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Interviews: 01/16-21/2020

1,353 adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.6 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
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	38	62	*	*
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
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	41	24	17	1	*	58	*	14	44	-	*
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		
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...?

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

Economy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)		56					43	1	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	-	54	-	-	-	-	44	*	*
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	-	51	-	-	-	-	47	1	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	46	-	-	-	-	51	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	47	-	-	-	-	51	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	44	-	-	-	-	55	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	50	*	1	49	1	48	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	51	*	*	49	*	49	*	-
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	47	46	1	1	52	*	51	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	45	-	*	54	*	53	-	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	40	*	1	59	*	59	*	-
10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	41	*	1	58	1	57	*	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	42	*	1	56	1	56	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	43	1	1	55	*	55	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	1	1	48	1	47	-	*

Foreign policy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)		39					59	*	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	-	38	-	-	-	-	59	*	2
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	-	39	-	-	-	-	58	2	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	36	-	-	-	-	61	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	63	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	39	*	2	59	*	59	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	36	1	*	63	1	62	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	34	34	*	1	64	*	64	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	30	*	1	69	*	68	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	34	34	*	1	65	*	64	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	34	*	1	63	1	63	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	40	40	1	1	58	1	57	*	*

Health care

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)		38					61	*	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	-	43	-	-	-	-	55	*	2
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	37	-	-	-	-	61	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	*	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	37	36	*	1	62	*	62	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	36	*	*	64	*	63	*	-
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	29	*	*	70	*	70	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	31	31	*	1	68	*	68	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	32	32	*	1	66	1	65	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	36	36	1	1	62	*	62	*	*

Trade negotiations with other countries

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)		46					53	*	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	-	43	-	-	-	-	55	*	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	39	-	-	-	-	59	1	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	39	-	-	-	-	59	1	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	41	40	*	*	59	1	57	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	39	39	*	*	61	1	60	-	-
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	43	42	1	1	55	*	55	*	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	41	40	*	1	58	*	57	*	*

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 01/16-21/2020	Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The United States' relationship with traditionally hostile nations, such as Russia and North Korea	20	5	14	33	46	29	18	*	*
The United States' standing in the world	28	10	19	31	39	26	14	*	*
The United States' relationship with traditional allies such as Canada, The United Kingdom and the European Union	26	8	18	35	38	25	13	*	*

N= 1,353

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 United States' relationship with traditionally hostile nations, such as Russia and North Korea	22	5	16	38	39	26	13	*	1
The United States' standing in the world	21	7	15	25	53	31	22	*	1
The United States' relationship with traditional allies such as Canada, The United Kingdom and the European Union	18	5	14	35	45	30	15	*	1

N=1,062

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 United States' relationship with traditionally hostile nations, such as Russia and North Korea	40	9	31	33	26	19	7	*	1
The United States' standing in the world	27	9	18	23	48	29	19	*	1
The United States' relationship with traditional allies such as Canada, The United Kingdom and the European Union	20	4	16	33	46	28	17	*	1

N=1,109

FP1. In general, do you think the United States uses its military force in foreign conflicts too often, not often enough, or about the right amount?

[FIRST TWO OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Too often	51
Not often enough	13
About the right amount	36
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	1,353

	AP-NORC 10/24-28/2019
Too often	48
Not often enough	9
About the right amount	42
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	1,075

IMPEACH1. As you may know, the House of Representatives has voted to impeach Donald Trump, and the Senate will hold a trial to decide whether to convict Trump, which would remove him from office. Do you think the Senate should or should not remove him from office, or don't you know enough to say?

If should or should not in IMPEACH1: Do you feel that way strongly, or not?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Should (NET)	45
Should strongly	42
Should somewhat	3
Should not (NET)	40
Should not somewhat	8
Should not strongly	33
Don't know enough to say	14
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	1,353

IMPEACH2. When it comes to Donald Trump’s interactions with the president of Ukraine, do you think Trump has done something illegal, or he has done something unethical, but not illegal, or do you think he has not done anything wrong?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Has done something illegal	42
Has done something unethical but not illegal	32
Has not done anything wrong	25
DON’T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,353</i>

	AP-NORC 10/24-28/2019
Has done something illegal	38
Has done something unethical but not illegal	29
Has not done anything wrong	30
DON’T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

IMPEACH3. How likely is it that things might come up in the Senate impeachment trial that would change your mind about whether Trump should be removed from office?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Extremely/very likely	7
Extremely likely	3
Very likely	4
Somewhat likely	18
Not too/not at all likely	75
Not too likely	40
Not at all likely	35
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,353</i>

IMPEACH4. Regardless of whether you support impeachment, how much confidence do you have in the Senate to conduct a fair trial?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
A great deal/quite a bit	23
A great deal	11
Quite a bit	11
A moderate amount	28
Only a little/none at all	48
Only a little	21
None at all	27
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,353

IMPEACH5. Regardless of whether you support impeachment, do you think the Trump administration is cooperating too much, too little, or about the right amount with the Senate on the impeachment trial?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Too much	8
Too little	48
About the right amount	43
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,353

IMPEACH6. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not allow top aides in his administration to appear as witnesses in the impeachment trial?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Should allow	68
Should not allow	30
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,353

FP2. How personally concerned are you that each of the following poses a direct threat to the United States?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	Extremely/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020									
North Korea's nuclear program	53	25	27	30	17	12	5	*	*
Iran's nuclear program	56	28	28	28	15	11	4	*	*
Extremist militant groups	59	29	30	28	13	9	4	*	*
Russia's influence around the world	50	23	27	31	19	15	4	*	*
China's influence around the world	48	21	28	35	16	12	3	*	*
The spread of infectious diseases	54	22	32	31	14	11	3	*	*
Climate change	56	34	22	22	20	12	8	*	1
Illegal immigration	43	22	21	24	32	22	10	*	1
Cyberattacks	68	32	36	24	8	6	2	*	*

N= 1,353

	Extremely/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019									
North Korea's nuclear program	52	23	29	32	15	10	5	*	*
Iran's nuclear program	48	21	27	33	18	11	7	-	1
Extremist militant groups	55	24	31	29	15	10	5	1	*
Russia's influence around the world	47	23	24	33	19	14	5	*	*
China's influence around the world	40	15	26	39	19	15	4	*	1
The spread of infectious diseases	45	17	28	33	21	17	4	-	1
Climate change	52	29	23	25	21	14	8	1	1
Illegal immigration	40	20	20	27	33	23	9	-	*

N=1,062

IRAN1. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the United States' decision to conduct a drone strike that killed a top general in Iran?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Strongly/somewhat approve	41
Strongly approve	26
Somewhat approve	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	28
Strongly/somewhat disapprove	30
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	16
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,353

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

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	14
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	11
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	36
Lean Republican	12
Moderate Republican	15
Strong Republican	9

N=

1,353

IDEOLOGY. Combines D3, D4, D5, D6: Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Liberal NET	29
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	9
Lean liberal	10
Neither liberal nor conservative	26
Conservative NET	44
Lean conservative	13
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	11

N=

1,353

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

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Urban	25
Suburban	46
Rural	29
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,353

AGE

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
18-24	12
25-34	20
35-44	14
45-54	17
55-64	17
65-74	15
75+	6

N=

1,353

GENDER

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Male	48
Female	52

N=

1,353

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9

N=

1,353

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Married	49
Widowed	5
Divorced	13
Separated	2
Never married	21
Living with partner	11

N=

1,353

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Employed	57
Not employed	43

N=

1,353

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33

N=

1,353

INCOME

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$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	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	7

N=

1,353

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 January 16 and 21, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,353 completed the survey—1,268 via the web and 85 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 22.2 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 4.6 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.6 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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