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The May 2020 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 05/14-18/2020

1,056 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.

VIRUS2. 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		Extremely / very worried	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some what worried	Not too/ not at all worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	42	21	21	31	25	18	7	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	43	23	20	35	22	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	50	28	22	34	16	13	3	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	31	14	17	35	33	23	10	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	22	11	11	23	55	37	19	-	*
The flu	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	17	7	10	28	54	38	15	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	22	10	13	30	47	35	12	-	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	23	11	12	35	43	34	9	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	15	6	9	33	50	37	13	-	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	23	10	14	40	37	29	7	-	*

VIRUS3. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the outbreak of the new coronavirus?

Select all that apply

	AP-NORC 05/14- 18/2020	AP-NORC 04/16- 20/2020	AP-NORC 03/26- 29/2020	AP-NORC 03/12- 16/2020
Washing hands more frequently	90	95	92	88
Avoiding touching your face	72	77	70	59
Stocking up on extra food	39	53	52	35
Stocking up on extra cleaning supplies	36	43	36	34
Consulting with a health care provider	18	20	16	14
Staying away from large groups	87	95	94	68
Avoiding other people as much as possible	72	84	86	(not asked)
Wearing a mask when leaving home	73	68	(not asked)	(not asked)
Other	8	7	10	6
None of the above	1	1	1	7
DON'T KNOW	-	*	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	*	*	*
N=	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,003

VIRUS7. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; [HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		Strongly /Some what favor NET	Strongly favor	Some what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Some what / Strongly oppose NET	Some what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring bars and restaurants to close	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	62	34	28	15	22	13	9	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	76	47	29	11	12	8	3	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	76	51	25	13	11	8	3	-	*
Requiring Americans to stay in their homes except for essential errands	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	62	36	26	13	24	12	13	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	80	50	30	9	11	6	5	-	*
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	78	55	23	11	11	6	5	-	*
Requiring Americans to limit gathering to 10 people or fewer	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	69	47	23	13	17	9	8	*	*
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	82	59	23	8	9	7	2	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	84	60	24	11	5	2	2	-	*
Restricting travel within the U.S.	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	64	37	27	15	20	11	9	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	76	47	29	12	12	8	4	-	*

VIRUS5. Overall, thinking about restrictions that have been put in place in your area to prevent the coronavirus from spreading, do you think these restrictions go too far, don't go far enough, or are about right?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	05/14-18/2020	AP-NORC 04/16-20/2020
Go too far	18	12
Don't go far enough	27	26
Are about right	54	61
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	*
N=	1,056	1,057

VAX1. Which of these statements best describes when you expect a vaccine against the coronavirus to be available to the public?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Before the end of 2020	20
At some point in 2021	61
2022 or later	17
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N=	1,056

REOPEN3. How important do you think it is that each of the following happens before restrictions on social and economic activities in your area can be lifted?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

05/14-18/2020	Essential/ Important but not essential NET	Essential	Important but not essential	Not too important/ Not at all important NET	Not too important	Not at all important	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring people to wear face masks when they're around other people outside their homes	82	58	25	16	9	6	*	2
Requiring people to have their temperature checked before entering businesses or crowded places	77	44	33	21	13	8	*	2
Widespread testing for the coronavirus is available in your area	84	59	25	14	9	5	-	2
A vaccine against the coronavirus is available to the public	79	46	33	20	11	9	*	2
Requiring people to be six feet apart in most places, including in workplaces and restaurants	85	58	26	13	8	5	*	2
Schools and daycares reopen	72	37	34	26	16	10	1	2
Requiring people to use technology to track location and exposure to the coronavirus	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	2
Requiring people exposed to the coronavirus to quarantine themselves for 14 days	91	78	14	7	4	2	*	2

N=1,056

REOPEN4. Overall, thinking about restrictions that have been put in place in your area to prevent the coronavirus from spreading, how concerned are you that lifting these restrictions will lead to additional people being infected?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Extremely/Very concerned NET	54
Extremely concerned	30
Very concerned	24
Somewhat concerned	29
Not very/Not at all concerned	16
Not very concerned	11
Not at all concerned	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

N=

1,056

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

If Democrat:

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?

If Republican:

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?

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

PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Democrat NET	43
Strong Democrat	14
Moderate Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	20
Republican NET	36
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	14
Strong Republican	11

N=

1,056

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

If liberal:

D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?

If conservative:

D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?

Combines D3, D4, D5:

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Liberal NET	23
Very liberal	9
Somewhat liberal	14
Moderate	44
Conservative NET	30
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	11
Don't know/Skipped/Refused	4
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

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

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Urban	27
Suburban	44
Rural	28
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

AGE

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
18-29	17
30-39	18
40-59	34
60-64	9
65 +	23
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Male	46
Female	54
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Married	61
Not married	39
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
High school degree or less	35
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or more	36
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,056</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2020
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	9
<i>N</i> =	1,056

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 May 14 and 18, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,056 completed the survey—942 via the web and 114 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 12.7 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 2.6 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 2020 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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