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The December 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 12/5-9/2019
1,053 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.

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 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053) | 36 | 63 | * | * |
| 10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075) | 39 | 60 | 1 | 1 |
| 09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286) | 38 | 60 | 1 | 1 |
| 8/15-18/2019 (N=1,059) | 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 | 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 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| 12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053) | 40 | 23 | 17 | * | - | 60 | * | 15 | 45 | - | * |
| 10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075) | 42 | 25 | 17 | * | 1 | 56 | * | 14 | 42 | - | 1 |
| 09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286) | 40 | 24 | 16 | * | 1 | 59 | * | 16 | 42 | - | 1 |
| 8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058) | 36 | 21 | 15 | * | * | 62 | - | 16 | 46 | * | 2 |
| 6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116) | 38 | 19 | 19 | * | * | 60 | * | 17 | 43 | - | 1 |
| 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 | | |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----|----|---|----------|-----------|---|----|----|---|---|
| 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 |

BB2. 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 12/5-9/2019 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 28 | 8 | 20 | 30 | 42 | 29 | 13 | * | * |
| The national economy | 31 | 10 | 21 | 36 | 32 | 24 | 8 | * | * |
| Your own personal finances | 37 | 12 | 26 | 48 | 14 | 9 | 4 | * | * |

N=1,053

| AP-NORC 09/20-23/2019 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 30 | 9 | 21 | 28 | 41 | 27 | 14 | * | 1 |
| The national economy | 33 | 11 | 22 | 30 | 35 | 24 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 41 | 8 | 33 | 44 | 15 | 10 | 5 | * | 1 |

N=1,286

| AP-NORC 6/13-17/2019 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 27 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 44 | 29 | 15 | * | 1 |
| The national economy | 28 | 9 | 19 | 37 | 34 | 25 | 9 | * | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 37 | 11 | 27 | 48 | 13 | 9 | 4 | * | 1 |

N=1,116

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| AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 22 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 52 | 30 | 22 | * | 1 |
| The national economy | 27 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 44 | 27 | 18 | 1 | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 33 | 8 | 24 | 45 | 21 | 13 | 9 | - | 1 |

N=1,062

| AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 32 | 9 | 23 | 25 | 42 | 25 | 17 | * | * |
| The national economy | 33 | 11 | 22 | 31 | 35 | 26 | 10 | * | * |
| Your own personal finances | 35 | 10 | 25 | 44 | 20 | 14 | 6 | * | * |

N=1,067

| AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 30 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 45 | 31 | 15 | * | * |
| The national economy | 36 | 12 | 25 | 31 | 31 | 24 | 8 | * | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 37 | 10 | 27 | 45 | 17 | 13 | 4 | - | 1 |

N=1,109

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| AP-NORC 4/11-16/2018 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 32 | 9 | 22 | 22 | 46 | 29 | 17 | - | * |
| The national economy | 36 | 11 | 25 | 31 | 33 | 23 | 10 | * | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 37 | 11 | 26 | 46 | 18 | 14 | 4 | - | * |

N=1,140

| AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 32 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 45 | 26 | 19 | 1 | * |
| The national economy | 37 | 11 | 26 | 30 | 32 | 24 | 8 | * | 1 |
| Your own personal finances | 39 | 10 | 29 | 42 | 18 | 13 | 5 | * | * |

N=1,122

| AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018 | Much/ Somewhat better NET | Much better | Somewhat better | About the same | Much/ Somewhat worse NET | Somewhat worse | Much worse | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the country overall | 28 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 47 | 27 | 20 | * | * |
| The national economy | 34 | 12 | 23 | 32 | 33 | 21 | 12 | * | * |
| Your own personal finances | 38 | 12 | 27 | 45 | 16 | 11 | 5 | * | * |

N=1,337

PROB1. Thinking about the problems facing the United States and the world today, which problems would you like the government to be working on in the year 2020?

Please list up to 5 problems.

[Open-ended question coded. Respondents were able to list up to 5 problems. Reported proportions are among the 1,004 percent of respondents who provided at least one valid response to the questions. Respondents who did not answer are not included.]

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018 | AP-NORC 11/30-12/4/2017 | AP-NORC 12/14-19/2016 | AP-NORC 12/10-13/2015 |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Domestic issues – including healthcare (N=893) | 87 | 88 | 85 | 86 | 83 |
| The economy (N=590) | 59 | 62 | 65 | 67 | 67 |
| Foreign policy issues – including terrorism (N=571) | 55 | 62 | 58 | 56 | 67 |
| Politics (N=329) | 34 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 24 |
| Personal financial issues (N=152) | 15 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 12 |
| Other issues (N=24) | 2 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 10 |

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|--|------------------------|
| The economy (N=590) | 59 |
| Unemployment/jobs (N=139) | 15 |
| Debt/deficit/government spending/budget (N=91) | 10 |
| Poverty/hunger/homelessness (N=145) | 16 |
| Taxes/tax reform (N=132) | 13 |
| Trade/free trade agreements (N=89) | 9 |
| Economy, general (N=177) | 18 |
| Other economic issues (N=26) | 3 |
| Domestic issues (N=800) | 79 |
| Gun issues (N=130) | 12 |
| LGBT issues (N=17) | 2 |
| Environment/climate change (N=287) | 29 |
| Education/student debt (N=206) | 19 |
| Crime/violence (N=38) | 4 |
| Morals/values/religion (N=22) | 3 |
| Social Security (N=56) | 5 |
| Drugs/opioid crisis (N=76) | 8 |
| Women's rights/women's health (N=22) | 2 |
| Abortion (N=34) | 3 |
| Racism/racial inequality/racial issues (N=103) | 10 |
| Social injustice/discrimination (N=47) | 4 |
| Infrastructure (N=72) | 6 |

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| Income inequality/concerns about poor and/or middle class (N=92) | 8 |
| Welfare issues/entitlement reform (N=54) | 6 |
| Helping vulnerable populations (elderly, poor) (N=29) | 3 |
| Police brutality/other policing issues (N=26) | 2 |
| Veterans' issues (N=25) | 2 |
| Energy (N=20) | 2 |
| Criminal justice reform (N=28) | 2 |
| Media concerns (N=21) | 2 |
| Other domestic issues (N=60) | 7 |
| Foreign policy issues (N=546) | 52 |
| War/Iraq/Afghanistan/military issues (N=68) | 8 |
| Immigration/border wall/family separation/DACA (N=370) | 35 |
| "Foreign Policy"/U.S. involvement overseas/aggression/general mentions of other countries (N=103) | 9 |
| National security/defense (N=44) | 3 |
| World peace (N=17) | 2 |
| Election security/Russia election meddling (N=17) | 1 |
| North Korea (N=12) | 1 |
| China (N=12) | 1 |
| Other foreign issues (N=39) | 4 |
| Personal financial issues (N=152) | 15 |
| Personal financial situation/cost of living for Americans (N=24) | 2 |
| Minimum wage/wages (N=75) | 7 |
| Housing costs (foreclosure/housing prices/upside down in mortgage) (N=56) | 6 |
| Other personal financial issues (N=15) | 1 |
| Healthcare/health issues (N=530) | 50 |
| Healthcare reform (N=419) | 39 |
| Cost of healthcare/medical bills (N=104) | 10 |
| Healthcare for elderly/Medicare (N=26) | 4 |
| Health-related issues (N=24) | 2 |
| Other healthcare issues (N=2) | * |
| Politics (N=329) | 34 |
| Bipartisanship vs. gridlock/shutdown (N=40) | 5 |
| Specific parties/politicians/Congress (N=39) | 4 |
| Government corruption/fraud (N=56) | 6 |
| Special interest money in politics/lobbying/campaign finance reform (N=17) | 1 |
| Government accountability/transparency (N=11) | 1 |
| Smaller government/get government out of our lives/less regulation (N=16) | 1 |
| Uphold Constitution/protect freedoms/protect free speech (N=23) | 2 |
| Need effective leadership /"do nothing" leaders (N=8) | 1 |
| Term limits (N=27) | 2 |

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| Voting laws/voter fraud/voting issues (N=22) | 2 |
| Trump (N=24) | 3 |
| Division/unity (N=40) | 6 |
| Impeachment (N=66) | 6 |
| Other political issues (N=45) | 4 |
| Terrorism (N=48) | 6 |
| Refugees/other terrorism issues/general terrorism mentions (N=48) | 6 |
| Other (N=24) | 2 |

PROB3. How confident are you in the ability of the federal government to make progress on this problem in 2020?

[ASKED FOR EACH VERBATIM RESPONSE IN PROB1]

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | Not at all/ slightly confident NET | Not at all confident | Slightly confident | Moderately confident | Very/ extremely confident NET | Very confident | Extremely confident | DK/ SKP/ REF |
|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| The economy (N=590) | 68 | 32 | 36 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 2 | * |
| Unemployment/jobs (N=139) | 55 | 14 | 41 | 31 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Debt/deficit/ government spending/ budget (N=91) | 85 | 55 | 31 | 9 | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Poverty/hunger/ homelessness (N=145) | 74 | 31 | 42 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 3 | * |
| Taxes/tax reform (N=132) | 79 | 50 | 29 | 14 | 6 | 6 | - | 1 |
| Trade/free trade agreements (N=89) | 41 | 13 | 28 | 33 | 24 | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| Economy, general (N=177) | 57 | 17 | 40 | 28 | 16 | 11 | 5 | - |
| Other economic issues (N=26) | 61 | 51 | 10 | 28 | 11 | 3 | 8 | - |
| Domestic issues (N=800) | 76 | 48 | 28 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Gun issues (N=130) | 73 | 57 | 17 | 20 | 7 | 2 | 5 | - |
| LGBT issues (N=17) | 88 | 39 | 48 | 12 | - | - | - | - |
| Environment/climate change (N=287) | 85 | 60 | 26 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 | * |
| Education/student debt (N=206) | 79 | 47 | 32 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Crime/violence (N=38) | 78 | 49 | 30 | 15 | 7 | - | 7 | - |

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| Morals/values/religion (N=22) | 61 | 25 | 36 | 11 | 28 | 7 | 21 | - |
| Social Security (N=56) | 67 | 44 | 24 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Drugs/opioid crisis (N=76) | 78 | 34 | 44 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 3 | - |
| Women's rights/ women's health (N=22) | 72 | 43 | 28 | 28 | - | - | - | - |
| Abortion (N=34) | 78 | 57 | 21 | 17 | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Racism/racial inequality/racial issues (N=103) | 84 | 64 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Social injustice/ discrimination (N=47) | 79 | 67 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Infrastructure (N=72) | 57 | 21 | 36 | 31 | 13 | 12 | * | - |
| Income inequality/ concerns about poor and/or middle class (N=92) | 90 | 75 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Welfare issues/ entitlement reform (N=54) | 63 | 34 | 29 | 30 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Helping vulnerable populations (elderly, poor) (N=29) | 70 | 40 | 29 | 17 | 13 | 9 | 4 | - |
| Police brutality/other policing issues (N=26) | 76 | 58 | 18 | 21 | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| Veterans' issues (N=25) | 68 | 33 | 35 | 25 | 7 | 6 | 2 | - |
| Energy (N=20) | 57 | 37 | 21 | 7 | 35 | 9 | 27 | - |
| Criminal justice reform (N=28) | 82 | 67 | 15 | 18 | - | - | - | - |
| Media concerns (N=21) | 95 | 76 | 19 | 5 | - | - | - | - |
| Other domestic issues (N=60) | 71 | 28 | 42 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| Foreign policy issues (N=546) | 67 | 36 | 32 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 2 | * |
| War/Iraq/Afghanistan/ military issues (N=68) | 65 | 33 | 32 | 19 | 16 | 16 | * | - |
| Immigration/border wall/family separation/ DACA (N=370) | 67 | 37 | 31 | 20 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| "Foreign Policy"/U.S. involvement overseas/ aggression/general mentions of other countries (N=103) | 77 | 43 | 34 | 22 | 1 | 1 | * | * |

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| National security/defense (N=44) | 46 | 17 | 30 | 29 | 24 | 12 | 12 | - |
| World peace (N=17) | 66 | 26 | 40 | 21 | 13 | 3 | 10 | - |
| Election security/Russia election meddling (N=17) | 78 | 58 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 11 | - | - |
| North Korea (N=12) | 56 | 3 | 52 | 33 | 11 | 11 | - | - |
| China (N=12) | 59 | 30 | 30 | 27 | 14 | 14 | - | - |
| Other foreign issues (N=39) | 56 | 46 | 10 | 30 | 14 | 14 | - | - |
| Personal financial issues (N=152) | 79 | 43 | 36 | 14 | 7 | 6 | * | 1 |
| Personal financial situation/cost of living for Americans (N=24) | 75 | 40 | 36 | 6 | 13 | 13 | - | 5 |
| Minimum wage/wages (N=75) | 84 | 40 | 43 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Housing costs (foreclosure/housing prices/upside down in mortgage) (N=56) | 80 | 48 | 33 | 13 | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| Other personal financial issues (N=15) | 74 | 42 | 32 | 11 | 15 | 15 | - | - |
| Healthcare/health issues (N=530) | 77 | 45 | 33 | 19 | 3 | 3 | * | * |
| Healthcare reform (N=419) | 77 | 45 | 31 | 19 | 4 | 4 | * | - |
| Cost of healthcare/medical bills (N=104) | 81 | 53 | 29 | 18 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Healthcare for elderly/Medicare (N=26) | 90 | 24 | 66 | 10 | * | - | * | * |
| Health-related issues (N=24) | 69 | 48 | 21 | 28 | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| Other healthcare issues (N=2) | 100 | 72 | 28 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Politics (N=329) | 75 | 51 | 24 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Bipartisanship vs. gridlock/shutdown (N=40) | 100 | 71 | 29 | * | - | - | - | - |
| Specific parties/politicians/Congress (N=39) | 78 | 67 | 11 | 17 | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Government corruption/fraud (N=56) | 67 | 54 | 14 | 23 | 9 | 7 | 2 | - |

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| Special interest money in politics/ lobbying/ campaign finance reform (N=17) | 100 | 96 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Government accountability/ transparency (N=11) | 96 | 44 | 52 | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Smaller government/ get government out of our lives/less regulation (N=16) | 82 | 46 | 36 | 10 | 8 | 8 | - | - |
| Uphold Constitution/ protect freedoms/ protect free speech (N=23) | 77 | 41 | 37 | 23 | - | - | - | - |
| Need effective leadership/"do nothing" leaders (N=8) | 75 | 75 | - | 6 | 19 | - | 19 | - |
| Term limits (N=27) | 83 | 59 | 23 | 9 | 8 | 8 | - | - |
| Voting laws/voter fraud/voting issues (N=22) | 80 | 55 | 24 | 14 | - | - | - | 6 |
| Trump (N=24) | 66 | 37 | 30 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Division/unity (N=40) | 74 | 54 | 20 | 23 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Impeachment (N=66) | 54 | 32 | 22 | 25 | 21 | 12 | 8 | - |
| Other political issues (N=45) | 61 | 39 | 21 | 36 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Terrorism (N=48) | 53 | 13 | 39 | 29 | 19 | 9 | 10 | - |
| Refugees/other terrorism issues/ general terrorism mentions (N=48) | 53 | 13 | 39 | 29 | 19 | 9 | 10 | - |
| Other (N=24) | 53 | 37 | 17 | 5 | 42 | 23 | 19 | - |

MT1. In general, do you think America's best days are:

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018 | AP-NORC 11/30- 12/4/2017 | AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016 |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ahead of us | 50 | 51 | 43 | 46 |
| Behind us | 48 | 47 | 55 | 52 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 | * | 1 | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| N= | 1,053 | 1,067 | 1,444 | 1,008 |

MT2. Looking ahead to 2020, which of the following comes closest to your opinion? For you personally:

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | AP-NORC ¹ 12/13-16/2018 |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2020 will be a better year than 2019 | 37 | 37 |
| 2020 will be a worse year than 2019 | 13 | 18 |
| There won't be much of a difference between 2020 and 2019 | 50 | 45 |
| DON'T KNOW | * | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * | 1 |
| N= | 1,053 | 1,067 |

¹ Question asked about 2018 and 2019

MT7. Are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied about each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | Very/ Somewhat satisfied NET | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat/ Very dissatisfied NET | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | DK | SKP /REF |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the United States | 21 | 3 | 18 | 20 | 58 | 31 | 27 | - | * |
| The way things are going in your own state | 32 | 6 | 26 | 24 | 43 | 27 | 16 | * | - |
| The way things are going in your local community | 44 | 9 | 35 | 28 | 27 | 18 | 9 | * | * |
| The state of politics in this country | 10 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 77 | 28 | 50 | * | * |

N=1,053

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| AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018 | Very/ Somewhat satisfied NET | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat/ Very dissatisfied NET | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | DK | SKP /REF |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the United States | 22 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 60 | 29 | 31 | * | * |
| The way things are going in your own state | 36 | 6 | 30 | 23 | 40 | 24 | 17 | * | * |
| The way things are going in your local community | 47 | 11 | 36 | 28 | 25 | 16 | 9 | - | * |
| The state of politics in this country | 11 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 73 | 25 | 47 | * | * |

N=1,067

| AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018 | Very/ Somewhat satisfied NET | Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat/ Very dissatisfied NET | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | DK | SKP /REF |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----|-------------|
| The way things are going in the United States | 25 | 4 | 21 | 16 | 58 | 29 | 30 | * | 1 |
| The way things are going in your own state | 33 | 6 | 27 | 21 | 45 | 27 | 18 | * | 1 |
| The way things are going in your local community | 43 | 10 | 33 | 28 | 28 | 18 | 10 | * | 1 |
| The state of politics in this country | 9 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 77 | 29 | 48 | * | 1 |

N=1,152

HOL1. Do you celebrate each of the following holidays, or not?

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | Yes | No | DK | SKP/ REF |
|------------------------|-----|----|----|-------------|
| Christmas | 92 | 8 | - | * |
| Hanukkah | 5 | 92 | * | 3 |
| Kwanzaa | 3 | 93 | * | 3 |
| New Year's Eve | 81 | 18 | - | 1 |

N=1,053

Ask if "Yes" to "Christmas" in HOL1

HOL2. Which comes closest to describing how you celebrate Christmas? Do you celebrate it more as a [religious] holiday or more as a [non-religious cultural] holiday?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| | AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Religious holiday | 52 |
| Non-religious cultural holiday | 48 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | - |

N =

967

HOL3. How well do each of the following words describe the way you feel during the December holiday season?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 | Extremely/ Very well NET | Extremely well | Very well | Moderately well | Not very well/ Not well at all NET | Not very well | Not well at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| Grateful | 73 | 36 | 37 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 3 | - | * |
| Stressed | 29 | 10 | 19 | 39 | 32 | 20 | 11 | - | * |
| Festive | 49 | 18 | 31 | 31 | 19 | 15 | 4 | 1 | * |
| Lonely | 19 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 58 | 25 | 32 | - | 1 |
| Generous | 52 | 15 | 37 | 37 | 10 | 8 | 2 | - | 1 |
| Sad | 19 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 55 | 28 | 27 | - | 1 |

N=1,053

HOL4. Does your family have any traditions that you are looking forward to this holiday season, or not?

| | AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Yes | 58 |
| No | 41 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N =</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

HOL5. Does your family have any traditions that you are dreading this holiday season, or not?

| | AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Yes | 12 |
| No | 87 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N =</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

HOL6. Do you plan to volunteer or make donations during this holiday season?

| | AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Yes | 59 |
| No | 41 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N =</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

SPTS1. Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neither favorable nor unfavorable opinion of the NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association, which is the governing body for most major college athletic programs? If you don't know enough about the NCAA to have an opinion, you can say that too.

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|--|------------------------|
| Very/Somewhat favorable NET | 14 |
| Very favorable | 3 |
| Somewhat favorable | 11 |
| Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 21 |
| Very/Somewhat favorable NET | 17 |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 12 |
| Very unfavorable | 5 |
| Don't know enough to say | 47 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |

N=

1,053

SPTS2. Do you think the NCAA should or should not allow college athletes to earn money from endorsements and sponsorships?

| | AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Should allow | 66 |
| Should not allow | 32 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |

N =

1,053

SPTS3. Do you think colleges and universities with major athletic programs should or should not provide athletes participating in those programs with:

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | Should provide | Should not provide | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| A salary | 38 | 60 | 2 | 1 |
| Additional spending money | 46 | 52 | 1 | 1 |
| A share of any revenue received from broadcast rights | 52 | 45 | 2 | 1 |
| Exemptions from certain academic courses that they need to graduate | 19 | 80 | 1 | 1 |

N=1,053

REL1: Overall, how much influence do you think religion has on government policies concerning each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | A lot/ Some NET | A lot | Some | Not much/ No influence at all NET | Not much | No influence at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|------|--|-------------|---------------------------|----|-------------|
| LGBT issues | 63 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 20 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| Abortion | 77 | 48 | 29 | 22 | 14 | 8 | 1 | * |
| Poverty | 50 | 17 | 33 | 50 | 33 | 17 | * | * |
| Immigration | 48 | 17 | 31 | 51 | 29 | 22 | * | 1 |
| Foreign policy | 46 | 16 | 30 | 53 | 32 | 21 | * | 1 |
| Climate change | 26 | 10 | 16 | 74 | 38 | 35 | * | 1 |
| Education | 50 | 17 | 33 | 49 | 31 | 18 | 1 | * |
| Health care | 42 | 14 | 28 | 58 | 34 | 23 | * | 1 |
| Income inequality | 36 | 12 | 24 | 64 | 36 | 27 | * | * |
| Gun policy | 42 | 17 | 25 | 57 | 32 | 25 | 1 | * |

N=1,053

REL2. Overall, how much influence do you think religion SHOULD have on government policies concerning each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | A lot/ Some NET | A lot | Some | Not much/ No influence at all NET | Not much | No influence at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------|------|--|----------|---------------------------|----|-------------|
| LGBT issues | 34 | 14 | 20 | 64 | 17 | 47 | 1 | * |
| Abortion | 46 | 27 | 20 | 53 | 12 | 41 | * | * |
| Poverty | 52 | 25 | 26 | 48 | 11 | 37 | - | * |
| Immigration | 36 | 15 | 21 | 63 | 16 | 47 | * | * |
| Foreign policy | 34 | 11 | 23 | 66 | 18 | 48 | * | * |
| Climate change | 28 | 10 | 18 | 72 | 18 | 54 | * | * |
| Education | 41 | 16 | 25 | 58 | 14 | 45 | - | * |
| Health Care | 39 | 15 | 24 | 60 | 15 | 46 | - | * |
| Income inequality | 38 | 15 | 22 | 62 | 16 | 46 | * | * |
| Gun policy | 33 | 16 | 17 | 66 | 17 | 50 | * | * |

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| AP-NORC 8/16-20/2018 | A lot/ Some NET | A lot | Some | Not much/ No influence at all NET | Not much | No influence at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|------|--|----------|---------------------------|----|-------------|
| LGBT issues | 34 | 15 | 19 | 64 | 16 | 48 | 1 | 2 |
| Abortion | 45 | 21 | 24 | 54 | 9 | 45 | * | 1 |
| Poverty | 57 | 25 | 31 | 42 | 9 | 33 | * | 1 |
| Immigration | 43 | 17 | 26 | 56 | 14 | 42 | * | 1 |
| Foreign policy | 34 | 11 | 23 | 65 | 18 | 48 | * | 1 |
| Climate change | 32 | 11 | 20 | 67 | 18 | 48 | * | 1 |
| Education | 49 | 22 | 27 | 50 | 12 | 38 | * | 1 |
| Health Care | 44 | 18 | 27 | 55 | 15 | 40 | * | 1 |
| Income inequality | 36 | 12 | 25 | 62 | 18 | 44 | 1 | 1 |
| Gun policy | 38 | 19 | 19 | 61 | 15 | 45 | * | 1 |

N=1,055

POLICY1. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose making abortion illegal except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the pregnant woman is at risk?

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 37 |
| Strongly favor | 25 |
| Somewhat favor | 11 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 17 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 45 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 |
| Strongly oppose | 35 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| N= | 1,053 |

POLICY2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following government policies?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

- A. Increasing assistance for poor Americans, such as unemployment benefits, health insurance, and food assistance**

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 62 |
| Strongly favor | 36 |
| Somewhat favor | 27 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 19 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 19 |
| Somewhat oppose | 12 |
| Strongly oppose | 7 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| N= | 1,053 |

B. A border policy that separates children from their parents when the parents are detained for entering the country illegally

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 18 |
| Strongly favor | 7 |
| Somewhat favor | 11 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 14 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 67 |
| Somewhat oppose | 13 |
| Strongly oppose | 54 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| N= | 1,053 |

C. Regulating the amount of carbon dioxide that power and industrial plants can emit

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 70 |
| Strongly favor | 43 |
| Somewhat favor | 27 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 17 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 11 |
| Somewhat oppose | 6 |
| Strongly oppose | 5 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| N= | 1,053 |

D. A single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | AP-NORC 4/11-14/2019 | AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 41 | 42 | 38 |
| Strongly favor | 20 | 16 | 19 |
| Somewhat favor | 21 | 26 | 19 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 23 | 25 | 22 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 34 | 31 | 39 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 | 11 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose | 24 | 21 | 25 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| SKIP/REFUSED | * | 1 | * |
| N= | 1,053 | 1,108 | 1,036 |

E. A nationwide ban on the sale of AR-15 rifles and similar semiautomatic weapons

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 | AP-NORC 3/14- 18/2019 | AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018 | AP-GfK 7/7-11/2016 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 52 | 60 | 58 | 57 |
| Strongly favor | 40 | 47 | 47 | 43 |
| Somewhat favor | 12 | 13 | 11 | 14 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 15 | 15 | 12 | 15 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 32 | 24 | 29 | 25 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Strongly oppose | 22 | 16 | 21 | 17 |
| DON'T KNOW | * | * | * | - |
| SKIP/REFUSED | * | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| N= | 1,053 | 1,063 | 1,122 | 1,009 |

F. Giving low income parents tax-funded vouchers they can use to help pay for tuition for their children to attend private or religious schools of their choice instead of public schools

| | AP-NORC /2019 | AP-NORC 4/20-23/2017 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 42 | 43 |
| Strongly favor | 23 | 19 |
| Somewhat favor | 18 | 24 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 21 | 21 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 37 | 35 |
| Somewhat oppose | 16 | 16 |
| Strongly oppose | 21 | 19 |
| DON'T KNOW | - | 1 |
| SKIP/REFUSED | * | 1 |
| N= | 1,053 | 1,036 |

G. Reducing U.S. military intervention overseas

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 50 |
| Strongly favor | 20 |
| Somewhat favor | 30 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 30 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 19 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 |
| Strongly oppose | 9 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| N= | 1,053 |

H. Increasing taxes on wealthy Americans

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 70 |
| Strongly favor | 46 |
| Somewhat favor | 24 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 14 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 15 |
| Somewhat oppose | 7 |
| Strongly oppose | 9 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | - |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

I. Prohibiting discrimination against people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender in workplaces, housing and schools

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly/Somewhat favor NET | 62 |
| Strongly favor | 48 |
| Somewhat favor | 14 |
| Neither favor nor oppose | 21 |
| Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET | 17 |
| Somewhat oppose | 7 |
| Strongly oppose | 10 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

REL6. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your beliefs?

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Religious but not spiritual | 9 |
| Spiritual but not religious | 29 |
| Both religious and spiritual | 43 |
| Neither religious nor spiritual | 18 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?²

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|---|------------------------|
| Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.) | 32 |
| Roman Catholic (Catholic) | 19 |
| Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS) | 2 |
| Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church) | 1 |
| Jewish (Judaism) | 1 |
| Muslim (Islam) | 1 |
| Buddhist | 1 |
| Hindu | * |
| Atheist (do not believe in God) | 4 |
| Agnostic (not sure if there is a God) | 5 |
| Nothing in particular | 15 |
| Just Christian | 16 |
| Unitarian (Universalist) | 8 |
| Something else – please specify | 5 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIP/REFUSED | - |
| N= | 1,053 |

² 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.

ATTEND. How often do you attend religious services?³

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Never | 25 |
| Less than once per year | 14 |
| About once or twice a year | 12 |
| Several times a year | 13 |
| About once a month | 6 |
| 2-3 times a month | 5 |
| Nearly every week | 6 |
| Every week | 12 |
| Several times a week | 6 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIP/REFUSED | - |
| N= | 1,053 |

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?⁴

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Yes | 33 |
| No | 67 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIP/REFUSED | - |
| N= | 762 |

³ 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.

⁴ BORN is an appended variable from the AmeriSpeak respondent profile. BORN was only asked of AmeriSpeak respondents to this survey who had not filled out the profile survey within the past year or who had BORN missing from their profile.

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

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Democrat NET | 46 |
| Strong Democrat | 12 |
| Moderate Democrat | 22 |
| Lean Democrat | 12 |
| Independent/None – Don't lean | 18 |
| Republican NET | 36 |
| Lean Republican | 11 |
| Moderate Republican | 13 |
| Strong Republican | 12 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

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

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Liberal | 21 |
| Conservative | 46 |
| Moderate | 31 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

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

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Urban | 26 |
| Suburban | 42 |
| Rural | 31 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

AGE

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 18-24 | 12 |
| 25-34 | 19 |
| 35-44 | 15 |
| 45-54 | 15 |
| 55-64 | 18 |
| 65-74 | 13 |
| 75+ | 8 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

GENDER

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| White | 63 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic | 16 |
| Other | 9 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

MARITAL STATUS

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Married | 44 |
| Widowed | 6 |
| Divorced | 14 |
| Separated | 2 |
| Never married | 26 |
| Living with partner | 7 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Employed | 56 |
| Not employed | 44 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

EDUCATION

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Less than a high school diploma | 11 |
| High school graduate or equivalent | 28 |
| Some college | 28 |
| College graduate or above | 33 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</i> |

INCOME

| | AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Under \$10,000 | 9 |
| \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | 9 |
| \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | 12 |
| \$30,000 to under \$40,000 | 9 |
| \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | 9 |
| \$50,000 to under \$75,000 | 20 |
| \$75,000 to under \$100,000 | 14 |
| \$100,000 to under \$150,000 | 13 |
| \$150,000 or more | 6 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,053</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 December 5 and 9, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,053 completed the survey—969 via the web and 84 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.9 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 24.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.6 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.7 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.

For the open ended question PROB1, which asked respondents to name the top problems the government should address in the country in 2020, responses were classified using a supervised machine learning model. Nearly 20,000 responses from previous AmeriSpeak Omnibus surveys were used to train a support vector machine to classify responses into nearly 70 codes. These codes were validated by a human coder and were then collapsed into more general categories based on topic for reporting.

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