are satisfied with where they live. In fact, these indicators continue to rank highest of all the NOI items. Though still upbeat, Americans are less likely to think they can have a positive impact in improving their community and that their community’s beliefs and values align with theirs.

**SOCIETY**

5.5

Americans’ views of society and government weaken the NOI. They are more positive than negative that they have access to equal opportunity and that future generations will live a better life. Yet, they lack faith in those in leadership positions to improve the lives of average Americans and perceive society to be unjust. The latter marks the lowest of all NOI items.
**ECONOMIC SUMMARY**

**ECONOMIC OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE**

- This is a good time financially for your household
- You expect the next few months to be better financially for your household
- Jobs right now are easy to find
- This is a good time to make purchases or investments

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**HEALTH SUMMARY**

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- You, yourself, are in excellent health
- You are happy with the life you are living right now
- There is little risk to your health right now
- You are satisfied with your access to health care

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**COMMUNITY SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE**

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- You can have an impact in making your community a better place
- You are satisfied with your community’s values and beliefs
- You feel safe where you live

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**SOCIETY & GOVERNMENT SUMMARY**

**SOCIETY & GOV’T OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE**

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- Your children and grandchildren will have a better life than you
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Nature of the Sample: Marist Poll of 1,309 National Adults
This survey of 1,309 adults was conducted March 22nd through March 25th, 2021 by The Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. Results are statistically significant within ±3.4 percentage points. There are 1,167 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.6 percentage points. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

The Marist Poll America Now: National Outlook Index is reported on a 0 to 10 scale. A mean score for each sub-index statement was calculated. Overall economic, health, community, and society & government indices are derived by calculating an overall mean based on responses to the four sub-index questions in each category. The overall Marist Poll: America Now National Outlook Index is derived by calculating an overall mean based on responses to all sixteen sub-index questions.

Respondents were asked: Please let me know how much you agree or disagree with each of the following:

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