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# The June 2017 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 6/8-11/2017*

*1,068 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 3/23-27/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Right direction	37	34
Wrong direction	62	65
DON'T KNOW	1	2
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*
<i>N=</i>	1,110	1,068

**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 3/23-27/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Strongly/somewhat/leans toward approve NET</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>
Strongly approve	20	16
Somewhat approve	22	18
Lean toward approving	*	*
<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Leans toward/somewhat/strongly disapprove NET</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>
Lean toward disapproving	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	17
Strongly disapprove	43	47
DON'T KNOW	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	1,110	1,068

**AA4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?**

*If Don't know, skipped, or refused in AA4*

**AA5. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?**

*If approve in AA4*

**AA4A. Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?**

*If disapprove in AA4*

**AA4B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?**

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

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Strongly/somewhat/leans toward approve NET</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>
Strongly approve	5	4
Somewhat approve	19	18
Lean toward approving	*	*
<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Strongly/somewhat/leans toward disapprove NET</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>
Lean toward disapproving	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	30	32
Strongly disapprove	44	44
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1
N=	1,110	1,068

**CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Not at all/slightly important NET	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	2	*	2	10	87	44	43	*	*
Immigration	15	6	9	25	60	32	28	-	*
Health care	3	1	2	10	86	36	50	*	*
Foreign policy	13	4	9	28	59	35	24	*	*

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AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	Not at all/slightly important NET	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	4	1	4	14	81	42	39	*	1
Immigration	21	6	15	32	47	27	19	*	1
Health care	3	1	2	14	82	34	48	-	1
Foreign policy	14	3	11	31	53	32	21	*	1
Climate change	25	11	14	21	53	27	26	1	1
Terrorism	8	2	7	14	77	31	46	*	1

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**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 ...?**

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

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Approve/ lean toward approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove/ lean toward disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	50	49	1	1	48	1	47	-	*
Immigration	45	45	*	1	54	*	54	-	*
Foreign policy	40	40	1	1	58	1	57	*	*
Health care	36	36	1	1	62	*	62	*	*

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AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	Approve/ lean toward approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove/ lean toward disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The threat of terrorism	<b>47</b>	47	*	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	1	51	*	*
The economy	<b>43</b>	43	1	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	*	55	*	*
Immigration	<b>39</b>	39	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	60	*	*
Foreign policy	<b>35</b>	34	*	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	1	63	*	*
Climate change	<b>34</b>	33	1	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	64	*	1
Health care	<b>32</b>	32	*	<b>1</b>	<b>66</b>	1	65	*	*

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**INST1. I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 2/18-3/6/2016	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	Ref.
Military	48	45	6	*	1
Scientific community	35	53	10	1	1
Supreme Court	26	59	14	1	1
Organized religion	20	56	24	*	1
Banks and financial institutions	17	59	24	-	1
The press	6	52	41	*	1
Congress	4	46	50	*	1

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AP-NORC 5/12-15/2016	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	Ref.
The military	56	37	7	*	1
The United States Supreme Court	24	58	17	*	1
The executive branch of the federal government	15	50	33	*	1
Congress	4	48	46	*	1

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AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DON'T KNOW	SKIP/ REFUSED
Military	56	37	6	*	1
Scientific community	35	51	11	2	1
Medicine	33	53	13	*	1
The Federal Bureau of Investigation or FBI	29	52	18	*	1
U.S. government's intelligence gathering agencies	29	52	17	1	1
U.S. Supreme Court	24	59	15	*	1
Organized religion	18	50	31	1	1
Education	17	54	28	*	1
Executive branch of the federal government	14	48	37	1	*
Banks and financial institutions	12	57	30	*	1
Press	11	43	45	*	*
Television	9	49	41	1	1
Major companies	9	64	25	1	1
Organized labor	9	66	23	1	1
Congress	6	53	40	*	1

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**INST3. These days, do you think the courts and judges are...**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
More likely to provide an independent check on other branches of government by being fair and impartial	34
More likely to try to shape the law to fit their own ideologies	64
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**INST4. Do you think each of the following has too much, too little, or neither too much nor too little power and influence in Washington?**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	Too much	Neither too much nor too little	Too little	DON'T KNOW	SKIP/ REFUSED
Wealthy people	82	14	4	*	1
Large businesses	69	24	6	*	1
Political lobbyists	65	19	14	1	1
Wall Street	59	25	15	1	1
The news media	47	38	14	*	1
Whites	33	52	14	*	1
Men	32	59	9	*	1
Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people	27	35	37	*	1
Churches and religious groups	25	46	28	1	1
The military	18	62	18	1	1
Scientific and policy experts	18	47	32	1	1
Minorities	16	32	50	1	1
Women	6	40	53	*	1
Seniors	6	38	55	*	1
Poor people	4	19	76	*	1
People like you	3	22	75	*	1
Small businesses	2	32	65	*	1
Working people	2	28	69	*	1

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**INST5. How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? Would you say...**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>A great deal/a fair amount NET</b>	<b>34</b>
A great deal	13
A fair amount	21
<b>Not too much/none at all NET</b>	<b>65</b>
Not too much	30
None at all	35
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**INST7. If you thought it would help solve the country’s problems, would you favor or oppose giving the president more power at the expense of the power of Congress and the courts?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Strongly/somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>22</b>
Strongly favor	7
Somewhat favor	15
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Somewhat/strongly oppose NET</b>	<b>58</b>
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	44
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**INST8. In general, do you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of government regulation of business and industry?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Too much	35
About the right amount	40
Too little	23
DON’T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**RUS2. How concerned are you about the possibility that Donald Trump or others involved with his campaign had inappropriate contacts with the Russian government during last year’s presidential campaign?**

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>
Extremely concerned	27	30
Very concerned	17	18
<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>
Not very concerned	19	12
Not at all concerned	18	18
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1

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**RUS6. Do you think Donald Trump has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation into whether his campaign had ties to Russia or hasn't he tried to impede or obstruct the investigation?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Yes, he has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	61
No, has not tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	37
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**RUS7. Do approve or disapprove of Donald Trump’s firing of former FBI director James Comey?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Strongly/somewhat approve NET</b>	<b>22</b>
Strongly approve	13
Somewhat approve	9
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Somewhat/strongly disapprove NET</b>	<b>52</b>
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	37
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**RUS8. How confident are you that the Justice Department’s investigation of Donald Trump’s ties to Russia led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller will be fair and impartial?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Extremely/very confident NET</b>	<b>26</b>
Extremely confident	10
Very confident	17
<b>Moderately confident</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Not very/not confident at all NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Not very confident	23
Not confident at all	12
DON’T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**RUS9. Do you think that recent news leaks about the Russia investigation are...**

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

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Doing more good by giving the public information that they should have	42
Doing more harm by revealing information that might damage national security	54
DON’T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2

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**CC1. Moving on...Do you think climate change is happening, do you think climate change is not happening, or aren’t you sure?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Climate change is happening	65
Climate change is not happening	12
Not sure if climate change is happening	23
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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*If climate change is happening or not sure if climate change is happening in CC1*

**CC2. Do you think climate change is caused entirely by human activities, caused mostly by human activities, caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment, caused mostly by natural changes in the environment, or caused entirely by natural changes in the environment?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Caused entirely/mostly by human activities NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Caused entirely by human activities	12
Caused mostly by human activities	36
<b>Caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Caused entirely/mostly by natural changes in the environment NET</b>	<b>15</b>
Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment	13
Caused entirely by natural changes in the environment	3
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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*If climate change is happening or not sure if climate change is happening in CC1*

**CC3. Do you believe climate change is a problem that the United States government should take steps to address, or don't you think the government should be involved?**

	AP-NORC 8/11-14/2016	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Climate change is a problem the United States government should address	79	79
The United States government should not be involved in addressing climate change	20	18
DON'T KNOW	1	2
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1

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**CC1/CC3 Combined**

	AP-NORC 8/11-14/2016	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Climate change is happening</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>65</b>
Climate change is a problem the United States government should address	65	59
The United States government should not be involved in addressing climate change	12	6
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	1	*
<b>Not sure if climate change is happening</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>
Climate change is a problem the United States government should address	6	11
The United States government should not be involved in addressing climate change	6	10
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	1	2
<b>Climate change is not happening</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
SKIP/REFUSED	-	1

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**PAR1. As you may know, nearly 200 countries recently signed an international agreement in Paris to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the United States withdrawing from this international agreement?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Strongly/somewhat support NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Strongly support	18
Somewhat support	11
<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Somewhat/strongly oppose NET</b>	<b>46</b>
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	37
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**PAR2. How concerned are you that the U.S withdrawing from this agreement will hurt global efforts to fight climate change?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	<b>43</b>
Extremely concerned	23
Very concerned	20
<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Not very/not concerned at all NET</b>	<b>32</b>
Not very concerned	16
Not concerned at all	15
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**PAR3. How concerned are you that the U.S. withdrawing from this agreement will hurt the country's standing in the world?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Extremely concerned	25
Very concerned	19
<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Not very/not concerned at all NET</b>	<b>28</b>
Not very concerned	13
Not concerned at all	15
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2

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**PAR4. How much of an impact do you think U.S. withdrawing from this agreement will have on the national economy in the long run? Would you say...**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Help a lot/somewhat NET</b>	<b>18</b>
Help a lot	6
Help somewhat	12
<b>Have no impact</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Hurt somewhat/a lot</b>	<b>52</b>
Hurt somewhat	32
Hurt a lot	19
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2

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**BAN1. On another topic...As you may know, Donald Trump signed an executive order earlier this year that would temporarily ban most travelers from six countries -- that is Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen -- from entering the United States. Do you think each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason for this executive order?**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	DON'T KNOW	SKIP/ REFUSED
Trying to prevent Muslims from entering the country	50	20	28	*	1
Trying to protect the country from security threats	62	26	11	*	1

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**BAN2. Federal courts have blocked Trump's executive order banning travelers from these countries from entering the United States. Do you think the courts are acting rightly as a check on the president's powers or are they wrongly interfering with the president's powers?**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Courts are acting rightly	57
Courts are wrongly interfering	39
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	2

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

*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/Skip/Refused in PID1*

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

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>46</b>
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>33</b>
Lean Republican	8
Moderate Republican	17
Strong Republican	7
Unknown	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

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

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Urban area	30
Suburban area	45
Rural area	24
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
18-24	12
25-34	18
35-44	15
45-54	17
55-64	18
65-74	14
75+	6

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**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Male	48
Female	52

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**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

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**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Married	48
Widowed	5
Divorced	12
Separated	3
Never married	24
Living with partner	8

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**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Employed	57
Not employed	43
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	34
College graduate or above	27
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</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 AmeriSpeak®, NORC’s probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. 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 June 6 and June 11, 2017, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,068 completed the survey—813 via the web and 255 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 23.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.0 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 93.2 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 7.5 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 2017 Current Population Survey. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

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- NORC at the University of Chicago is one of the oldest and most respected, independent research institutions in the world.

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