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# The February 2020 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 02/13-16/2020*

*1,074 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

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

**CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

*If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2*

**CUR3. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

*If approve in CUR2*

**CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?**

*If disapprove in CUR2*

**CUR3B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?**

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

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>43</b>	24	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>41</b>	24	17	1	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>40</b>	23	17	*	-	<b>60</b>	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	25	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>40</b>	24	16	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	<b>36</b>	21	15	*	*	<b>62</b>	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>38</b>	19	19	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	<b>38</b>	19	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	<b>39</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>40</b>	22	18	*	*	<b>58</b>	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>34</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>42</b>	21	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1

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
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>40</b>	21	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	18	20	-	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	1	17	43		
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

**FAV. For each of the following individuals, please indicate if you have an unfavorable or favorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.**

**[GRID ITEM RANDOMIZED]**

		<b>Very/Some what unfavorable NET</b>	Very unfavora ble	Some- what unfavora ble	<b>Somewhat /Very favorable NET</b>	Some- what favors ble	Very favors ble	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC									
Donald Trump	10/24-28/2019	<b>55</b>	46	9	<b>40</b>	12	28	3	1
	02/13-16/2020	<b>53</b>	42	11	<b>43</b>	17	26	4	*
Mike Pence	10/24-28/2019	<b>43</b>	29	14	<b>37</b>	17	20	18	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>43</b>	29	15	<b>41</b>	20	21	15	*
Nancy Pelosi	10/24-28/2019	<b>45</b>	35	10	<b>37</b>	22	16	16	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>51</b>	41	11	<b>37</b>	19	18	12	*
Bernie Sanders	10/24-28/2019	<b>41</b>	27	14	<b>47</b>	28	19	10	3
	02/13-16/2020	<b>45</b>	30	15	<b>46</b>	26	20	9	*
Joe Biden	10/24-28/2019	<b>42</b>	23	19	<b>44</b>	30	15	11	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>48</b>	27	21	<b>41</b>	29	11	11	*
Elizabeth Warren	10/24-28/2019	<b>37</b>	24	13	<b>38</b>	24	14	24	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>43</b>	27	17	<b>34</b>	23	11	23	*
Pete Buttigieg	10/24-28/2019	<b>24</b>	14	10	<b>27</b>	15	12	47	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>30</b>	16	13	<b>35</b>	23	12	35	1
Mitch McConnell	10/24-28/2019	<b>39</b>	26	13	<b>21</b>	16	5	38	2
	02/13-16/2020	<b>42</b>	31	10	<b>23</b>	16	7	35	*
Amy Klobuchar	02/13-16/2020	<b>24</b>	11	12	<b>29</b>	19	10	47	1
Michael Bloomberg	02/13-16/2020	<b>39</b>	22	17	<b>35</b>	27	7	26	*
Tom Steyer	02/13-16/2020	<b>22</b>	11	11	<b>21</b>	16	4	56	1

*N= 1,074*

**ELECT1. How much attention have you paid to the 2020 presidential campaign so far?**

	AP-NORC 02/13- 16/2020	AP-NORC 01/16- 21/2020	AP-NORC 10/24- 28/2019	AP-NORC 6/13- 17/2019	AP-NORC <sup>1</sup> 9/15- 18/2016	AP-NORC <sup>1</sup> 11/12- 17/2015
No attention at all	5	6	6	13	3	14
Not much	18	21	20	27	11	25
Some	40	38	37	34	27	36
A good deal	23	22	24	15	33	18
A lot	14	13	13	11	26	6
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	*	1	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>1,353</i>	<i>1,075</i>	<i>1,116</i>	<i>1,022</i>	<i>1,011</i>

**ELECT2. Thinking about each of the following political parties, how much confidence do you have that their process for selecting a presidential nominee is fair?**

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020	<b>A great deal/ quite a bit</b>	A great deal	Quite a bit	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/ not at all</b>	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
The Democratic Party	<b>23</b>	10	13	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	22	26	*	1
The Republican Party	<b>30</b>	15	15	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	18	25	*	1

*N= 1,074*

<sup>1</sup> Question asked about the 2016 election.

**ELECT4. How important is it that a presidential candidate....**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020	<b>Very/ Extremely important</b>	Extremely important	Very important	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Not very/ extremely important</b>	Not very import- ant	Not import- ant at all	D K	SKP / REF
Cares about people like you	<b>84</b>	46	39	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	1	1	-	*
Shares your views on issues	<b>68</b>	25	44	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	3	2	*	*
Shares your religious beliefs	<b>19</b>	8	10	<b>25</b>	<b>56</b>	26	30	-	*
Has experience running a business	<b>47</b>	21	25	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	19	5	-	*
Has experience in elected office	<b>43</b>	14	29	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	14	5	*	*
Has served in the military	<b>12</b>	4	9	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	34	16	*	*
Demonstrates a strong moral character	<b>85</b>	49	35	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	1	1	*	*
Is trustworthy	<b>93</b>	62	32	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	1	*	-	*
Is intelligent	<b>93</b>	56	36	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	*	*	-	*

N= 1,074

**VIRUS1. How much confidence do you have in U.S. health officials' ability to handle an outbreak of a new virus in this country?**

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>A great deal/quite a bit</b>	<b>35</b>
A great deal	10
Quite a bit	25
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Only a little/none at all</b>	<b>21</b>
Only a little	15
None at all	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,074

**VIRUS2. How much have you heard or read about the outbreak of a new Coronavirus in December 2019?**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>A lot/some</b>	<b>87</b>
A lot	51
Some	37
<b>Only a little/nothing at all</b>	<b>12</b>
Only a little	10
Nothing at all	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,074

**VIRUS3. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with...**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020	<b>Extremely /very worried</b>	Extremel y worried	Very worried	<b>Somewhat worried</b>	<b>Not too/not at all worried</b>	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The Coronavirus	<b>22</b>	11	11	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	37	19	-	*
The flu	<b>23</b>	10	14	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	29	7	-	*

N= 1,074

**VIRUS4. During the past 12 months, have you had either a flu vaccine that was sprayed in your nose or a flu shot injected into your arm?**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Yes	51
No	47
Not sure	2
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 699

**CEN1. How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the U.S. Census, a count of every person living in the United States conducted every ten years?**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>A lot/some</b>	<b>64</b>
A lot	20
Some	43
<b>Only a little/nothing at all</b>	<b>36</b>
Only a little	25
Nothing at all	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,074

**CEN2. How likely are you to participate in the 2020 Census by completing a census questionnaire?**

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

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>Extremely/very likely</b>	<b>70</b>
Extremely likely	41
Very likely	29
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Not too/not at all likely</b>	<b>10</b>
Not too likely	7
Not at all likely	3
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,074

*If likely in CEN2*

**CEN3. In 2020, people will be able to respond to the 2020 Census either online, over the phone, or by mailing a paper questionnaire. How do you think you will complete the census questionnaire, or don't you know yet?**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Online	46
Phone	4
Mail paper questionnaire	20
Don't know yet	30
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 991



**CEN4. How important to you personally do you think it is that you are counted in the Census?**

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

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>Not very/not at all important</b>	<b>18</b>
Not important at all	7
Not very important	12
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Extremely/very important</b>	<b>57</b>
Very important	26
Extremely important	31
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,074

**CEN5. How much confidence do you have that the Census Bureau will keep your personal information confidential?**

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

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>A great deal/quite a bit</b>	<b>31</b>
A great deal	10
Quite a bit	21
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>32</b>
Only a little	21
None at all	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,074

**OREG. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Yes	82
No	17
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,074

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

*if Democrat:*

**Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?**

*If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

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

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

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>40</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	15
Strong Republican	13
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</i>

**IDEOLOGY. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?**

*if liberal:*

**Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?**

*If conservative:*

**Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

*if moderate, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

**Do you consider yourself closer to liberal, closer to conservative, or neither liberal nor conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5, D6:**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>31</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	10
Closer to liberal	9
<b>Neither liberal nor conservative</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Closer to conservative	13
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	12
Don't know/Skipped/Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</i>

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

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Urban	24
Suburban	43
Rural	33
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
18-24	12
25-34	20
35-44	14
45-54	16
55-64	17
65-74	15
75+	6

*N=* 1,074

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Male	48
Female	52

*N=* 1,074

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9

*N=* 1,074

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Married	50
Widowed	5
Divorced	11
Separated	2
Never married	24
Living with partner	8

*N=* 1,074

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Employed	55
Not employed	45
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
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>1,074</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,074</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 February 13 and 16, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,074 completed the survey—996 via the web and 78 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.8 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 +/-4.2 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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