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The May 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 5/17-20/2019

1,137 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.

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
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	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	38	19	18	*	1	61	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	39	19	20	*	1	60	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43		
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	41	21	20	*	1	57	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	40	19	20	*	1	59	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	42	20	21	*	1	58	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	32	15	17	*	*	67	*	16	51	-	*

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9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	32	20	12	*	*	67	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	16	18	*	1	64	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	42	20	22	*	*	58	*	14	43	-	1

SP1. It is now fifty years since the United States first landed astronauts on the moon. Do you think the space program has brought enough benefits to this country to justify its costs or don't you think so?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Yes	60
No	38
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

SP2. Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States today?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
The U.S. is the leading nation in space exploration	17
The U.S. is one of several leading nations in space exploration	64
The U.S. is not a leading nation in space exploration	17
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

SP3. How important is it for the United States space program to do each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Not at all/ not too important NET	Not at all important	Not too important	Moderately important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
Monitor asteroids, comets, and other events in space that could impact Earth	9	3	6	23	68	37	31	1	1
Conduct scientific research to expand knowledge of the Earth, solar system, and universe	12	5	7	28	59	36	23	*	1
Send robotic probes without astronauts to explore space	18	7	11	34	47	31	16	1	1
Continue funding the International Space Station	18	6	12	38	42	29	14	1	*
Search for life on other planets	33	12	21	33	34	22	12	1	*
Send astronauts to Mars	38	15	22	34	27	19	8	*	1
Return astronauts to the moon	40	14	26	36	23	15	7	1	1
Establish a permanent human presence on other planets	52	23	28	26	21	13	8	1	1
Establish a U.S. military presence in space	51	25	26	29	19	11	8	1	1

N=1,137

SP4. Thinking about advancing space exploration and research, should each of the following play a major role, a minor role, or no role?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Major role	Minor role	No role	DK	SKP/ REF
The U.S. government	60	33	6	1	1
Colleges and universities	42	43	13	1	1
Private companies	41	43	14	1	1
Space programs in other countries	38	48	12	*	1

N=1,137

SP5. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the United States space program returning astronauts to the moon within five years?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Strongly/somewhat favor NET	42
Strongly favor	17
Somewhat favor	25
Neither favor nor oppose	38
Somewhat/strongly oppose NET	20
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	8
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

SP6. Which do you think should be a bigger priority for the United States space program – returning astronauts to the moon or sending astronauts to Mars, or should neither be a priority?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Returning to the moon	18
Sending astronauts to Mars	37
Neither	43
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

SP7. If you had a chance to do each of the following, would you do so, or not?

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Orbit the Earth	52	46	1	1
Travel to the moon	41	58	*	1
Travel to Mars	31	67	1	1

N=1,137

Ask if "Yes" to "Travel to Mars" in SP7

SP9. Imagine you had the chance to move to the first colony on Mars. Would you travel to Mars and live there, even if it meant you would never return to Earth, or not?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Yes	47
No	53
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	-

N=331

SP10. Do you think any form of life exists elsewhere in the universe, or not?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Yes	75
No	23
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

Ask if "Yes" in SP10

SP11. And, do you think intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe, or not?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Yes	88
No	11
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=860

SSM1. Now we'd like to get your thoughts on a few other different topics.

Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Strongly/somewhat favor NET	49
Strongly favor	37
Somewhat favor	12
Neither favor nor oppose	24
Somewhat/strongly oppose NET	26
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	19
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=1,137

ABO1. Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Abortion should be...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Legal in all/most cases NET	57	64
Legal in all cases	25	25
Legal in most cases	31	39
Illegal in most/all cases NET	42	36
Illegal in most cases	29	28
Illegal in all cases	13	8
DON'T KNOW	1	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*

N=1,137

N=1,020

PARENT. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 years of age or not?

	AP-NORC 5/17-22/2019
Yes	32
No	67
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=1,137

REL3. Thinking about each of the following professions, would you say their impact on society today is mostly positive, mostly negative, or neither positive nor negative?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Very/ somewhat positive NET	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat/ very negative NET	Somewha t negative	Very negative	DK	SKP/ REF
Teachers	84	55	29	8	6	5	1	*	1
Medical doctors	83	47	37	11	4	3	1	*	1
Scientists	80	45	36	13	5	3	2	*	1
Members of the military	75	40	35	16	7	5	2	*	1
Clergy members and religious leaders	55	19	36	23	21	15	6	*	1
Lawyers	42	10	32	32	24	17	7	*	1
Business executives	40	7	33	34	25	17	8	1	1

N=1,137

REL4. Thinking about your own experiences, please tell me how well you think each of the following traits describes clergy members and religious leaders.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Extremely/ very well NET	Extremely well	Very Well	Moderately well	Not very/ not well at all NET	Not very well	Not well at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Caring	50	18	32	34	14	9	5	*	1
Intelligent	40	12	28	44	14	10	4	*	1
Honest	39	13	25	38	21	13	8	1	1
Trustworthy	34	12	23	41	23	15	8	*	1
Narrow-minded	31	13	18	34	33	23	9	1	1
Selfish	19	8	11	30	49	32	17	1	2
Lazy	11	4	7	25	61	38	23	1	2

N=1,137

REL5. How much influence have clergy members or religious leaders had in your life?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
A lot/some NET	55
A lot	21
Some	33
Not much/none at all NET	45
Not much	25
None at all	20
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=1,137

REL6. How much influence do you want clergy members or religious leaders to have in:

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	A lot/ some NET	A lot	Some	Not much/ none at all NET	Not much	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your life (N=1,137)	47	17	30	52	23	29	*	*
<i>If "Yes" in PARENT</i> Your child's life (N=349)	52	20	32	48	25	23	-	*

REL7. When making important decisions, how often have you consulted a clergy member or religious leader?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Often/sometimes NET	24
Often	6
Sometimes	18
Rarely/never NET	75
Rarely	26
Never	49
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

REL8. How likely are you to consult a clergy member or religious leader about each of the following areas of your life?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Extremely/ very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not very/ not likely at all NET	Not very likely	Not likely at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Marriage, divorce or relationships	21	8	13	19	58	15	43	*	1
Child rearing	11	3	8	15	72	18	54	*	1
Family planning, such as fertility or birth control	8	3	5	9	81	19	63	-	1
Sex and sexuality	7	2	5	9	82	21	62	-	1

N=1,137

REL9. How likely are you to consult a clergy member or religious leader about each of the following areas of your life?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Extremely/ very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not very/ not likely at all NET	Not very likely	Not likely at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Volunteering or charitable giving	21	7	14	27	50	14	36	*	1
<i>If "Yes" in PARENT</i> Your child's education (N=349)	16	5	11	12	71	19	53	-	-
Career or work life	8	4	4	14	76	20	56	*	1
Medical decisions	8	3	5	14	77	20	57	*	1
Financial decisions	7	2	5	11	81	21	60	*	1
Political activity or voting decisions	7	3	4	11	81	16	65	-	1

N=1,137

Ask if "Often," "Sometimes," or "Rarely" in SP10

REL10. Thinking about the last time you consulted a clergy member or religious leader on any subject, would you say it was:

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Extremely/very valuable NET	43
Extremely valuable	13
Very valuable	31
Moderately valuable	40
Not very/not valuable at all NET	16
Not very valuable	11
Not valuable at all	5
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=567

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?¹

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)	28
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	18
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	2
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	1
Jewish (Judaism)	2
Muslim (Islam)	*
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist (do not believe in God)	5
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	5
Nothing in particular	13
Just Christian	18
Unitarian (Universalist)	*
Something else – please specify	5
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

Ask if not “Atheist,” “Agnostic,” “Nothing in particular,” “Don’t know,” or “Skip/refused” in RELIG
REL10A. Do you think your faith should allow each of the following to become a member of the clergy, or not?

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
A woman	80	19	-	1
A gay man	55	43	1	1
Someone who is divorced	79	19	*	1

N=874

¹ RELIG is an appended variable from the AmeriSpeak respondent profile. RELIG was only asked of AmeriSpeak respondents to this survey who had not filled out the profile survey within the past year or who had RELIG missing from their profile.

Ask if not “Atheist,” “Agnostic,” “Nothing in particular,” “Don’t know,” or “Skip/refused” in RELIG
REL11. Do you think your faith should allow each of the following to become a member of the clergy, or not?

AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Someone who believes that gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry	53	45	1	1
Someone who believes that abortion should be legal	48	49	2	1
Someone who believes that sex before marriage is morally acceptable	54	44	*	2

N=874

D4. How often do you attend religious services?²

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Never	26
Less than once per year	12
About once or twice a year	10
Several times a year	11
About once a month	6
2-3 times a month	7
Nearly every week	8
Every week	14
Several times a week	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

² D4 is an appended variable from the AmeriSpeak respondent profile. D4 was only asked of AmeriSpeak respondents to this survey who had not filled out the profile survey within the past year or who had D4 missing from their profile.

Ask if "Protestant," "Roman Catholic," "Mormon," "Orthodox," "Just Christian," or "Something else" in RELIG

BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?³

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Yes	36
No	62
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=816

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

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Democrat	37
Republican	24
Independent	25
None of these	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

Ask if Democrat in PID1

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Strong Democrat	44
Moderate Democrat	56
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-

N=432

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Ask if Republican in PID1

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Strong Republican	43
Moderate Republican	57
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	-

N=264

Ask if Independent, None of these, or Don't Know/Skip/Refused in PID1

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

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Lean Democrat	29
Lean Republican	27
Don't lean	41
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	3

N=441

PID. Combines PID1, PIDi, PIDa, and PIDb.

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Democrat	49
Independent/None	16
Republican	35

N=1,137

POLITICS. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDa, and PIDb.

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Democrat NET	49
Strong Democrat	17
Moderate Democrat	21
Lean Democrat	11
Independent/None – Don't lean	15
Republican NET	35
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	14
Strong Republican	11
Unknown	1

N=1,137

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

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Liberal	25
Conservative	28
Moderate	43
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2

N=1,137

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

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Urban	28
Suburban	49
Rural	22
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=1,137

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AGE

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	15
45-54	16
55-64	18
65-74	13
75+	8

N=1,137

GENDER

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Male	48
Female	52

N=1,137

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9

N=1,137

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Married	47
Widowed	5
Divorced	11
Separated	2
Never married	27
Living with partner	8

N=1,137

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Employed	57
Not employed	43

N=1,137

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33

N=1,137

INCOME

	AP-NORC 5/17-20/2019
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	17
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	7

N=1,137

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 May 17 and 20, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,137 completed the survey—1,023 via the web and 114 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 18.9 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 32.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 89.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 5.4 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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