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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.

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
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
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
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	43	24	19	*	1	56	*	16	40	-	1
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

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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

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]

AP-NORC		Very/Some what unfavorable NET	Very unfavora ble	Some- what unfavora ble	Somewhat /Very favorable NET	Some- what favora ble	Very favora ble	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Donald Trump	10/24-28/2019	55	46	9	40	12	28	3	1
	02/13-16/2020	53	42	11	43	17	26	4	*
Bernie Sanders	10/24-28/2019	41	27	14	47	28	19	10	3
	02/13-16/2020	45	30	15	46	26	20	9	*
Joe Biden	10/24-28/2019	42	23	19	44	30	15	11	2
	02/13-16/2020	48	27	21	41	29	11	11	*
Elizabeth Warren	10/24-28/2019	37	24	13	38	24	14	24	2
	02/13-16/2020	43	27	17	34	23	11	23	*

		Very/Some what unfavorable NET	Very unfavora ble	Some- what unfavora ble	Somewhat /Very favorable NET	Some- what favora ble	Very favora ble	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC									
Pete Buttigieg	10/24-28/2019	24	14	10	27	15	12	47	2
	02/13-16/2020	30	16	13	35	23	12	35	1
Mitch McConnell	10/24-28/2019	39	26	13	21	16	5	38	2
	02/13-16/2020	42	31	10	23	16	7	35	*
Amy Klobuchar	02/13-16/2020	24	11	12	29	19	10	47	1
Michael Bloomberg	02/13-16/2020	39	22	17	35	27	7	26	*
Tom Steyer	02/13-16/2020	22	11	11	21	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 ¹ 9/15- 18/2016	AP-NORC ¹ 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	*	*
N=	1,074	1,353	1,075	1,116	1,022	1,011

¹ Question asked about the 2016 election.

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

N= 1,074

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

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

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

N= 1,074

ELECT5. Which comes closest to your feelings about each of the following?

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/13- 16/2020	Very/ Some - what optimistic	Very optim istic	Some- what optimistic	Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	Very/ Some- what pessimistic	Some- what pessimistic	Very pessim istic	DK	SKP / REF
The way our leaders are chosen under our political system	35	12	23	26	39	24	15	-	*

N= 1,074

ELECT6. How much confidence do you have that the votes in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately?

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020	UChicago Harris ² 9/13-16/2018	AP-NORC ³ 9/15-18/2016
A great deal/Quite a bit	34	40	39
A great deal	10	16	16
Quite a bit	24	24	23
A moderate amount	33	37	29
Only a little/None at all	33	22	31
Only a little	22	15	18
None at all	10	8	13
DON'T KNOW	-	*	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	*

N=

1,074

1,059

1,022

² Question asked about the 2018 midterm elections.

³ Question asked about the 2016 presidential election.

ELECT7. How much of a problem is each of the following in U.S. elections?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 02/13-16/2020	Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	DK	SKP/ REF
People who are eligible not being allowed to vote	47	31	20	*	1
People voting who are not eligible	42	33	25	*	1

N= 1,074

ELECT8. How concerned are you that the country's voting system might be vulnerable to hackers?

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 2/13- 16/2020	AP-NORC 6/13-17/2019	UChicago Harris 9/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Extremely/Very concerned NET	50	52	45	41
Extremely concerned	23	28	18	17
Very concerned	26	25	27	25
Somewhat concerned	36	29	34	35
Not too/Not at all concerned NET	14	17	20	23
Not very concerned	11	12	16	17
Not at all concerned	3	5	5	5
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*	1

N=

1,074

1,116

1,059

1,022

ELECT9. How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2020 presidential election by:

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/13- 16/2020		Extrem- ely/ Very con- cerned NET	Extrem- ely con- cerned	Very con- cerned	Some- what con- cerned	Not very / Not at all con- cerned NET	Not very con- cerned	Not at all con- cerned	DK	SKP / REF
Tampering with voting systems or election results	6/13- 17/2019 N=1,116	50	28	22	28	21	15	6	*	1
	2/13- 16/2020 N = 1,074	45	22	22	32	23	16	7	-	*
Influencing what Americans think about political candidates	6/13- 17/2019 N=1,116	47	24	24	28	24	18	6	*	1
	2/13- 16/2020 N = 1,074	47	22	26	29	23	16	7	-	*
Influencing political candidates themselves	6/13- 17/2019 N=1,116	47	23	23	31	21	16	5	*	1
	2/13- 16/2020 N = 1,074	42	20	22	33	24	17	7	*	1
Stealing information from political candidates or parties	6/13- 17/2019 N=1,116	49	24	25	27	22	17	5	*	1
	2/13- 16/2020 N = 1,074	45	21	24	33	22	16	6	-	*

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
A great deal/quite a bit	35
A great deal	10
Quite a bit	25
A moderate amount	43
Only a little/none at all	21
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
A lot/some	87
A lot	51
Some	37
Only a little/nothing at all	12
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	Extremely /very worried	Extremel y worried	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too/not at all worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The Coronavirus	22	11	11	23	55	37	19	-	*
The flu	23	10	14	40	37	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
A lot/some	64
A lot	20
Some	43
Only a little/nothing at all	36
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
Extremely/very likely	70
Extremely likely	41
Very likely	29
Somewhat likely	20
Not too/not at all likely	10
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
Not very/not at all important	18
Not important at all	7
Not very important	12
Moderately important	24
Extremely/very important	57
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
A great deal/quite a bit	31
A great deal	10
Quite a bit	21
A moderate amount	36
Only a little/None at all	32
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
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	15
Republican NET	40
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
Liberal NET	31
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	10
Closer to liberal	9
Neither liberal nor conservative	13
Conservative NET	44
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

N= 1,074

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

N= 1,074

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

N= 1,074

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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