

Nearly three-in-ten Americans believe COVID-19 was made in a lab | Pew Research Center

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As news and misinformation about the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) has spread, many Americans have encountered [conflicting narratives](#) about how the new coronavirus originated. Scientists have determined the virus [came about naturally](#), but [there is some uncertainty](#) about how it first infected people.

While a plurality of Americans (43%) say the new coronavirus most likely came about naturally, nearly three-in-ten (29%) say it most likely was created in a lab, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted from March 10 to 16, 2020, as part of the Center's nearly yearlong [Election News Pathways project](#).

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