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The majority of Americans feel that protests are important for allowing voices to be heard and to push for change. 64% think the current protests happening across US cities show support for the Black community.

- **73% of the Americans feel that protests are important (rated 4/5 on an importance scale of 5).** Young people are especially supportive with 89% of 18-34 year olds, 74% of 35-54 year olds and 62% of 55+ year olds signaling the importance of protests.
- **77% of Americans aged 18-34 years feel that mass protests and civil disruptions are legitimate and warranted actions.** 86% of 18-34 year olds also feel that protests are important to show support for the Black community and the ongoing fight against racism. Meanwhile only 46% of 55+ year olds feel that mass protests and civil disruptions are legitimate actions.
- **However, most Americans also agree at 72% that looting and burning is wrong and counterproductive and people who do this should be punished.** 45% of 18-34 year olds, 78% of 35-53 year olds and 81% of 55+ feel the same.

Majority of Americans are very concerned about the increased spread of coronavirus due to the mass gatherings associated with the protests amid the death of George Floyd, often impacting their decision to participate in the protests and gatherings

- **73% of Americans say they are very concerned or concerned about the spread of coronavirus that could be caused by the large gatherings happening in protest to the events surrounding the death of George Floyd.** 42% of respondents said their decision whether to participate in protests has been affected by COVID-19.
- **There is a divide on this between males and females with only 65% of males saying they are concerned about the effect of the protests on the spread of coronavirus compared to 80% of females.** Similarly only 33% of males said that COVID-19 has impacted their decision to participate in these gatherings, the same is true for 49% of females.

Americans are still split on how long social distancing measures will last highlighting the confusion that still lingers on the impact this virus will have however increasingly most say into next year

- **35% respondents believe the major changes in life due to the pandemic, such as school closures, business closures, and widespread social distancing, will last through 2021,** up from 22% just a month ago.
- **The second most popular response at 19% has major life changes lasting until the end of 2020,** up from 17% a month ago.
- **Meanwhile, when we first started asking this question on March 23rd, the most popular answer was 2-4 months at 28%, that is now the second least popular answer at 11%.** Showing just how much the view of the impact of this pandemic has shifted in a short period of time.

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