Cities and COVID-19: WHAT DO AMERICANS THINK?

Local leaders are at the forefront of fighting the Coronavirus Pandemic. They are making tough choices and hard decisions to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their communities.

Today we know their residents support them.

AMERICANS SUPPORT THE TOUGH CHOICES LOCAL LEADERS ARE MAKING

82% Support closing public facilities
83% Support limiting the number of people who can attend local gatherings
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88% Support allowing employees to provide emergency paid sick leave
85% Support mandating employers to provide emergency paid sick leave

HELP THOSE MOST VULNERABLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

84% Support sending money to avoid food insecurity
83% Support sending money to avoid housing insecurity
88% Support sending money to avoid having to choose between paying rent and bills
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79% Support encouraging employers to require employees to wear masks
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85% Support providing alternative transportation to senior citizens who need further assistance
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE THE CLOSEST TO THEIR RESIDENTS

Across age and gender, Americans rate the response to Coronavirus from State and local governments as stronger than the Federal Government.

Doing enough to combat the spread of coronavirus: 48% LOCAL GOVERNMENT / 52% STATE GOVERNMENT / 42% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Positive communication about community: 51% LOCAL GOVERNMENT / 62% STATE GOVERNMENT / 53% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Positive response to residents: 52% LOCAL GOVERNMENT / 55% STATE GOVERNMENT / 47% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE SEEN AS BEST PREPARED TO TACKLE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Across age and gender, more residents support State and local governments in their efforts to combat Coronavirus than support the Federal Government.

Local government: 52%
State government: 55%
Federal government: 47%

MORE FUNDS TO CONTROL SPREAD OF COVID-19

Residents support local leaders to use their dollars to make a difference

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Methodology

The poll was conducted by Morning Consult between March 17 – 20, 2020 among a national sample of 2,000 U.S. adults. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of U.S. adults based on age, education attainment, gender, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 2.4%.