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# The January 2020 AP-NORC Center Poll

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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	<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
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
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)	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

**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
<b>Should (NET)</b>	<b>45</b>
Should strongly	42
Should somewhat	3
<b>Should not (NET)</b>	<b>40</b>
Should not somewhat	8
Should not strongly	33
Don't know enough to say	14
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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
<b>Extremely/very likely</b>	<b>7</b>
Extremely likely	3
Very likely	4
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Not too/not at all likely</b>	<b>75</b>
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
<b>A great deal/quite a bit</b>	<b>23</b>
A great deal	11
Quite a bit	11
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Only a little/none at all</b>	<b>48</b>
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

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

	AP-NORC 01/16-21/2020
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	14
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	11
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>36</b>
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
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	9
Lean liberal	10
<b>Neither liberal nor conservative</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>44</b>
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

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## 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

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## 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 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%, the weighted household panel response rate is 24.1%, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.6%, for a cumulative response rate of 4.6%. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.6 percentage points at the 95% 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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