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**NH DIVIDED ON TRUMP'S, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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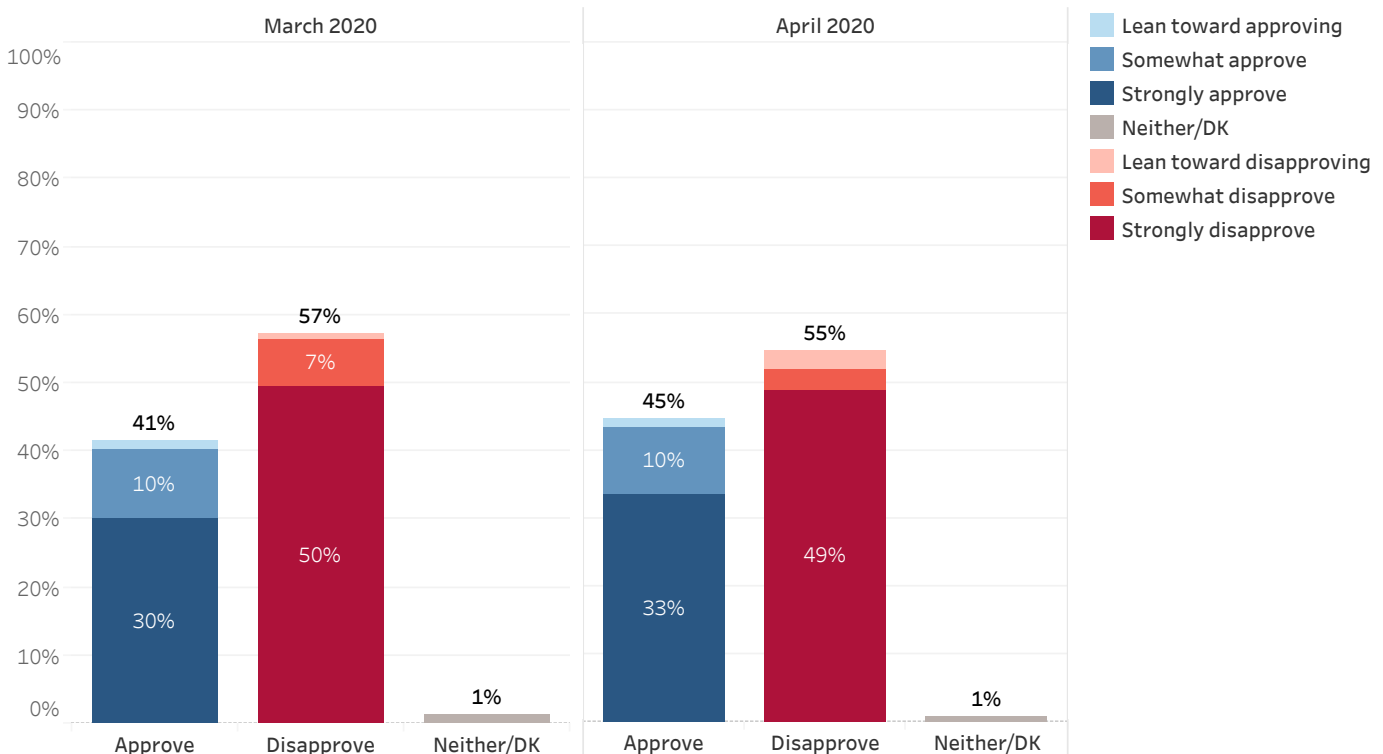
DURHAM, NH - As the country continues to deal with the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, a majority of New Hampshire residents disapprove of how President Donald Trump is handling the crisis. Granite Staters are divided in their confidence in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the situation largely along partisan lines. Three in four New Hampshire residents are very or somewhat worried that they or a member of their immediate family might catch coronavirus.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Panel\*** survey, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. One thousand and one hundred fifty-five (1,155) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between April 16 and April 20, 2020. Data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as party registration levels provided by the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The Granite State Panel is part of an effort by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to investigate new ways of gathering and understanding the opinion of New Hampshire residents. Granite State Panel members are recruited from randomly-selected landline and cell phone numbers across New Hampshire and surveys are sent periodically to panel members.

**Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation by President Trump**

A majority of New Hampshire residents (55%) disapprove of President Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, with most of them strongly disapproving. Forty-five percent approve of Trump's handling of the situation while 1% neither agree nor disagree or don't know. Approval of Trump's handling of the coronavirus situation is largely unchanged since March.

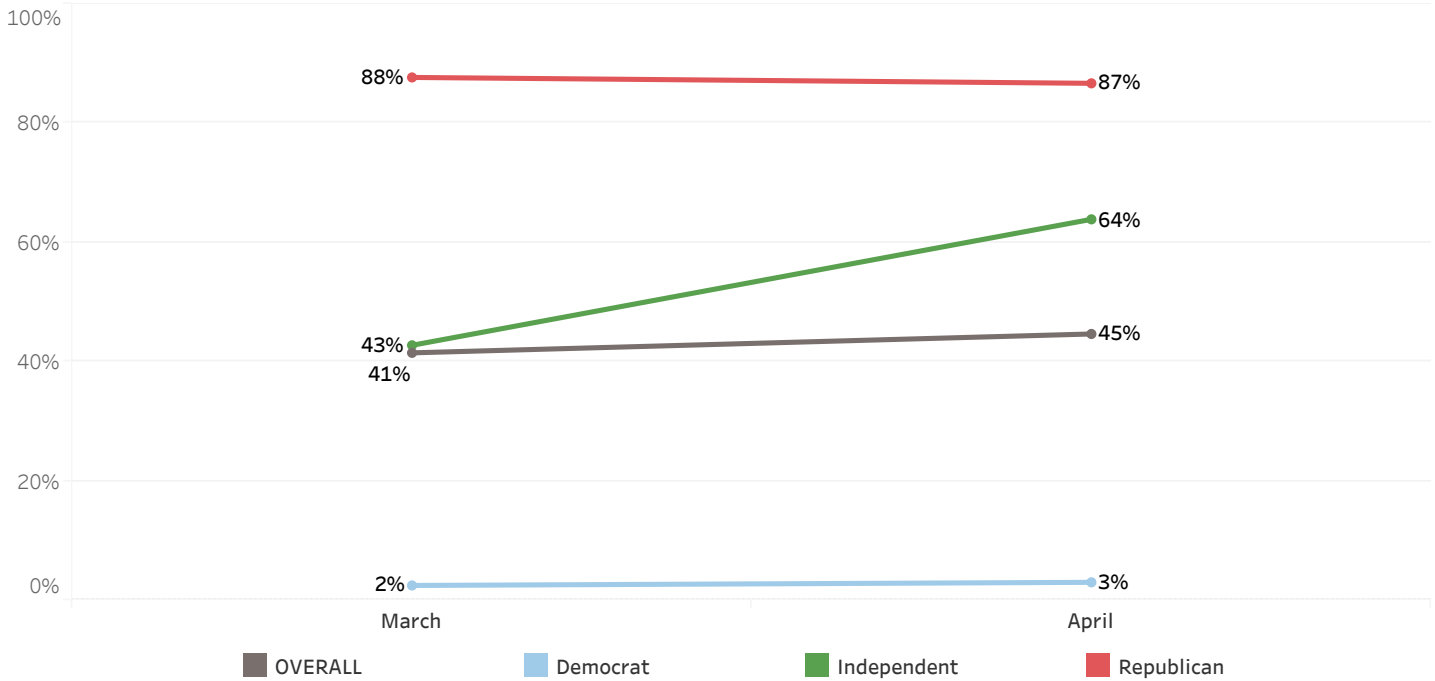
**Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation**



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Granite Staters continue to be sharply divided by party in their assessment of how well Trump is handling the situation; Nearly all Republicans (87%) and two-thirds of Independents (64%) approve, but only 3% of Democrats do. A majority of Independents (64%) now approve of Trump's handling of the situation, up from 43% in March.

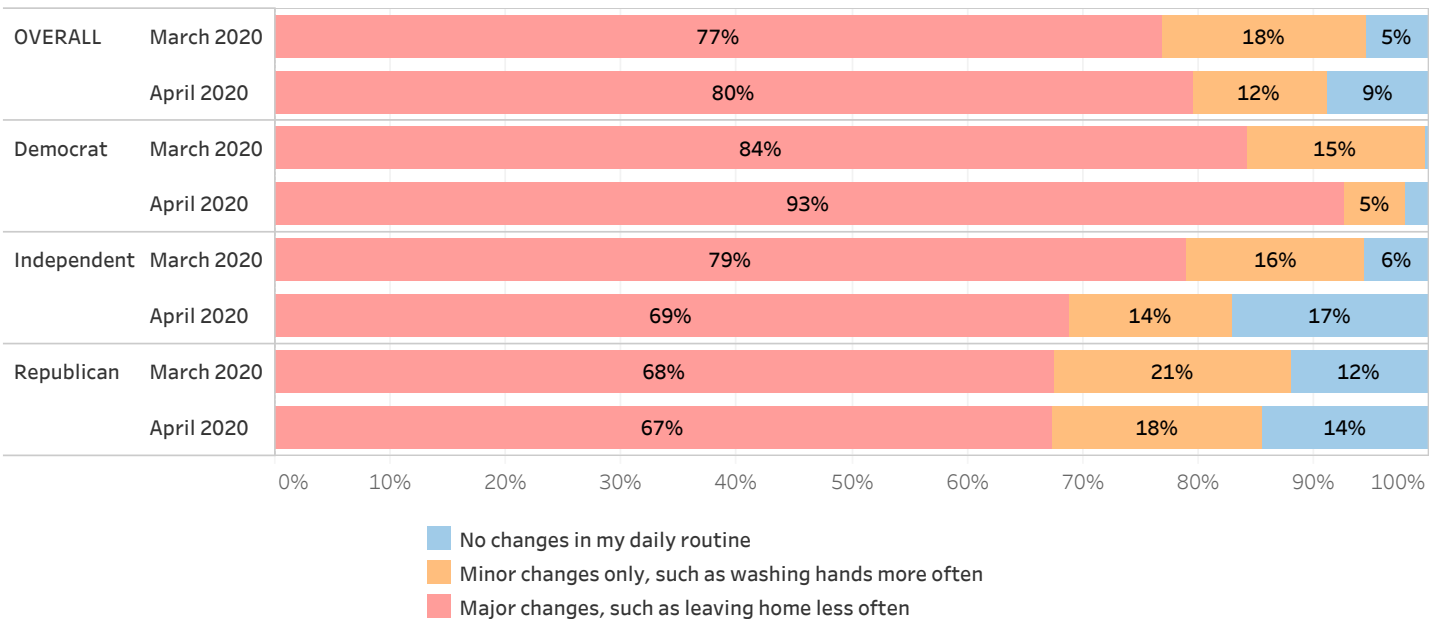
### Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation - By Party Identification



### Effect of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Daily Life

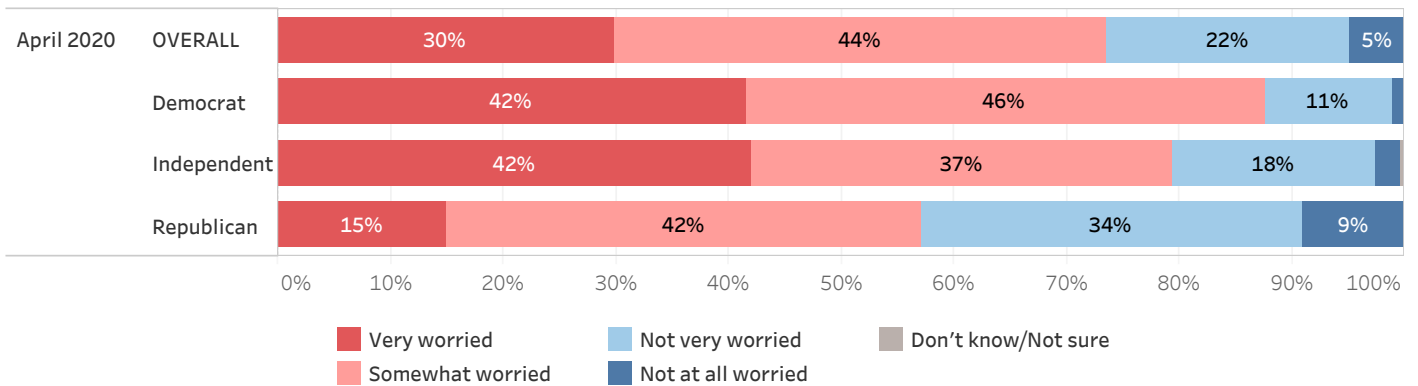
Four in five Granite Staters (80%) say they have made major changes to their daily routine because of coronavirus, 12% have made minor changes, and 9% have not made any changes. These numbers are largely unchanged since March. Democrats (93%) are more likely to say they have made major changes in their daily routine than Independents (69%) or Republicans (67%).

### Changed Daily Routine In Any Way Because of Coronavirus



Roughly three-quarters (74%) of New Hampshire residents are very (30%) or somewhat (44%) worried that they or someone in their immediate family will catch coronavirus. Democrats (88%) and Independents (79%) are much more likely than Republicans (57%) to be very or somewhat worried that they or a family member will catch coronavirus.

### How Worried Are You That You Or Immediate Family Member Might Catch Coronavirus

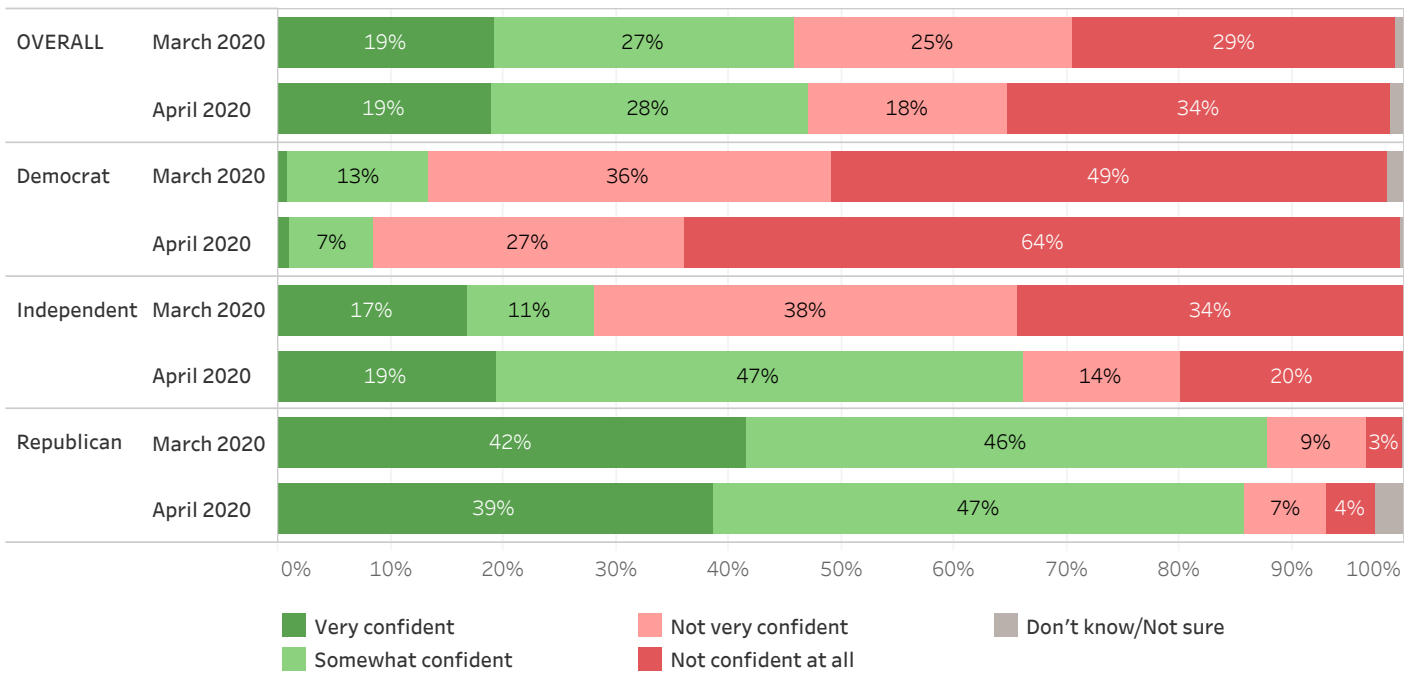


### Federal Government Response To Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Nearly half of Granite Staters (47%) are very (19%) or somewhat (28%) confident in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the coronavirus outbreak, while 52% are not very confident (18%) or not confident at all (34%). These numbers are relatively unchanged since March.

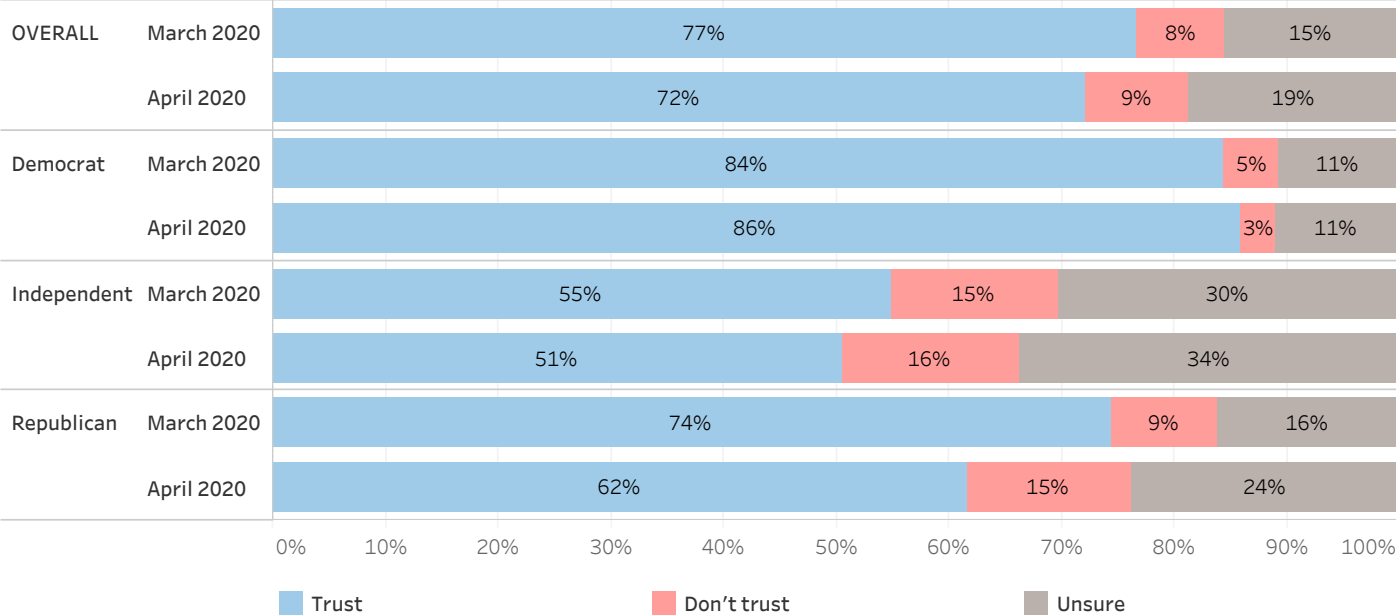
Majorities of Republicans (86%) and Independents (66%) are very or somewhat confident in the federal government's ability to respond effectively while nearly all Democrats (91%) are not very or not at all confident. The percentage of Independents who are very or somewhat confident has increased from 28% in March to 66% in April.

### Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak



Nearly three in four New Hampshire residents (72%) trust science agencies such as the CDC as a source of information about the coronavirus, 9% don't trust them, and 19% are unsure. These numbers are largely unchanged since March. Democrats (86%) are more likely to trust these agencies than Republicans (62%) and Independents (51%). The percentage of Republicans who trust science agencies as a source of information about coronavirus (62%) has decreased since March (74%).

**Trust Science Agencies Such As CDC About Information on Coronavirus**



## Granite State Panel Methodology

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For each survey which they complete, panel members are entered into quarterly drawings to earn rewards, such as gift certificates from statewide and internet companies. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions.

For more information about the methodology used in the Granite State Panel, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at [andrew.smith@unh.edu](mailto:andrew.smith@unh.edu).

### Granite State Panel, April 2020 Demographics

		N	%
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	313	28%
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	475	43%
	Registered Republican	328	29%
Party ID	Democrat	543	47%
	Independent	101	9%
	Republican	500	44%
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	306	27%
	35 to 49	242	21%
	50 to 64	361	32%
	65 and older	234	21%
Gender of Respondent	Female	576	51%
	Male	555	49%
Level of Education	High school or less	414	36%
	Technical school/Some college	355	31%
	College graduate	238	21%
	Postgraduate work	145	13%
Region of State	Central / Lakes	201	18%
	Connecticut Valley	167	15%
	Manchester Area	264	23%
	Mass Border	232	20%
	North Country	94	8%
	Seacoast	191	17%

### Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	41%	57%	1%	645
April 2020	45%	55%	1%	1,154

### Effect of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Daily Life

Have you changed your daily routine in any way specifically because of the coronavirus?

	<u>Major changes, such as leaving home less often</u>	<u>Minor changes only, such as washing hands more often</u>	<u>No changes in my daily routine</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	77%	18%	5%	649
April 2020	80%	12%	9%	1,154

How worried are you that you or someone in your immediate family might catch coronavirus?

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not very worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
April 2020	30%	44%	22%	5%	0%	1,155

### Federal Government Response To Coronavirus (COVID-19)

How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the current outbreak of coronavirus in the United States?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not very confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	19%	27%	25%	29%	1%	649
April 2020	19%	28%	18%	34%	1%	1,155

As a source of information about the coronavirus, would you say that you trust, don't trust, or are unsure about science agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that study infectious diseases?

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Don't trust</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	77%	8%	15%	649
April 2020	72%	9%	19%	1,154

### Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus Crisis

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE		45%	55%	1%	1,154
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	6%	94%	1%	313
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	40%	59%	1%	475
	Registered Republican	87%	13%		327
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	3%	96%	1%	543
	Independent	64%	33%	4%	101
	Republican	87%	13%	0%	499
<b>Ideology</b>	Liberal	7%	92%	1%	539
	Moderate	45%	52%	3%	77
	Conservative	85%	15%	0%	499
<b>Media Usage</b>	Listen to Conserv. Radio	87%	13%	0%	325
	Listen to NHPR	49%	50%	1%	995
	Read Boston Globe	7%	91%	2%	78
	Read Union Leader	33%	66%	1%	175
	Watch WMUR	45%	54%	1%	835
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	41%	58%	1%	306
	35 to 49	50%	50%	0%	242
	50 to 64	49%	51%	1%	361
	65 and older	37%	62%	1%	234
<b>Gun Owner in Household</b>	Gun Owner	55%	44%	1%	449
	Not Gun Owner	32%	68%	0%	615
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Female	38%	61%	1%	575
	Male	50%	50%	1%	555
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	64%	36%		414
	Technical school/Some college	41%	58%	1%	355
	College graduate	32%	66%	2%	238
	Postgraduate work	20%	80%	1%	144
<b>Region of State</b>	Central / Lakes	53%	45%	1%	201
	Connecticut Valley	50%	50%	1%	167
	Manchester Area	47%	52%	1%	264
	Mass Border	42%	57%	0%	232
	North Country	51%	48%	1%	94
	Seacoast	27%	72%	1%	191
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>	10 years or less	50%	49%	1%	100
	11 to 20 years	37%	63%		241
	20 or more years	46%	53%	1%	807

### Changed Daily Routine In Any Way Because of Coronavirus

		<u>Major changes, such as leaving home less often</u>	<u>Minor changes only, such as washing hands more often</u>	<u>No changes in my daily routine</u>	<b>N</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>		80%	12%	9%	1,154
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	93%	3%	4%	312
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	78%	14%	8%	475
	Registered Republican	72%	16%	12%	328
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	93%	5%	2%	542
	Independent	69%	14%	17%	101
	Republican	67%	18%	14%	500
<b>Ideology</b>	Liberal	89%	8%	2%	538
	Moderate	62%	18%	19%	77
	Conservative	71%	14%	15%	499
<b>Media Usage</b>	Listen to Conserv. Radio	72%	14%	15%	325
	Listen to NHPR	78%	12%	10%	995
	Read Boston Globe	97%	3%		77
	Read Union Leader	76%	9%	16%	175
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<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	67%	12%	21%	306
	35 to 49	85%	9%	6%	242
	50 to 64	82%	15%	2%	360
	65 and older	86%	7%	7%	234
<b>Gun Owner in Household</b>	Gun Owner	76%	15%	9%	450
	Not Gun Owner	86%	9%	5%	614
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Female	89%	4%	7%	575
	Male	72%	17%	11%	555
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	70%	15%	15%	414
	Technical school/Some college	83%	10%	7%	354
	College graduate	85%	11%	4%	238
	Postgraduate work	90%	7%	3%	145
<b>Region of State</b>	Central / Lakes	79%	12%	9%	201
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<b>Years Lived in NH</b>	10 years or less	78%	13%	9%	100
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## Level of Worry That Themselves Or Family Member Might Catch Coronavirus

		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not very worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
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<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	38%	48%	12%	2%		313
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	33%	37%	24%	6%	0%	475
	Registered Republican	16%	51%	27%	6%	0%	328
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	42%	46%	11%	1%		543
	Independent	42%	37%	18%	2%	0%	101
	Republican	15%	42%	34%	9%	0%	500
<b>Ideology</b>	Liberal	42%	46%	11%	1%		539
	Moderate	40%	34%	21%	5%	0%	77
	Conservative	13%	44%	34%	9%	0%	499
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	Not Gun Owner	29%	45%	23%	3%	0%	615
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Female	39%	42%	16%	3%		576
	Male	19%	46%	29%	6%	0%	555
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### Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak

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<b>STATEWIDE</b>		19%	28%	18%	34%	1%	1,155
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	4%	9%	31%	56%	0%	313
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	11%	34%	16%	38%	0%	475
	Registered Republican	47%	35%	8%	8%	2%	328
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	1%	7%	27%	64%	0%	543
	Independent	19%	47%	14%	20%		101
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