

New Zealand Pew Survey 'Spring 2021' Covid-related Results

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Abstract

NZ results relating to Covid of a 'Spring' Pew Research center survey are presented. NZers tend to be strong supporters of NZ's handling of the Covid outbreak.

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In a series of reports and accompanying data displays the Pew Research Center [<https://www.pewresearch.org/>] interestingly released the results of a survey of x countries, which for the first time included NZ. The 'sample' of countries in this study is relatively small (n=17). Some results stretching back several years from other survey rounds – and including more countries - are also included (see Appendix). 'Spring' is the Northern Hemisphere Spring. In addition, the respondent level results will be released in perhaps a year's time allowing further analyses. It may be of local import to bring the NZ results to NZ attention.

Countries covered are United States, Canada, Belgium , France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan – 2 North American, 9 European, 2 Antipodean and 4 Asian.

The information is focused on some important issues relating to NZ (and other) societies and includes results relating to

- Covid
- Diversity
- Climate.

This research note concentrates on covid only. Questions asked are:

- Q6b. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people
- Q7c. Would you say that each of the following has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak? c. (survey public)

- Q8 As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own life changed... a great deal a fair amount, not too much not at all?
- Q9. Thinking about (survey public) as a whole, do you think this country is now More united More divided than before the coronavirus outbreak?
- Q10 Thinking about restrictions on public activity in (survey public) over the course of the coronavirus outbreak, do you think there should have been More restrictions; Fewer restrictions or The restrictions were about right
- (Survey public)'s economy is... Recovering from the effects of the coronavirus outbreak in ways that show the strengths of its economic system
- Q12. How much confidence do you have in the healthcare system in (survey public) to handle a future global health emergency that might occur
- Q29. Thinking about the economic consequences of the coronavirus outbreak, have the European Union's economic relief efforts gone too far, not gone far enough or been about right? (Included in Appendix).

A very careful methodology is deployed across countries with NZ details in the table.

	New Zealand pew methods
Year:	2021
Survey:	Global Attitudes Survey
Sample design:	List-assisted Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of landline households (30% of sample) stratified by region and RDD probability sample of cell phone users (70% of sample). Individuals within landline households are selected using the youngest adult male or female method. Interviews in the cell sample are conducted with the person who answered the phone, if age 18 or older. For both landline and cell samples, up to seven phone calls are made to complete the interview with the selected respondent.
Mode:	Telephone
Language:	English
Fieldwork dates:	March 15 - April 30, 2021
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of error:	3.7
Representative:	Adult population 18 plus (excluding residents of Chatham Islands)
Primary vendor:	Gallup
Weighting variables:	Gender, age, education, region, urbanity and probability of selection of respondent
Design effects:	1.46

NZers (although eclipsed by Swedes) accord their government particularly high score for respect of personal freedoms (82%). (NZers are more skeptical that the US Government observes similar respect for US citizens). NZers (closely followed by Singaporeans) ALSO ACCORD the government as 'very good' (74%) in its dealing with the Covid outbreak. Although similar to Taiwan few NZers see the Covid outbreak as having changed their life a great deal (12%). Although not so high as

Singaporeans nevertheless a very high proportion of NZers (75%) think NZ is more united rather than more divided compared to before the outbreak. Few NZers wanted ore restrictions (11%). A high proportion of NZers (69%) see its recovery as showing the strengths of its economic system. Moreover, there is considerable confidence of NZers that their health system is able to handle a future global health emergency. On all of the items, NZ is at the ‘good’ extreme, although not always the most satisfied country response pattern.

Tables: Pew survey results ‘spring’ 2021

Q6c. Do you think the government of _____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so?	Yes	No	DK/R	Total
United States	63	35	1	100
Canada	75	24	1	100
Belgium	60	39	0	100
France	58	41	1	100
Germany	69	30	1	100
Greece	51	49	1	100
Italy	62	38	0	100
Netherlands	73	26	0	100
Spain	60	38	1	100
Sweden	84	16	0	100
United Kingdom	68	32	0	100
Australia	72	27	1	100
Japan	57	39	4	100
New Zealand	82	17	1	100
Singapore	75	23	1	100
South Korea	67	32	1	100

Q7c. Would you say that each of the following has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak? c. (survey public) Spring, 2021	Very good	Somew hat good	Some what bad	Very bad	DK/R	Total
United States	7	35	33	25	1	100
Canada	14	51	20	14	0	100
Belgium	7	43	32	18	0	100
France	5	42	31	22	0	100
Germany	11	40	30	19	1	100
Greece	19	41	21	19	0	100
Italy	13	46	21	20	0	100
Netherlands	10	48	27	14	0	100
Spain	10	34	25	30	1	100
Sweden	14	53	25	8	0	100
United Kingdom	25	39	21	15	0	100
Australia	61	31	6	2	0	100
Japan	4	31	47	17	1	100
New Zealand	74	22	3	1	0	100
Singapore	71	26	2	1	0	100
South Korea	23	47	21	9	1	100
Taiwan	49	43	6	2	1	100

Q8 As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own life changed	. a great deal	a fair amount,	not too much	not at all	DK/R	
United States	27	46	25	2	0	100
Canada	39	31	25	6	0	100
Belgium	28	34	30	8	0	100
France	35	26	21	18	0	100
Germany	28	29	31	12	0	100
Greece	44	40	12	4	0	100
Italy	34	40	18	8	0	100
Netherlands	22	36	31	11	0	100
Spain	27	45	22	6	0	100
Sweden	39	35	22	4	0	100
United Kingdom	34	31	25	9	0	100
Australia	16	22	43	19	0	100
New Zealand	12	21	45	22	0	100
Singapore	27	36	31	6	0	100
South Korea	52	35	10	2	0	100
Taiwan	13	46	27	14	0	100
Q9. Thinking about (survey public) as a whole, do you think this country is now.. than before the coronavirus outbreak?	More united		More divided		Dk/R	
United States	10	88	2	100		
Canada	36	61	3	100		
Belgium	30	66	4	100		
France	29	68	3	100		
Germany	18	77	5	100		
Greece	34	61	5	100		
Italy	34	63	3	100		
Netherlands	15	83	2	100		
Spain	21	77	1	100		
Sweden	43	53	3	100		
United Kingdom	42	54	4	100		
Australia	59	39	3	100		
Japan	29	59	12	100		
New Zealand	75	23	3	100		
Singapore	86	12	2	100		
South Korea	34	61	4	100		
Taiwan	68	20	12	100		

Q10 Thinking about restrictions on public activity in (survey public) over the course of the coronavirus outbreak, do you think there should have been...	More restrictions	Fewer restrictions	The restrictions were about right		
United States	56	26	17	1	100
Canada	53	18	27	2	100
Belgium	34	23	41	1	100
France	40	24	34	3	100
Germany	37	26	34	2	100
Greece	25	43	29	3	100
Italy	32	21	46	1	100
Netherlands	30	23	46	0	100
Spain	46	13	40	1	100
Sweden	43	6	51	0	100
United Kingdom	50	11	37	1	100
Australia	14	17	68	1	100
Japan	62	8	25	4	100
New Zealand	11	10	80	0	100
Singapore	21	22	57	0	100
South Korea	39	15	46	1	100
Taiwan	15	4	78	2	100

(Survey public)'s economy is...	Recovering from the effects of the coronavirus outbreak in ways that show the strengths of its economic system	Failing to recover from the effects of the coronavirus outbreak in ways that show the weaknesses of its economic system	DK/R	Total
United States	37	62	2	100
Canada	45	50	4	100
Belgium	37	58	5	100
France	25	71	4	100
Germany	46	47	6	100
Greece	27	72	1	100
Italy	24	74	2	100
Netherlands	64	34	2	100
Spain	19	80	1	100
Sweden	76	22	3	100
United Kingdom	51	43	7	100
Australia	75	24	2	100
Japan	18	77	4	100
New Zealand	69	29	1	100
Singapore	77	22	1	100
South Korea	55	43	3	100
Taiwan	58	36	7	100–

Q12. How much confidence do you have in the healthcare system in (survey public) to handle a future global health emergency that might occur Spring, 2021	a great deal of confidence	some confidence	not too much confidence	None at all	Dk/r	Total
United States	11	44	36	9	0	100
Canada	22	53	15	9	0	100
Belgium	23	49	20	9	0	100
France	17	46	21	15	0	100
Germany	38	37	15	9	1	100
Greece	23	35	23	19	0	100
Italy	20	47	28	5	0	100
Netherlands	24	51	18	7	1	100
Spain	41	36	18	5	0	100
Sweden	33	50	12	4	0	100
United Kingdom	39	44	12	5	1	100
Australia	40	46	10	4	0	100
Japan	6	56	32	6	0	100
New Zealand	28	50	16	5	0	100
Singapore	60	33	6	1	0	100
South Korea	26	53	17	3	0	100
Taiwan	39	49	10	1	1	100

Appendix: Time Series

Q6b. Do you think the government of US respect the personal freedoms of its people	Yes, respects personal freedom	No, does not respect	Dk/r	Total
Canada 2021	60	37	2	100
Spring, 2018	38	59	4	100
Spring, 2017	45	49	6	100

Spring, 2016	57	37	6	100
Spring, 2015	54	39	7	100
Spring, 2013	75	20	5	100
Belgium Spring, 2021	50	45	5	100
France Spring, 2021	61	35	4	100
Spring, 2018	40	57	3	100
Spring, 2017	49	49	1	100
Spring, 2016	44	51	4	100
Spring, 2015	52	47	0	100
Spring, 2014	69	30	0	100
Spring, 2013	80	20	0	100
Spring, 2008	65	35	0	100
Germany Spring, 2021	62	31	7	100
Spring, 2018	35	60	5	100
Spring, 2017	50	45	5	100
Spring, 2016	53	42	5	100
Spring, 2015	43	53	4	100
Spring, 2014	58	38	4	100
Spring, 2013	81	16	3	100
Spring, 2008	70	26	4	100
Greece Spring, 2021	53	43	4	100
Spring, 2018	44	51	4	100
Spring, 2017	46	48	6	100
Spring, 2016	48	46	6	100
Spring, 2014	43	53	4	100
Spring, 2013	58	36	5	100
Italy Spring, 2021	64	33	3	100
Spring, 2018	53	31	16	100
Spring, 2017	65	25	11	100
Spring, 2016	75	17	8	100
Spring, 2015	71	22	7	100
Spring, 2014	75	18	7	100
Spring, 2013	82	11	8	100
Netherlands Spring, 2021	57	41	3	100
Spring, 2018	38	59	4	100
Spring, 2017	55	42	3	100
Spring, 2016	54	41	5	100
2021	60	37	2	100
Spain Spring, 2021	60	37	2	100
Spring, 2018	31	66	2	100
Spring, 2017	38	55	7	100
Spring, 2016	48	43	9	100
Spring, 2015	50	46	5	100
Spring, 2014	57	37	6	100
Spring, 2013	69	26	5	100
Spring, 2008	49	40	11	100
Sweden Spring, 2021	61	37	2	100
Spring, 2018	36	60	4	100
Spring, 2017	43	52	5	100
Spring, 2016	47	51	2	100
United Kingdom Spring, 2021	58	37	5	100
Spring, 2018	43	52	5	100
Spring, 2017	53	40	7	100
Spring, 2016	56	36	8	100
Spring, 2015	57	35	8	100
Spring, 2014	65	28	7	100
Spring, 2013	75	18	7	100
Spring, 2008	69	24	7	100
Australia Spring, 2021	50	48	2	100
Spring, 2018	45	51	5	100
Spring, 2017	54	42	4	100
Spring, 2016	59	36	6	100
Spring, 2015	58	34	7	100

Spring, 2013	79	16	6	100
Spring, 2008	72	23	5	100
Japan Spring, 2021	59	31	10	100
Spring, 2018	66	28	6	100
Spring, 2017	69	24	6	100
Spring, 2016	76	17	7	100
Spring, 2015	76	17	7	100
Spring, 2014	84	10	6	100
Spring, 2013	85	9	6	100
Spring, 2008	80	17	3	100
New Zealand Spring, 2021	49	48	3	100
Singapore Spring, 2021	58	39	3	100
Spain Spring, 2021	76	22	2	100
Spain Spring, 2021	60	37	2	100
Spring, 2018	31	66	2	100
Spring, 2017	38	55	7	100
Spring, 2016	48	43	9	100
Spring, 2015	50	46	5	100
Spring, 2014	57	37	6	100
Spring, 2013	69	26	5	100
Spring, 2008	49	40	11	100
Sweden Spring, 2021	61	37	2	100
Spring, 2018	36	60	4	100
Spring, 2017	43	52	5	100
Spring, 2016	47	51	2	100
United Kingdom Spring, 2021	58	37	5	100
Spring, 2018	43	52	5	100
Spring, 2017	53	40	7	100
Spring, 2016	56	36	8	100
Spring, 2015	57	35	8	100
Spring, 2014	65	28	7	100
Spring, 2013	75	18	7	100
Spring, 2008	69	24	7	100
Australia Spring, 2021	50	48	2	100
Spring, 2018	45	51	5	100
Spring, 2017	54	42	4	100
Spring, 2016	59	36	6	100
Spring, 2015	58	34	7	100
Spring, 2013	79	16	6	100
Spring, 2008	72	23	5	100
Japan Spring, 2021	59	31	10	100
Spring, 2018	66	28	6	100
Spring, 2017	69	24	6	100
Spring, 2016	76	17	7	100
Spring, 2015	76	17	7	100
Spring, 2014	84	10	6	100
Spring, 2013	85	9	6	100
Spring, 2008	80	17	3	100
New Zealand Spring, 2021	49	48	3	100
Singapore Spring, 2021	58	39	3	100
Spain Spring, 2021	76	22	2	100
South Korea Spring, 2021	76	22	2	100
Spring, 2018	85	13	1	100
Spring, 2017	84	13	3	100
Spring, 2015	83	15	2	100
Spring, 2014	91	6	3	100
Spring, 2013	90	6	3	100
Spring, 2008	94	5	1	100
Taiwan Spring, 2021	74	17	8	100

Q7c. Would you say that each of the following has done a very good, somewhat good,	Very Good	Somewh at Good	Somew hat bad	Very bad	DK/R	Tot
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somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak? c						
United States Spring, 2021	7	35	33	25	1	100
Fall, 2020	14	27	18	40	1	100
Summer, 2020	14	33	21	31	0	100
Canada Spring, 2021	14	51	20	14	0	100
Summer, 2020	35	53	8	3	0	100
Belgium Spring, 2021	7	43	32	18	0	100
Summer, 2020	12	49	26	13	0	100
France Spring, 2021	5	42	31	22	0	100
Fall, 2020	8	46	31	15	0	100
Summer, 2020	6	53	26	15	0	100
Germany Spring, 2021	11	40	30	19	1	100
Fall, 2020	20	57	15	8	1	100
Summer, 2020	38	50	9	3	1	100
Greece Spring, 2021	19	41	21	19	0	100
Italy Spring, 2021	13	46	21	20	0	100
Summer, 2020	18	56	14	11	0	100
Netherlands Spring, 2021	10	48	27	14	0	100
Summer, 2020	34	53	10	3	0	100
Spain Spring, 2021	10	34	25	30	1	100
Summer, 2020	16	38	21	26	0	100
Sweden Spring, 2021	14	53	25	8	0	100
Summer, 2020	18	53	18	11	1	100
United Kingdom Spring, 2021	25	39	21	15	0	100
Fall, 2020	10	38	26	25	1	100
Summer, 2020	11	35	30	24	0	100
Australia Spring, 2021	61	31	6	2	0	100
Summer, 2020	53	41	5	1	0	100
Japan Spring, 2021	4	31	47	17	1	100
Summer, 2020	5	50	37	6	2	100
New Zealand Spring, 2021	74	22	3	1	0	100
Singapore Spring, 2021	71	26	2	1	0	100
South Korea Spring, 2021	23	47	21	9	1	100
Summer, 2020	40	46	10	4	0	100
Taiwan Spring, 2021	49	43	6	2	1	100

Q8 As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, has your own life changed	. a great deal	a fair amount,	not too much	not at all	DK/R	Total
United States Spring, 2021	27	46	25	2	0	100
United States Fall, 2020	44	30	18	9	0	100
Summer, 2020	37	30	23	9	0	100
Canada Spring, 2021	39	31	25	6	0	100
Summer, 2020	28	36	31	6	0	100
Belgium Spring, 2021	28	34	30	8	0	100
Summer, 2020	19	29	37	14	0	100
France Spring, 2021	35	26	21	18	0	100
Fall, 2020	34	33	19	15	0	100
Summer, 2020	17	29	31	22	0	100
Germany Spring, 2021	28	29	31	12	0	100
Fall, 2020	21	26	37	15	0	100
Summer, 2020	16	23	43	18	0	100
Greece Spring, 2021	44	40	12	4	0	100
Italy Spring, 2021	34	40	18	8	0	100
Summer, 2020	19	37	30	14	0	100
Netherlands Spring, 2021	22	36	31	11	0	100
Summer, 2020	11	35	44	10	0	100
Spain Spring, 2021	27	45	22	6	0	100
Summer, 2020	20	40	29	11	0	100
Sweden Spring, 2021	39	35	22	4	0	100
Summer, 2020	32	39	21	8	0	100
United Kingdom Spring, 2021	34	31	25	9	0	100

Fall, 2020	39	31	24	6	0	100
Summer, 2020	32	34	27	6	0	100
Australia Spring, 2021	16	22	43	19	0	100
Summer, 2020	16	32	43	10	0	100
Japan Spring, 2021	21	48	24	6	0	100
Summer, 2020	16	49	26	9	0	100
New Zealand Spring, 2021	12	21	45	22	0	100
Singapore Spring, 2021	27	36	31	6	0	100
South Korea Spring, 2021	52	35	10	2	0	100
Summer, 2020	45	36	15	4	0	100
Taiwan Spring, 2021	13	46	27	14	0	100
United States Fall, 2020	44	30	18	9	0	100
Summer, 2020	37	30	23	9	0	100

Q9. Thinking about (survey public) as a whole, do you think this country is now.. than before the coronavirus outbreak?	More united	More divided	Dk/R	Total
United States	10	88	2	100
Canada	36	61	3	100
Summer, 2020	66	29	5	100
Belgium	30	66	4	100
Summer, 2020	40	55	5	100
France	29	68	3	100
Summer, 2020	39	49	12	100
Germany	18	77	5	100
Summer, 2020	39	54	7	100
Greece	34	61	5	100
Italy	34	63	3	100
Summer, 2020	45	54	2	100
Netherlands	15	83	2	100
Summer, 2020	44	53	3	100
Spain	21	77	1	100
Summer, 2020	39	59	2	100
Sweden	43	53	3	100
Summer, 2020	58	36	6	100
United Kingdom	42	54	4	100
Summer, 2020	46	46	8	100
Australia	59	39	3	100
Summer, 2020	54	40	6	100
Japan	29	59	12	100
Summer, 2020	47	27	26	100
New Zealand	75	23	3	100
Singapore	86	12	2	100
South Korea	34	61	4	100
Summer, 2020	56	36	8	100
Taiwan	68	20	12	100

Q29. Thinking about the economic consequences of the [insert local term for coronavirus outbreak], have the European Union's economic relief efforts gone too far, not gone far enough or been about right?	Gone too far	Not gone far enough	Been about right	Dk/R	Total
Belgium Spring, 2021	10	43	45	2	100
France Spring, 2021	5	42	50	3	100
Germany Spring, 2021	15	38	43	4	100
Greece Spring, 2021	3	60	36	1	100
Italy Spring, 2021	1	38	60	1	100
Netherlands Spring, 2021	7	30	60	3	100

Spain Spring, 2021	3	51	44	2	100
Sweden Spring, 2021	8	23	65	4	100