



The October 2018 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 10/11-14/2018

1,152 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

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 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| 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 | - | * |
| 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 |

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

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 ...?

Supreme Court nominations

| AP-NORC All adults | Approve NET | Approve | Lean toward approve | Don't lean either way | Disapprove NET | Lean toward disapprove | Disapprove | DK | SKP/ REF |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|
| 10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152) | 40 | 39 | * | 1 | 59 | * | 59 | * | 1 |
| 3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110) | 50 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 48 | - | * |

SC1. The Senate has voted to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you agree, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat approve NET | 35 |
| Strongly approve | 24 |
| Somewhat approve | 11 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 20 |
| Somewhat/Strongly disapprove | 43 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12 |
| Strongly disapprove | 32 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIP/REFUSED | 1 |

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**SC2. When the Senate votes on a Supreme Court nominee, how important is it that it considers each of the following?
[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

| AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018 | Extremely/ Very important NET | Extremely important | Very important | Somewhat important | Not very/Not important at all | Not very important | Not important at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| The nominee's qualifications and legal background | 85 | 55 | 30 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * | 2 |
| The nominee's personal views on major issues that the Supreme Court decides | 70 | 36 | 33 | 21 | 7 | 5 | 2 | * | 2 |
| The nominee's personal history and character | 70 | 37 | 33 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| The nominee's political views | 51 | 26 | 26 | 31 | 15 | 8 | 7 | * | 2 |

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**SC3. For each of the following, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way they handled their role in the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.
[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

| AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018 | Strongly/ Somewhat approve NET | Strongly Approve | Somewhat approve | Neither approve nor disapprove | Strongly/ Somewhat disapprove | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | DK | SKP /REF |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---|--|------------------------|------------------------|----|-------------|
| Senate Democrats | 24 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 48 | 18 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| Senate Republicans | 29 | 11 | 18 | 22 | 47 | 14 | 33 | 1 | 1 |
| President Trump | 32 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 51 | 11 | 39 | 1 | 1 |

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SC4. Since Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation to the Supreme Court, how much confidence do you have in the Supreme Court?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A great deal of confidence | 32 |
| Only some confidence | 40 |
| Hardly any confidence | 27 |
| DON’T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

SC5. Do you think that in the hearings on the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and the charges of sexual assault by Christine Blasey Ford, the Senate Judiciary Committee has treated Brett Kavanaugh fairly, unfairly, or neither fairly nor unfairly?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fairly/Somewhat fairly NET | 35 |
| Fairly | 20 |
| Somewhat fairly | 16 |
| Neither fairly nor unfairly | 27 |
| Unfairly/Somewhat unfairly NET | 33 |
| Somewhat unfairly | 15 |
| Unfairly | 19 |
| DON’T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 3 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

SC6. Do you think that in the hearings on the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and the charges of sexual assault by Christine Blasey Ford, the Senate Judiciary Committee has treated Christine Blasey Ford fairly, unfairly, or neither fairly nor unfairly?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fairly/Somewhat fairly NET | 30 |
| Fairly | 20 |
| Somewhat fairly | 10 |
| Neither fairly nor unfairly | 25 |
| Unfairly/Somewhat unfairly NET | 42 |
| Somewhat unfairly | 17 |
| Unfairly | 25 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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SC7. Do you think the F.B.I. did a good job, a poor job, or neither a good nor poor job of investigating the accusations of sexual assault against Brett Kavanaugh?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very/Moderately good NET | 30 |
| Very good | 15 |
| Moderately good | 15 |
| Neither good nor poor | 27 |
| Very/Moderately poor NET | 40 |
| Moderately poor | 17 |
| Very poor | 23 |
| DON'T KNOW | 2 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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SC8. In his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee do you think Brett Kavanaugh told the entire truth, was he mostly telling the truth but also hiding something, or do you think he was mostly lying?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---|--------------------------|
| Entire truth | 25 |
| Mostly telling the truth but hiding something | 39 |
| Mostly lying | 31 |
| DON'T KNOW | 2 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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SC9. Do you think the confirmation hearings for Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court will make people more willing to report incidents of sexual misconduct, less willing, or not have much effect?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---|--------------------------|
| A lot more/Somewhat more willing NET | 30 |
| A lot more willing | 10 |
| Somewhat more willing | 20 |
| No effect | 34 |
| A lot less/Somewhat less willing NET | 34 |
| Somewhat less willing | 19 |
| A lot less willing | 15 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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SC10. Do you think the confirmation hearings for Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court will make people more willing to serve in high profile government positions that require Senate confirmation, less willing, or not have much effect?

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---|--------------------------|
| A lot more/Somewhat more willing NET | 13 |
| A lot more willing | 5 |
| Somewhat more willing | 9 |
| No effect | 47 |
| A lot less/Somewhat less willing NET | 37 |
| Somewhat less willing | 25 |
| A lot less willing | 12 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Democrat | 32 |
| Republican | 27 |
| Independent | 23 |
| None of these | 16 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

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 10/11-14/2018 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Democrat NET | 44 |
| Strong Democrat | 15 |
| Moderate Democrat | 18 |
| Lean Democrat | 11 |
| Independent/None – Don't lean | 19 |
| Republican NET | 36 |
| Lean Republican | 9 |
| Moderate Republican | 16 |
| Strong Republican | 11 |
| Unknown | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

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

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Liberal | 20 |
| Conservative | 37 |
| Moderate | 38 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 3 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

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

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Urban area | 27 |
| Suburban area | 47 |
| Rural area | 25 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

AGE

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 18-24 | 12 |
| 25-34 | 19 |
| 35-44 | 16 |
| 45-54 | 17 |
| 55-64 | 17 |
| 65-74 | 14 |
| 75+ | 7 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

GENDER

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,152</i> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| White | 63 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic | 16 |
| Other | 8 |

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MARITAL STATUS

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Married | 47 |
| Widowed | 4 |
| Divorced | 11 |
| Separated | 2 |
| Never married | 27 |
| Living with partner | 9 |

N= 1,152

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Employed | 58 |
| Not employed | 42 |

N= 1152

EDUCATION

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than a high school diploma | 11 |
| High school graduate or equivalent | 29 |
| Some college | 28 |
| College graduate or above | 32 |

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INCOME

| | AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Under \$10,000 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | 10 |
| \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | 13 |
| \$30,000 to under \$40,000 | 10 |
| \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | 9 |
| \$50,000 to under \$75,000 | 20 |
| \$75,000 to under \$100,000 | 12 |
| \$100,000 to under \$150,000 | 12 |
| \$150,000 or more | 10 |

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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 October 11 and 14, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,152 completed the survey—1,008 via the web and 144 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.1 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 28.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 86.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 4.9 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.0 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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