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# The June 2018 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 6/13-18/2018*

*1,109 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
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	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>41</b>	21	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>40</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>42</b>	20	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>35</b>	19	17	-	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>32</b>	15	17	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>32</b>	20	12	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>35</b>	16	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>42</b>	20	22	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	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 6/13-18/2018	<b>Much/ Somewhat better NET</b>	Much better	Somewhat better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Somewhat worse NET</b>	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	<b>30</b>	10	20	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	31	15	*	*
The national economy	<b>36</b>	12	25	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	24	8	*	1
Your own personal finances	<b>37</b>	10	27	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	13	4	-	1

N=1,109

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

N=1,140

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

N=1,122

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

N=1,337

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

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

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

N=1,109

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

*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 6/13-18/2018	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea	<b>55</b>	54	1	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	*	43	*	1
Trade negotiations with other countries	<b>43</b>	42	1	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	*	55	*	1
Relationships with U.S. allies	<b>43</b>	42	1	*	<b>56</b>	*	56	*	1

N=1,109

AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea	<b>42</b>	41	1	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	56	*	*
Trade negotiations with other countries	<b>41</b>	40	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	*	57	*	*

N=1,122

AP-NORC 10/12-16/2017	<b>Approve/ lean toward approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove/ lean toward disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea	<b>34</b>	34	*	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>	*	64	*	*

N=1,054

AP-NORC 9/28-10/2/2017	<b>Approve NET</b>	Approve	Lean toward approve	<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>Disapprove NET</b>	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea	<b>36</b>	35	1	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	*	63	*	*

N=1,150

**NK1. How confident are you in President Trump’s ability to handle complex foreign policy situations?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
<b>Extremely/very confident NET</b>	<b>23</b>
Extremely confident	9
Very confident	14
<b>Moderately confident</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Not very/not confident at all NET</b>	<b>53</b>
Not very confident	24
Not confident at all	29
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,109

**NK2. How concerned are you that President Trump’s positions on trade could permanently damage U.S. relationships with traditional allies?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	<b>40</b>
Extremely concerned	19
Very concerned	20
<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Not very/not concerned at all NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Not very concerned	20
Not concerned at all	8
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,109

**NK3. As you may have heard, President Trump recently met with North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un to discuss North Korea’s nuclear weapons program. How confident are you that this meeting will ultimately lead to North Korea giving up its nuclear weapons?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
<b>Extremely/very confident NET</b>	<b>12</b>
Extremely confident	3
Very confident	9
<b>Moderately confident</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Not very/not confident at all NET</b>	<b>52</b>
Not very confident	32
Not confident at all	21
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,109

**NK4. Do you think North Korea's leadership is serious about addressing international concerns about their country's possession of nuclear weapons, or not?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Yes, serious	42
No, not serious	55
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N= 1,109

**NK4B. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose, President Trump’s decision to end military exercises with South Korea while negotiations with North Korea over its nuclear weapons program are ongoing?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
<b>Strongly/somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Strongly favor	8
Somewhat favor	22
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Somewhat/strongly oppose NET</b>	<b>28</b>
Somewhat oppose	18
Strongly oppose	10
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,109



**NK5. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the U.S. doing each of the following in exchange for North Korea giving up its nuclear weapons program?**

AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018	<b>Strongly/ somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat/ strongly oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Withdrawing U.S. troops from South Korea	<b>29</b>	7	22	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	26	15	1	1
Giving economic aid to North Korea	<b>24</b>	3	21	<b>28</b>	<b>47</b>	23	24	*	1
Ending sanctions designed to limit North Korea's economy	<b>37</b>	6	31	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	17	10	1	1
Signing a treaty with North Korea to end the Korean War	<b>69</b>	35	33	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	4	4	1	1
Inviting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to visit the White House	<b>39</b>	15	24	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	11	14	*	1

N=1,109

**CORR1. Would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence in Donald Trump's ability to:**

AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Appoint well-qualified people for his cabinet and other high-level government positions	20	33	46	*	1
Effectively manage the White House	22	30	46	*	2
Reduce the amount of corruption in the government in Washington	21	28	51	*	1
Incorporate the advice of his advisers and experts into his decision making	18	39	42	*	1

N=1,109

**CORR2. Do you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable for presidents to pardon themselves if charged with a crime?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Acceptable	13
Unacceptable	85
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,109

**CORR3. If a president pardons him or herself, should Congress take steps to remove the president from office or shouldn't it?**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Should	76
Should not	20
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	4

N=

1,109

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

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Democrat	33
Republican	25
Independent	24
None of these	17
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,109

*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 6/13-18/2018
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>43</b>
Strong Democrat	13
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	10
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	17
Strong Republican	8
Unknown	1

N=

1,109

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

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Liberal	23
Conservative	33
Moderate	40
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3

N=

1,109

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

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Urban area	23
Suburban area	46
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N= 1,109

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	14
45-54	16
55-64	18
65-74	14
75+	7

N= 1,109

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,109

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

N=

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Married	46
Widowed	6
Divorced	13
Separated	3
Never married	27
Living with partner	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,109</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Employed	57
Not employed	43
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,109</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,109</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 6/13-18/2018
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,109</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% 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 13 and 18, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,109 completed the survey—967 via the web and 142 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 23.6 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 33.7 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 87.2 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 6.9 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 reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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