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# The August 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 8/15-18/2019*

*1,058 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the...**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
8/15-18/2019	33	66	*	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	36	63	*	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	35	62	2	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	37	62	*	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	35	63	*	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	28	70	1	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	39	59	*	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	60	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	62	*	*
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	40	58	1	1
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	39	60	*	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,222)	37	62	1	1
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	32	68	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	69	1	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	24	74	1	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	65	2	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	37	62	1	*

**CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

*If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2*

**CUR3. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

*If approve in CUR2*

**CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?**

*If disapprove in CUR2*

**CUR3B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	<b>36</b>	21	15	*	*	<b>62</b>	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>38</b>	19	19	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	<b>38</b>	19	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	<b>39</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>40</b>	22	18	*	*	<b>58</b>	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>34</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>42</b>	21	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>40</b>	21	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	18	20	-	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	1	17	43		
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>41</b>	21	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>40</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>42</b>	20	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*

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2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>35</b>	19	17	-	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>32</b>	15	17	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>32</b>	20	12	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>35</b>	16	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	47	*	<b>1</b>
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>42</b>	20	22	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	43	-	<b>1</b>

**CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

**Economy**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	46	-	-	-	-	51	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	47	-	-	-	-	51	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	44	-	-	-	-	55	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>50</b>	50	*	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	1	48	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>51</b>	51	*	*	<b>49</b>	*	49	*	-
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>47</b>	46	1	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	*	51	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>45</b>	45	-	*	<b>54</b>	*	53	-	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>40</b>	40	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	59	*	-
10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	<b>41</b>	41	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	1	57	*	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>42</b>	42	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	1	56	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>43</b>	43	1	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	*	55	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>50</b>	49	1	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	1	47	-	*

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**Immigration**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	38	-	-	-	-	60	1	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	39	-	-	-	-	59	*	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	36	-	-	-	-	62	*	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>41</b>	41	-	*	<b>58</b>	*	58	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	38	*	*	<b>61</b>	*	61	-	-
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>37</b>	37	*	*	<b>62</b>	*	62	*	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>35</b>	35	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	64	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>39</b>	39	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	60	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>45</b>	45	*	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	*	54	-	*

**Gun policy**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	36	-	-	-	-	61	1	2
8/16-20/2018 (N=524)	<b>40</b>	40	*	*	<b>59</b>	*	59	*	-

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**Health care**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	37	-	-	-	-	61	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	*	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>37</b>	36	*	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	*	62	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>36</b>	36	*	*	<b>64</b>	*	63	*	-
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>30</b>	29	*	*	<b>70</b>	*	70	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>31</b>	31	*	<b>1</b>	<b>68</b>	*	68	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>32</b>	32	*	<b>1</b>	<b>66</b>	1	65	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>36</b>	36	1	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	*	62	*	*

**Foreign policy**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	36	-	-	-	-	61	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	63	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>39</b>	39	*	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	*	59	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>36</b>	36	1	*	<b>63</b>	1	62	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>34</b>	34	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	64	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>30</b>	30	*	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	*	68	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>34</b>	34	*	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>	*	64	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>35</b>	34	*	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	1	63	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>40</b>	40	1	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	1	57	*	*

**CC2D. [Allowing more widespread use of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking”, to extract oil and natural gas] Generally speaking, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following government policies?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
<b>Strongly/Somewhat favor</b>	<b>22</b>
Strongly favor	7
Somewhat favor	14
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>45</b>
Somewhat oppose	20
Strongly oppose	25
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,058



**CC16. In your opinion, would you say weather is becoming more extreme, less extreme, or is it staying about the same?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Becoming more extreme	72
Becoming less extreme	5
Staying about the same	22
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

*Show if yes in CC16.*

**CC17. And would you say the weather is becoming more extreme mainly because of climate change or mainly because of natural year-to-year variations in the weather, or is it both equally?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Mainly because of climate change	50
Mainly because of natural year-to-year variations	11
Both equally	39
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**CC18. In your opinion, would you say weather-related disasters are more severe, less severe, or has there been no change?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Becoming more extreme	72
Becoming less extreme	4
Staying about the same	24
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

Show if yes in CC18.

**CC19. And would you say weather-related disasters are more severe mainly because of climate change or mainly because of natural year-to-year variations in the weather, or is it both equally?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Liberal	23
Conservative	31
Moderate	42
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3

N=

1,058

**PID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	13
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>35</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	13
Strong Republican	11

N=

1,058

**G11B. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Liberal	23
Conservative	31
Moderate	42
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3

N=

1,058

**DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Urban	25
Suburban	42
Rural	31
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
18-24	12
25-34	20
35-44	14
45-54	17
55-64	17
65-74	14
75+	7
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Married	50
Widowed	4
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never married	23
Living with partner	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Employed	59
Not employed	41
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

### **Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from The Associated Press and NORC at the University of Chicago.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC’s probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between August 15 and 18, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,058 completed the survey—961 via the web and 97 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 30.3 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 4.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2018 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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