

**Voices for National Service Web
N=1,000 Nationwide (Age 18-24 Adults)
Topline Results
April 15-19, 2021**

QECONOMY. Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, how concerned are you about the job market and your ability to find a good job?

Very concerned	34%
Somewhat concerned	46
Not very concerned	14
Not at all concerned	6

COLLAPSED CODES:

Very/Somewhat	80%
Not very/Not at all	20

Next we are going to refer to some programs and ways for people to be involved in their community, serve their neighbors, and make a difference.

First, please indicate if you think the following actions are an effective way to make an impact on the issues you care most about.

	Very effective way	Smwt effective way	Not an effective way	COLLAPSED Total Effective
<i>Ranked by % Very effective way</i>				
QIMPACT1. Direct service, working with a local nonprofit organization to tackle a community challenge that you care about.	50%	39	11	89%
QIMPACT4. Going to work in the private sector for companies that focus on issues you care about.	38%	46	16	84%
QIMPACT3. Going to work for government agencies and organizations engaged in the issues you care about.	37%	47	16	84%
QIMPACT2. Getting involved in politics and political campaigns.	33%	46	21	79%

QAC. AmeriCorps is a way some people choose to make a difference. AmeriCorps is a service program supported by the federal government. The program brings people of all ages and backgrounds together, provides them opportunities to serve their community for a sustained period of time, addressing challenges in education, housing and food security, conservation, disaster response, public health and more. During their year of service, AmeriCorps members earn a living stipend and a scholarship they can use to pay for college or to pay back student loans. They also develop new skills that they can take with them wherever they go next. Community-based organizations like City Year, Teach For America, Habitat for Humanity, and United Way receive federal grants to recruit, train and supervise the AmeriCorps members during their year of service.

How strongly would you consider participating in an AmeriCorps service program either now or in the future?

I have already signed up for AmeriCorps or another similar national service program	10%
I would definitely consider participating in an AmeriCorps program	27
I might consider participating in an AmeriCorps program	35
I am not considering it now, but I would have been interested in the past	8
I probably wouldn't consider participating	12
I definitely would NOT consider participating	9

COLLAPSED CODES:

Yes/Might	71%
No	21

QCC. There is a newly proposed national service program focused on the climate crisis called the Civilian Climate Corps, which could expand AmeriCorps' ability to focus on conservation efforts and fighting climate change.

Climate Corps members could work on clean energy projects, mitigate wildfire damage, rehabilitate habitats, expand access to the outdoors, and improve the energy efficiency of our communities. In addition, members could also learn skills that would be directly translated into the green energy jobs of the future.

How strongly would you consider participating in a Climate Corps service program either now or in the future?

I would definitely consider participating in a Climate Corps program	21%
I might consider participating in a Climate Corps program	40
I am not considering it now, but I would have been interested in the past	17
I probably wouldn't consider participating	12
I definitely would NOT consider participating	10

COLLAPSED CODES:

Yes/Might	62%
No	21

Below are some reasons that others have given for taking part in AmeriCorps. For each one, indicate whether you find it a very good, pretty good, or not a good reason to take part in AmeriCorps.

Ranked by % Very good reason to take part	Very good reason to take part	A pretty good reason to take part	Not a good reason to take part	COLLAPSED
				Total Good Reason
QREAS1. I want to do my civic duty.	47%	40	13	87%
QREAS2. I want to gain real world experience and transferable job skills to help jumpstart my career.	46%	38	15	85%
QREAS5. I want to help solve problems in my own community, working with my neighbors to improve the community that I live in.	46%	40	14	86%
QREAS10. I want to help communities withstand and respond to the threats of climate change.	46%	40	14	86%
QREAS7. I want to be on the frontlines helping people recover from natural disasters.	44%	42	14	86%
QREAS8. I want to help the country respond and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.	44%	42	15	85%
QREAS9. I want to tutor and mentor young kids and high school students, and make sure they get the academic support and encouragement they need to succeed in school and in the future.	39%	43	18	82%
QREAS3. I want to build a network of friends, colleagues and professionals that will help me in the future.	38%	45	17	83%
QREAS4. I am attracted to the student loan forgiveness and scholarship offered by AmeriCorps.	37%	43	20	80%
QREAS6. I want the chance to work among a diverse group of individuals.	37%	44	19	81%

QCULTURE. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

AmeriCorps service offers another avenue to serve your country other than traditional military service. If more people have the option to serve their country through AmeriCorps, we can build a culture of national service that will make our country a better place to live.

Strongly agree	33%
Somewhat agree	53
Somewhat disagree	10
Strongly disagree	3

COLLAPSED CODES:

Agree	86%
Disagree	14

QBILL1. Congress recently passed and President Biden signed into law a COVID-19 relief package. The bill included \$1 billion dollars in additional funding for AmeriCorps. Do you think increasing the budget for AmeriCorps was a good idea or a bad idea?

Very good idea	30%
Somewhat good idea	51
Somewhat bad idea	13
Very bad idea	5

COLLAPSED CODES:

Good idea	81%
Bad idea	19

QBILL2. AmeriCorps members who serve full-time earn a modest stipend, but many members have to rely on a second job, savings or support from family to actually cover their living expenses during their year of service. The funding in the relief bill will increase the stipend to help cover a member's basic expenses during their service term. The goal is to make service an affordable option for more young adults and encourage more people from diverse backgrounds to apply. Do you think increasing the stipend to cover living expenses is a good idea or a bad idea?

Very good idea	39%
Somewhat good idea	45
Somewhat bad idea	12
Very bad idea	5

COLLAPSED CODES:

Good idea	83%
Bad idea	17

QEDAWARD. In addition to the stipend, AmeriCorps participants also receive an education award that can be used towards student loans or to pay for tuition and education expenses.

In order to attract more recruits like yourself, should Congress increase funding for AmeriCorps to ensure the stipend covers an individual's living expenses during their service term, increase the value of the education award that an individual earns at the end of their service term, or should Congress make a larger investment in AmeriCorps and increase both member benefits?

Only Increase stipend	23%
Only Increase Education Award	32
Provide additional funding to increase both the living stipend and the value of the Education Award	46

QNEWBILL. If Congress were to start preparing another relief package this year, do you think that additional funding for AmeriCorps to increase participant benefits and to fund more service positions would be a good or bad idea?

Very good idea	26%
Somewhat good idea	52
Somewhat bad idea	16
Very bad idea	6

COLLAPSED CODES:

Good idea	79%
Bad idea	21

Now, just a few more questions for statistical purposes.....

QPARTYID. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a (ROTATE: Republican, a Democrat, an independent) or what?

Republican	18%
Democrat	35
Independent	27
No preference	14
Other	3
Don't know	4

QINTENSE. Would you call yourself a strong (RESTORE QPARTYID ANSWER) or a not very strong (RESTORE QPARTYID ANSWER)?

QLEAN. Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE) Republican or the Democratic Party?

Strong Democrat	19%
Weak Democrat	14
Independent Democrat	13
Independent	20
Independent Republican	9
Weak Republican	6
Strong Republican	11
Not ascertained	8

PSCALE3. COLLAPSED:

Republicans	26%
Independents	20
Democrats	47
Other	8

QPRESBALLOT. Who did you vote for in the last Presidential Election?

Donald Trump	20%
Joe Biden	47
Someone Else	6
Did not vote	21
Prefer Not to Answer	5

QCHURCH. How often would you say you go to religious services?

Two or more times every week	10%
Every week	16
Almost every week	12
Once or twice a month	10
A few times a year	19
Never / Do not attend	32

COLLAPSED CODES:

Frequent	48%
Infrequent/Never	52

Please check which of these apply to you...

QEXP1. I am working...

Full Time	39%
Part Time	28
Not working right now	33

COLLAPSED CODES:

Full or part time	67%
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QEXP2. High school...

In High School	10%
Completed High School	84
Dropped out of High School	6

COLLAPSED CODES:

In HS/Completed	94%
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QEXP3. 2 year college or associates degree program...

Currently attending	22%
Already completed	34
Plan to attend in the future	19
Not planning to attend	25

COLLAPSED CODES:

Attending/Completed	56%
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QEXP4. 4 year or bachelor's degree program...

Currently attending	28%
Already completed	24
Plan to attend in the future	27
Not planning to attend	21

COLLAPSED CODES:

Attending/Completed	52%
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QCOLL5. Technical or vocational degree program...

Currently attending	9%
Already completed	15
Plan to attend in the future	21
Not planning to attend	55

COLLAPSED CODES:

Attending/Completed	24%
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QCOLL6. Graduate Program [e.g. MA, MBA, LLD, PhD]...

Currently attending	9%
Already completed	11
Plan to attend in the future	39
Not planning to attend	41

COLLAPSED CODES:

Attending/Completed	21%
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QPSCHOOL. And what about your parents? What is the highest level of school either of them completed?

High school or less	27%
Vocational or Technical school	9
Attended college but didn't graduate	16
Graduated college	34
Received a post graduate degree	14

COLLAPSED CODES:

No college degree	52%
College degree +	48

QSITUATION. Which statement below best describes your family's current financial situation?

Living Comfortably	39%
Doing Alright	39
Just Getting by	16
Finding it very difficult or impossible to make ends meet	6

COLLAPSED CODES:

Strong	77%
Weak	23

QURBAN. How would you describe the area in which you live -- do you live in a large city, in a smaller city, in a suburban area outside a city, in a small town, or in a rural area?

Large city	28%
Smaller city	25
Suburban area outside a large city	31
In small town	9
Rural area	8

COLLAPSED CODES:

Urban/Suburban	84%
Small town/Rural	16

QMILITARY. Are you considering joining the military or armed services at any point - whether that be soon or in the future?

I am definitely considering it / I have already enlisted	29%
Yes, I have considered it but unlikely to join	24
No, have not considered it	48

COLLAPSED CODES:

Total have considered	52%
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QPMILITARY. And what about your parents or grandparents, have either your parents or grandparents served in the military or armed services?

Yes, one/both of them are actively enlisted	15%
Yes, one/both of them are retired from the military	37
No	39
Unsure	9

COLLAPSED CODES:

Total yes	52%
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QAGE. What is your age?

18	8%
19	13
20	15
21	15
22	16
23	17
24	17
25 or older	0

COLLAPSED CODES:

18-20	35%
21-24	65

QSEX. What is your sex?

Male	48%
Female	52

QHISP. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	78%
Yes	19
Prefer not to answer	3

QRACE. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic background?

White	53%
African American / Black	13
Asian / Pacific Islander	10
Native American	2
Other	2
Prefer not to answer	1
Not asked	19

QCR. Census Region (from sample).

New England	4%
Middle Atlantic	12
East North Central	13
West North Central	7
South Atlantic	23
East South Central	6
West South Central	13
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
