Strada Public Viewpoint: COVID-19 Work and Education Survey

Interview Dates: July 22 – 23, 2020

Audience: National online survey of Americans ages 18 and above. Quotas based on the U.S. Census were used to ensure results that are nationally representative by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and region. Sample size n=1,020

1. How long do you think the impact of coronavirus will be to you personally?
   a. 1-3 months 12%
   b. 4-6 months 20%
   c. 7-12 months 26%
   d. More than 1 year 41%

2. How worried are you that you may lose your job as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) events, or are you not at all worried?
   a. Extremely worried 14%
   b. Very worried 13%
   c. Somewhat worried 27%
   d. Not very worried 20%
   e. Not at all worried 25%

*Base: Individuals who were employed full-time or part-time or self-employed, n=619.

3. Would you say the outbreak of COVID-19 is bringing our communities and people closer together or driving us further apart?
   a. Bringing us much closer 9%
   b. Bringing us a little closer 19%
   c. Not making a difference 26%
   d. Driving us a little further apart 26%
   e. Driving us a lot further apart 23%
   f. Not sure 8%
4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*Pursuing more education or training will help me get a good job.*

- a. Strongly agree 15%
- b. Agree 30%
- c. Neither agree nor disagree 33%
- d. Disagree 14%
- e. Strongly disagree 8%

*Getting more education or training would be worth the cost.*

- a. Strongly agree 12%
- b. Agree 28%
- c. Neither agree nor disagree 34%
- d. Disagree 15%
- e. Strongly disagree 11%

*I can access the education or training I want.*

- a. Strongly agree 12%
- b. Agree 32%
- c. Neither agree nor disagree 34%
- d. Disagree 15%
- e. Strongly disagree 7%

*Colleges and universities will be able to complete their fall 2020 courses without interruption or needing to shut down and evacuate campuses.*

- a. Strongly agree 9%
- b. Agree 17%
- c. Neither agree nor disagree 37%
- d. Disagree 22%
- e. Strongly disagree 15%

*Base: Individuals who were in the workforce (employed full-time or part-time, self-employed, or unemployed looking for work) ages 18-65, n=646.*
5. **How likely do you think it is that your state will see a spike in coronavirus cases that leads to a second shelter-in-place or stay-at-home order?**

   a. Not at all likely
   
   b. Just a little likely
   
   c. Somewhat likely
   
   d. Very likely
   
   e. Extremely likely

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6. **Should people be allowed to attend college classes in person?**

   a. People should be allowed to decide for themselves if they feel it is safe enough for them to attend or participate in these activities and take on the risk of getting sick. 50%
   
   b. This activity should be forbidden until the coronavirus outbreak is under control to help prevent the spread of the virus. 50%

7. **How has the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis affected your interest in enrolling in an education or training program? Would you say you are:**

   a. Much more likely to enroll
   
   b. Somewhat more likely to enroll
   
   c. No change
   
   d. Somewhat less likely to enroll
   
   e. Much less likely to enroll

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*Base: Individuals ages 18-65, n=822.*

8. **This fall, college campuses should:**

   a. Allow all students to return for in-person classes 18%
   
   b. Allow some students to return and offer a mix of in-person and online classes 44%
   
   c. Offer only online classes 37%

9. **Thinking about the education and training that will be provided by colleges and universities this fall 2020 semester compared to fall 2019, how would you rate the value of fall 2020?**

   a. Fall 2020 education will provide much greater value 6%
   
   b. Fall 2020 education will provide somewhat greater value 6%
   
   c. Fall 2020 education will provide the same value 39%
   
   d. Fall 2020 education will provide somewhat less value 29%
   
   e. Fall 2020 education will provide much less value 21%