



# The December 2018 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 12/13-16/2018*

*1,067 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
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
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)	<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

**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 12/13-16/2018	<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	23	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	25	17	*	*
The national economy	<b>33</b>	11	22	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	26	10	*	*
Your own personal finances	<b>35</b>	10	25	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	14	6	*	*

*N=1,067*

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*

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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

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

**PROB1. Thinking about the problems facing the United States and the world today, which problems would you like the government to be working on in the year 2019?**

Please list up to 5 problems.

*[Open-ended question coded. Respondents were able to list up to 5 problems. Reported proportions are among the 94 percent of respondents who provided at least one valid response to the questions. Respondents who did not answer are not included.]*

	AP-NORC 12/13-12/16/2018	AP-NORC 11/30-12/4/2017	AP-NORC 12/14-19/2016	AP-NORC 12/10-13/2015
Domestic issues – including healthcare (N=868)	88	85	86	83
The economy (N=606)	62	65	67	67
Foreign policy issues – including terrorism (N=644)	62	58	56	67
Politics (N=307)	30	34	26	24
Personal financial issues (N=120)	13	8	13	12
Other issues (N=56)	6	12	7	10

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	AP-NORC 12/13-12/16/2018
<b>The economy (N=606)</b>	62
Unemployment/jobs (N=125)	13
Debt/deficit/government spending/budget (N=108)	11
Poverty/hunger/homelessness (N=94)	12
Taxes/tax reform (N=136)	13
Financial/business/Wall St. regulation (N=15)	1
Trade (N=84)	9
Economy, general (N=228)	23
Other economic issues (N=19)	2
<b>Domestic issues (N=740)</b>	74
Gun issues (N=128)	11
Environment/climate change (N=268)	24
Education (N=169)	15
Crime/guns/violence (N=46)	5
Morals/values/religion (N=12)	1
Social Security (N=67)	8
Drugs/opioid crisis (N=50)	5
Women's rights/women's health (N=16)	1
Abortion (N=16)	2
Racism/racial inequality/racial issues (N=95)	10
Social injustice/discrimination (N=30)	3
Infrastructure (N=77)	7
Income inequality/concerns about poor and/or middle class (N=61)	6
Welfare issues/entitlement reform (N=36)	4
Helping vulnerable populations (elderly, poor) (N=37)	5
Police brutality/other policing issues (N=20)	2
Veterans' issues (N=30)	3
Criminal justice reform (N=27)	3
Other domestic issues (N=110)	13
<b>Foreign policy issues (N=630)</b>	60
War/Iraq/Afghanistan/military issues (N=36)	3
Immigration/border wall/DACA (N=511)	49
"Foreign Policy"/U.S. involvement overseas/aggression/general mentions of other countries (N=112)	11
National security/defense (N=43)	4
World peace (N=20)	2
Russia/Russian election meddling (N=17)	1
China (N=15)	1
Other foreign issues (N=42)	4
<b>Personal financial issues (N=120)</b>	13
Personal financial situation/cost of living for Americans (N=20)	3
Minimum wage/wages (N=50)	5

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Housing costs (foreclosure/housing prices/upside down in mortgage) (N=33)	2
Gas prices/oil/energy costs (N=20)	2
Other personal financial issues (N=17)	2
<b>Healthcare/health issues (N=505)</b>	49
Healthcare reform (N=410)	40
Cost of healthcare/medical bills (N=71)	7
Healthcare for elderly/Medicare (N=16)	1
Health-related issues (N=27)	3
Other healthcare issues (N=14)	1
<b>Politics (N=307)</b>	30
Bipartisanship vs. gridlock/shutdown (N=36)	3
Specific parties/politicians/Congress (N=26)	2
Government corruption/fraud (N=35)	4
Special interest money in politics/lobbying/campaign finance reform (N=25)	3
Government accountability/transparency (N=9)	1
Smaller government/get gov't out of our lives/less regulation (N=21)	2
Uphold Constitution/protect freedoms/protect free speech (N=9)	1
Need effective leadership /"do nothing" leaders/Congress (N=9)	2
Term limits (N=19)	2
Voting laws/voter fraud/voting issues (N=28)	2
Trump (N=77)	7
Division/unity (N=27)	2
Other political issues (N=60)	6
<b>Terrorism (N=44)</b>	6
Refugees/other terrorism issue/general terrorism mentions (N=44)	6
<b>Other (N=56)</b>	6

**PROB2. How confident are you in the ability of the federal government to make progress on this problem in 2019?**

**[ASKED FOR EACH VERBATIM RESPONSE IN Q2]**

AP-NORC 12/13-12/16/2018	Not at all/ slightly confident <b>NET</b>	Not at all confident	Slightly confident	<b>Moderately confident</b>	<b>Very/ extremely confident</b>	Very confident	Extremely confident	DK/ REF
<b>The economy (N=606)</b>	<b>64</b>	34	30	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	8	4	*
Unemployment/jo bs (N=125)	<b>47</b>	23	24	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	9	12	1

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Debt/deficit/government spending/budget (N=108)	<b>86</b>	65	21	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	2	1	-
Poverty/hunger/homelessness (N=94)	<b>72</b>	44	28	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	8	-	*
Taxes/tax reform (N=136)	<b>75</b>	44	31	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	3	4	*
Financial/business/Wall St. regulation (N=15)	<b>73</b>	55	18	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	2	4	-
Trade (N=84)	<b>55</b>	23	32	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	9	4	1
Economy, general (N=228)	<b>61</b>	18	43	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	-
Other economic issues (N=19)	<b>61</b>	41	20	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	14	-	5
<b>Domestic issues (N=740)</b>	<b>75</b>	48	26	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	5	3	*
Gun issues (N=128)	<b>77</b>	54	23	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	2	5	-
Environment/climate change (N=268)	<b>94</b>	69	25	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	1	1	-
Education (N=169)	<b>70</b>	38	32	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	5	5	*
Crime/guns/violence (N=46)	<b>52</b>	29	22	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	2	8	-
Morals/values/religion (N=12)	<b>91</b>	82	9	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	-	4	-
Social Security (N=67)	<b>85</b>	49	37	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	5	2	-
Drugs/opioid crisis (N=50)	<b>68</b>	21	47	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	3	10	-
Women's rights/women's health (N=16)	<b>70</b>	47	23	<b>30</b>	-	-	-	-
Abortion (N=16)	<b>49</b>	30	19	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	21	24	-
Racism/racial inequality/racial issues (N=95)	<b>64</b>	39	25	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	15	2	-
Social injustice/discrimination (N=30)	<b>84</b>	66	19	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	7	-	-
Infrastructure (N=77)	<b>68</b>	23	45	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	3	7	1
Income inequality/concerns about poor and/or middle class (N=61)	<b>83</b>	73	9	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	-	4	-



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Welfare issues/entitlement reform (N=36)	<b>83</b>	71	12	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	6	-	-
Helping vulnerable populations (elderly, poor) (N=37)	<b>85</b>	62	23	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	*	*	2
Police brutality/other policing issues (N=20)	<b>64</b>	43	20	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	2	4	-
Veterans' issues (N=30)	<b>49</b>	20	30	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	10	-	-
Criminal justice reform (N=27)	<b>93</b>	64	29	<b>7</b>	-	-	-	-
Other domestic issues (N=110)	<b>61</b>	41	19	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	13	6	1
<b>Foreign policy issues (N=630)</b>	<b>66</b>	34	32	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	8	2	*
War/Iraq/Afghanistan/military issues (N=36)	<b>57</b>	27	30	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	13	-	5
Immigration/border wall/DACA (N=511)	<b>64</b>	33	31	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	9	2	*
"Foreign Policy"/U.S. involvement overseas/aggression/general mentions of other countries (N=112)	<b>77</b>	44	33	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	4	5	1
National security/defense (N=43)	<b>47</b>	1	45	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	13	5	1
World peace (N=20)	<b>94</b>	86	7	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	1	*	-
Russia/Russian election meddling (N=17)	<b>60</b>	34	27	<b>33</b>	-	-	-	7
China (N=15)	<b>53</b>	34	20	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	5	12	-
Other foreign issues (N=42)	<b>79</b>	48	31	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	4	-	1
<b>Personal financial issues (N=120)</b>	<b>57</b>	35	22	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	8	10	1
Personal financial situation/cost of	<b>51</b>	33	18	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	12	20	-

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living for Americans (N=20)								
Minimum wage/wages (N=50)	<b>65</b>	38	27	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	13	2	-
Housing costs (foreclosure/housing prices/upside down in mortgage) (N=33)	<b>61</b>	38	23	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	2	18	5
Gas prices/oil/energy costs (N=20)	<b>40</b>	28	12	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	4	2	-
Other personal financial issues (N=17)	<b>64</b>	36	28	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	1	8	-
<b>Healthcare/health issues (N=505)</b>	<b>78</b>	46	32	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	4	2	1
Healthcare reform (N=410)	<b>79</b>	45	33	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	*
Cost of healthcare/medical bills (N=71)	<b>79</b>	53	26	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	2	7	1
Healthcare for elderly/Medicare (N=16)	<b>90</b>	24	66	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	4	-	-
Health-related issues (N=27)	<b>61</b>	51	10	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	14	-	-
Other healthcare issues (N=14)	<b>51</b>	18	33	<b>14</b>	<b>35</b>	35	-	-
<b>Politics (N=307)</b>	<b>78</b>	55	23	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	6	2	*
Bipartisanship vs. gridlock/shutdown (N=36)	<b>98</b>	74	24	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-
Specific parties/politicians/Congress (N=26)	<b>85</b>	53	32	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	6	4	-
Government corruption/fraud (N=35)	<b>69</b>	45	24	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	9	-	-
Special interest money in politics/lobbying/campaign finance reform (N=25)	<b>98</b>	90	8	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-

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Government accountability/transparency (N=9)	<b>100</b>	50	50	-	-	-	-	-
Smaller government/get gov't out of our lives/less regulation (N=21)	<b>73</b>	60	13	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	11	3	-
Uphold Constitution/protect freedoms/protect free speech (N=9)	<b>60</b>	9	51	<b>40</b>	-	-	-	-
Need effective leadership /"do nothing" leaders/Congress (N=9)	<b>55</b>	49	6	<b>45</b>	-	-	-	-
Term limits (N=19)	<b>91</b>	79	12	<b>9</b>	-	-	-	-
Voting laws/voter fraud/voting issues (N=28)	<b>71</b>	36	34	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	14	8	-
Trump (N=77)	<b>62</b>	43	19	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	11	3	-
Division/unity (N=27)	<b>89</b>	58	31	<b>11</b>	-	-	-	-
Other political issues (N=60)	<b>69</b>	50	19	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	8	5	1
<b>Terrorism (N=44)</b>	<b>60</b>	42	19	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	20	7	-
Refugees/other terrorism issue/general terrorism mentions (N=44)	<b>60</b>	42	19	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	20	7	-
<b>Other (N=56)</b>	<b>57</b>	49	8	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	3	11	5

**MT1. In general, do you think America's best days are:**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 11/30-12/4/2017	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Ahead of us	51	43	46
Behind us	47	55	52
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	1
N=	1,067	1,444	1,008

**MT2. Looking ahead to 2019, which of the following comes closest to your opinion? For you personally:**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
2019 will be a better year than 2018	37
2019 will be a worse year than 2018	18
There won't be much of a difference between 2019 and 2018	45
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,067

**MT4. Which statement comes closer to your own view?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	15	15	19
Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	84	84	80
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1

N=

1,067

1,152

1,008

**MT5. And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will become more divided on the most important values, less divided on the most important values, or be about as divided as it is now?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
More divided	36	39	38
Less divided	23	20	20
About as divided as now	40	39	41
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	*

N=

1,067

1,152

1,008

**MT7. Are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied about each of the following?**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	<b>Very/ Somewhat satisfied</b>	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	<b>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat/ Very dissatisfied</b>	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	DK	SKP /REF
The way things are going in the United States	<b>22</b>	4	18	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	29	31	*	*
The way things are going in your own state	<b>36</b>	6	30	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	24	17	*	*
The way things are going in your local community	<b>47</b>	11	36	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	16	9	-	*
The state of politics in this country	<b>11</b>	3	7	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	25	47	*	*

AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018	<b>Very/ Somewhat satisfied</b>	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	<b>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat/ Very dissatisfied</b>	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	DK	SKP /REF
The way things are going in the United States	<b>25</b>	4	21	<b>16</b>	<b>58</b>	29	30	*	1
The way things are going in your own state	<b>33</b>	6	27	<b>21</b>	<b>45</b>	27	18	*	1
The way things are going in your local community	<b>43</b>	10	33	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	18	10	*	1
The state of politics in this country	<b>9</b>	2	6	<b>13</b>	<b>77</b>	29	48	*	1

**RUS2. How concerned are you about the possibility that Donald Trump or others involved with his campaign had inappropriate contacts with the Russian government during the 2016 presidential campaign?**

	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7- 11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	AP-NORC 3/23- 27/2017
<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>
Extremely concerned	27	28	30	27
Very concerned	16	19	18	17
<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>
Not very concerned	16	16	12	19
Not at all concerned	22	17	18	18
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	1	1
N=	1,067	1,020	1,068	1,110

**RUS3. When it comes to Donald Trump's ties with Russia, do you think he 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 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
He has done something illegal	38	40
He has done something unethical, but not illegal	34	32
He has not done anything wrong	25	25
DON'T KNOW	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1
N=	1,067	1,020

**RUS6. Do you think Donald Trump has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation into whether his campaign had ties to Russia or hasn't he tried to impede or obstruct the investigation?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Yes, he has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	58	63	61
No, has not tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	40	35	37
DON'T KNOW	1	2	2
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	1
N=	1,067	1,020	1,068

**RUS8. How confident are you that the Justice Department’s investigation of Donald Trump’s ties to Russia led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller is fair and impartial?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>Extremely/very confident NET</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
Extremely confident	16	11	10
Very confident	16	15	17
<b>Moderately confident</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Not very/not confident at all NET</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>
Not very confident	24	24	23
Not confident at all	18	18	12
DON’T KNOW	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>	<i>1,020</i>	<i>1,068</i>

**RUS10. If the Justice Department investigation finds that Trump did not personally have inappropriate contacts with Russia but did obstruct the investigation, should Congress take steps to remove him from office, or shouldn’t it?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Yes, should	51
No, should not	46
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**RUS12. As you may know, federal prosecutors have said Donald Trump directed his former personal attorney to make payments to two women in order to prevent their allegations of extramarital affairs with Trump from influencing the 2016 election. Trump has said that these were private transactions using personal money, not campaign contributions. When it comes to these payments, do you think Trump has done something illegal, or has he done something unethical, but NOT illegal, or do you think he has not done anything wrong?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
He has done something illegal	38
He has done something unethical, but not illegal	40
He has not done anything wrong	21
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**RUS13. If Donald Trump directed his attorney to pay women so they would not reveal damaging claims about him during the 2016 presidential campaign, should Congress take steps to remove him from office, or shouldn't it?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Yes, should	45
No, should not	53
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**GENE1. As you may know, scientists are working to develop technology that could be used to edit the genes of embryos in different ways, including to change characteristics of babies before they are born. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose using this technology for each of the following purposes?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat/ Very oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP /REF
Preventing an incurable or fatal disease that the child would inherit, such as cystic fibrosis or Huntington's	<b>71</b>	44	27	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	7	9	*	*
Preventing a non-fatal condition that the child would inherit, such as blindness	<b>65</b>	34	30	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	8	11	*	*
Reducing the risk of diseases, such as cancer, that might develop later in life	<b>67</b>	38	28	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	8	10	*	*
Altering capabilities, such as	<b>12</b>	5	7	<b>19</b>	<b>69</b>	17	51	*	1



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intelligence or athletic talent									
Altering physical features, such as eye color or height	<b>10</b>	4	6	<b>18</b>	<b>72</b>	17	55	*	1

N=1,067

**GENE2. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose federal government funding for testing on human embryos to develop gene-editing technology?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
<b>Strongly/Somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>26</b>
Strongly favor	9
Somewhat favor	18
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	32
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

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**GENE3. Do you believe it would be morally acceptable, morally wrong or neither acceptable nor wrong to edit the genes of developing embryos for each of the following purposes?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Neither acceptable nor wrong	DK	SKP/ REF
Preventing an incurable or fatal disease that the child would inherit, such as cystic fibrosis or Huntington's	60	17	21	*	1
Preventing a non-fatal condition that the child would inherit, such as blindness	54	19	25	*	1
Reducing the risk of diseases, such as cancer, that might develop later in life	58	17	24	*	1
Altering capabilities, such as intelligence or athletic talent	11	66	22	1	1
Altering physical features, such as eye color or height	8	65	25	*	1

*N=1,067*

**GENE4. Thinking about the use of gene editing technology in developing embryos, how likely are each of the following to happen?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	DK	SKP/ REF
Gene editing would be affordable for most people	8	14	76	*	2
Gene editing would wipe out many inherited diseases	18	57	23	*	1
Gene editing would be used for unethical reasons	52	36	11	*	1
Gene editing research would lead to other medical advances	37	50	12	*	1
Gene editing would have unintended side effects on the person whose genes were edited	33	52	12	1	2
Gene editing would be adequately tested to ensure its safety before it was used	16	47	35	*	2
Gene editing would have unintended effects on human evolution	45	41	12	*	2

*N=1,067*

**GENE5. Gene-editing could be used to prevent or cure a genetic disease in an adult without the change being passed to their children. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose using gene-editing technology in this way?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
<b>Strongly/Somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>56</b>
Strongly favor	23
Somewhat favor	33
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET</b>	<b>17</b>
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	9
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

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**HOLIDAY1. What's your favorite holiday or Christmas movie?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
It's a Wonderful Life	9
A Christmas Story	7
Elf	6
Home Alone	6
How the Grinch Stole Christmas	6
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	6
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	4
White Christmas	4
Miracle on 34th Street	3
A Christmas Carol	2
Die Hard	2
Nightmare Before Christmas	2
Santa Clause	2
Charlie Brown's Christmas	1
Frosty the Snowman	1
Love Actually	1
Polar Express	1
The Holiday	1
This Christmas	1
Bad Santa	1
Friday after next	1
Other holiday movie	6
All holiday movies	-
Named a non-holiday movie	4
None / do not like holiday movies	5
No answer	17

N=

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**HOLIDAY2. What's your favorite popular holiday or Christmas song?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Silent Night	12
Jingle Bells	8
White Christmas	5
Baby its cold outside	5
O Holy Night	4
All I want for Christmas is you	3
Little Drummer Boy	3
Jingle Bell Rock	3
Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer	2
Let It Snow	2
Joy to the World	2
The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)	2
Silver Bells	1
Mary Did You Know	1
Winter Wonderland	1
Carol of the Bells	1
I'll Be Home for Christmas	1
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	1
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	1
We Wish You a Merry Christmas	1
Blue Christmas	1
Last Christmas	1
O Come All Ye Faithful	1
Feliz Navidad	1
Happy Christmas (War is Over)	1
Little Saint Nick	1
Up on the rooftop	1
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas	1
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	1
Sleigh Ride	1
Twelve Days of Christmas	1
Please come home for Christmas	1
Holly Jolly Christmas	1
You're a mean one Mr. Grinch	1
Other holiday song	10
All holiday songs	1
Named a non-holiday song	2
None / do not like holiday songs	5
No answer	14

N=

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

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Democrat	33
Republican	27
Independent	25
None of these	15
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,067

*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 12/13-16/2018
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	14
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>38</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	17
Strong Republican	10
Unknown	1

N= 1,067

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

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Liberal	23
Conservative	32
Moderate	43
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**REL1. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Yes, born-again/evangelical	32
No, not born-again/evangelical	66
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**REL2. What is your religious preference?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Protestant	22
Catholic	20
Mormon	2
Jewish	3
Muslim	1
Something else	25
None	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

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*If something else, don't know, skipped, or refused in REL2*

**REL3. Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Yes, a Christian	77
No, not a Christian	20
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>268</i>

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

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Urban area	28
Suburban area	47
Rural area	24
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	16
45-54	16
55-64	18
65-74	15
75+	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,067</i>



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**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Male	48
Female	52

*N=* 1,067

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

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

*N=* 1,067

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Married	48
Widowed	4
Divorced	15
Separated	2
Never married	24
Living with partner	6

*N=* 1,067

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Employed	60
Not employed	40

*N=* 1,067

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	28
College graduate or above	32

N=

1,067

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	8

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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 December 13 and 16, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,067 completed the survey—992 via the web and 75 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.1 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.2 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 5.8 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 2018 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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