

# UChicago Divinity School/AP-NORC Poll

Conducted by the University of Chicago Divinity School and The Associated Press-NORC  
Center for Public Affairs Research  
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*Interviews: 2/13-16/2020  
1,015 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.*

**DIV4. How important are issues related to freedom of religion to you personally?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
<b>Not important at all/Not very important NET</b>	<b>19</b>
Not important at all	7
Not very important	12
<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Very/Extremely important NET</b>	<b>55</b>
Very important	27
Extremely important	28
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,015

**DIV10B. A parent does not vaccinate their children because of religious beliefs against this practice and the children are denied enrollment in public school because of its policy that all students must be vaccinated.**

AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
In your opinion, does denying enrollment in public school violate the parent's freedom of religion, or not?	26	73	*	1
Do you think the unvaccinated children should have been denied enrollment in public school, or not?	72	26	*	1

N=1,015

**REL1. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your beliefs?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Religious but not spiritual	8
Spiritual but not religious	28
Neither religious nor spiritual	24
Both religious and spiritual	40
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,015

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)	26
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	18
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	2
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	*
Jewish (Judaism)	2
Muslim (Islam)	*
Buddhist	1
Hindu	*
Atheist (do not believe in God)	6
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	5
Nothing in particular	17
Just Christian	19
Unitarian (Universalist)	*
Something else	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,015

*If Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, just Christian, or Something else in RELIG BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?*

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Yes	37
No	63
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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**ATTEND. How often do you attend religious services?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Never	28
Less than once per year	16
About once or twice a year	12
Several times a year	9
About once a month	5
2-3 times a month	7
Nearly every week	6
Every week	14
Several times a week	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,015

**REL2. How important is religion in your life?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
<b>Extremely/Very important NET</b>	<b>43</b>
Extremely important	22
Very important	21
<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Not very/Not at all important NET</b>	<b>32</b>
Not very important	14
Not at all important	18
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,015

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Yes	83
No	16
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,015

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Democrat	34
Republican	28
Independent	24
None of these	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,015

*If Democrat in PID1*

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Strong Democrat	45
Moderate Democrat	54
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

359

*If Republican in PID1*

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Strong Republican	48
Moderate Republican	52
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

286

*If independent, none of these, or Don't know/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED in PID1*  
**PIDi. Do you lean more towards the Democrats or the Republicans?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Lean Democrat	31
Lean Republican	29
Don't lean	39
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>370</i>

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
<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>39</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	15
Strong Republican	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate or conservative?**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Liberal	22
Moderate	46
Conservative	31
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

*If liberal in D3*

**D4. Do you consider yourself:**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Very liberal	53
Somewhat liberal	46
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>240</i>

*If conservative in D3*

**D5. Do you consider yourself:**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Very conservative	38
Somewhat conservative	62
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>298</i>

*If moderate or Don't know/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED in D3*

**D6. Do consider yourself:**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Closer to liberal	20
Neither liberal nor conservative	51
Closer to conservative	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>477</i>

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>31</b>
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	10
Lean liberal	9
<b>Neither liberal nor conservative</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Lean conservative	13
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	12
Don't know/Skipped/Refused	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

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

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Urban	24
Suburban	43
Rural	33
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
18-24	12
25-34	20
35-44	14
45-54	16
55-64	17
65-74	15
75+	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>



**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Married	49
Widowed	5
Divorced	11
Separated	2
Never married	25
Living with partner	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Employed	56
Not employed	44
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020
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	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	7
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,015</i>

### **Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Divinity School and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from 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 1,015 completed the survey—940 via the web and 75 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage completion rate is 20.3 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 4.2 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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