



# The January 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 1/16-20/2019*

*1,062 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

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

**BB2B. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	<b>Much/ Somewhat better NET</b>	Much better	Somewhat better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Somewhat worse NET</b>	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The United States' relationship with traditionally hostile nations, such as Russia and North Korea	<b>22</b>	5	16	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	26	13	*	1
The United States' standing in the world	<b>21</b>	7	15	<b>25</b>	<b>53</b>	31	22	*	1
The United States' relationship with traditional allies such as Canada, The United Kingdom and the European Union	<b>18</b>	5	14	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	30	15	*	1

*N=1,062*

AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018	<b>Much/ Somewhat better NET</b>	Much better	Somewhat better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Somewhat worse NET</b>	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The United States' relationship with traditionally hostile nations, such as Russia and North Korea	<b>40</b>	9	31	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	19	7	*	1
The United States' standing in the world	<b>27</b>	9	18	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	29	19	*	1
The United States' relationship with traditional allies such as Canada, The United Kingdom and the European Union	<b>20</b>	4	16	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	28	17	*	1

*N=1,109*

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

**Follow-up question not asked January 2019**

*If Don't know, skipped, or refused in CURY2*

**CURYX. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling ...?**

**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
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	*	*

**FP1. Do you think the United States should take a more or less active role solving the world's problems, or is its current role about right?**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015
A more active role	30	27
Its current role is about right	37	33
A less active role	31	38
DON'T KNOW	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,062	1,167

**FP2. How personally concerned are you that each of the following poses a direct threat to the United States?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	<b>Extremely/ Very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/ Not concerned at all</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP /REF
North Korea's nuclear program	<b>52</b>	23	29	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	*	*
Iran's nuclear program	<b>48</b>	21	27	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	11	7	-	1
Extremist militant groups	<b>55</b>	24	31	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	1	*
Russia's influence around the world	<b>47</b>	23	24	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	14	5	*	*
China's influence around the world	<b>40</b>	15	26	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	15	4	*	1
The spread of infectious diseases	<b>45</b>	17	28	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	17	4	-	1
Climate change	<b>52</b>	29	23	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	14	8	1	1
Illegal immigration	<b>40</b>	20	20	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	23	9	-	*

N=1,062

**FP3. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the decision to remove nearly all U.S. troops from:**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>Somewhat /Strongly disapprove NET</b>	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	DK	SKP /REF
Afghanistan	<b>41</b>	18	24	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	20	10	*	1
Syria	<b>39</b>	17	22	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	21	14	1	1

N=1,062

**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Democrat	30
Republican	23
Independent	29
None of these	16
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	1,062

*If Democrat in PID1*

**PIDa. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?**

*If Republican in PID1*

**PIDb. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?**

*If Independent, None of these, or Don't Know/SKIPPED ON WEB/Refused in PID1*

**PIDi. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

**[PID1, PIDA, PIDB, AND PIDI COMBINED]**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	12
Moderate Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	15
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>33</b>
Lean Republican	10
Moderate Republican	14
Strong Republican	9
Unknown	1
N=	1,062

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

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Liberal	21
Conservative	32
Moderate	44
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Urban area	27
Suburban area	46
Rural area	26
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	15
45-54	15
55-64	19
65-74	13
75+	7
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Married	47
Widowed	6
Divorced	12
Separated	3
Never married	24
Living with partner	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Employed	58
Not employed	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,062</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	28
College graduate or above	32

N=

1,062

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8

N=

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### **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% 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 January 16 and 20, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,062 completed the survey—913 via the web and 149 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 19.8 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.2 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 5.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.1 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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