

Americans Split on U.S. Role in Combatting Coronavirus and Relationship with Russia

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1,053 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.

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HARRIS1. How much did the actions or policies of each of the following cause the current coronavirus situation in the United States?

[GRID ITEMS AND RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020	A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a bit/ None at all NET	Only a bit	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
The U.S. government	56	36	20	22	21	12	9	*	1
The governments of other countries	47	26	21	29	23	15	8	1	1
The World Health Organization	39	19	20	29	30	18	12	*	1

N= 1,053

HARRIS2. Do you think each of the following should have a major role, minor role, or not role at all in leading research efforts into developing a vaccine for the coronavirus?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020	A major role	A minor role	No role at all	DK	SKP/REF
The United States	78	16	4	*	2
China	51	23	23	*	2
Countries in the European Union	55	34	9	*	2
World Health Organization (WHO)	57	26	14	*	2

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HARRIS3. If a vaccine against the coronavirus ...

[QUESTION TEXT FILL RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020	Yes, I will get a coronavirus vaccine	No, I will not get a coronavirus vaccine	DK	SKP/REF
... becomes available to you, do you plan to get vaccinated, or not? (N = 372)	57	41	1	1
... developed in the United States becomes available to you, do you plan to get vaccinated, or not? (N = 368)	52	45	1	1
... developed outside of the United States becomes available to you, do you plan to get vaccinated, or not? (N = 313)	46	51	1	3

HARRIS4. Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right? When it comes to the coronavirus vaccine ...

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
The United States should keep any vaccine it develops for Americans first, even if it means fewer people around the world are vaccinated right away	58
The United States should make any vaccine it develops immediately available to other countries, even if it means fewer Americans are vaccinated right away	39
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

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HARRIS5. Overall, do you think the United States should strengthen or weaken ties with Russia?

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Strengthen ties with Russia	39
Weaken ties with Russia	58
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

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HARRIS6. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove, of how Donald Trump is dealing with Russia?

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Strongly approve/Somewhat approve NET	26
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	11
Neither approve nor disapprove	27
Somewhat approve/Strongly disapprove NET	46
Somewhat approve	10
Strongly disapprove	36
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

HARRIS7. Do you think Russia tried to influence the results of the 2016 election, or did it not try to influence the results of the 2016 election?

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Russia tried to influence the results	69
Russia did not try to influence the results	29
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
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HARRIS8. How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2020 presidential election by:

[GRID ITEMS AND RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020	Extremely /Very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very/Not at all concerned NET	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Tampering with voting systems or election results	45	27	18	29	25	15	10	*	1
Influencing what Americans think about political candidates	48	28	20	26	25	15	10	*	1
Influencing political candidates themselves	40	23	17	31	27	19	8	*	2
Stealing information from political candidates or parties	46	25	21	30	23	15	8	*	1

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HARRIS9. How closely do you follow news and information about United States involvement in the war in Afghanistan?

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Extremely/Very closely NET	12
Extremely closely	4
Very closely	8
Somewhat closely	30
Not too/Not at all closely NET	57
Not too closely	37
Not at all closely	20
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

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HARRIS10. The war in Afghanistan is now the longest war in modern U.S. history [QUESTION FILL].

Do you feel we should increase the number of American troops in Afghanistan, keep the number of U.S. troops what it is now, decrease the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, or withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan?

[QUESTION TEXT FILL RANDOMIZED]

	Increase U.S. troops in Afghanistan	Keep number of U.S. troops as it is	Decrease U.S. troops to Afghanistan	Withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020						
NO FILL (N = 372)	10	25	29	32	1	3
.. and more than 2,200 U.S. troops have been killed. (N = 368)	3	29	29	38	-	1
... and more than 3,500 NATO ally troops have been killed. (N = 313)	6	28	31	34	*	2

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

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?

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

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Democrat NET	43
Strong Democrat	16
Moderate Democrat	17
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	15
Republican NET	43
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	18
Strong Republican	14

N=

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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 9/11-14/2020
Liberal NET	21
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	46
Conservative NET	31
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

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

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Urban	23
Suburban	47
Rural	29
DON'T KNOW	-
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AGE

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	21
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

GENDER

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
Married	52
Widowed	4
Divorced	8
Separated	5
Never married	23
Living with partner	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
Employed	61
Not employed	39
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

EDUCATION

	NORC 9/11-14/2020
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	34
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	23
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,053</i>

Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from Harris Public Policy and The AP-NORC Center collaborated on all aspects of the study.

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 September 11 and 14, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,053 completed the survey—995 via the web and 58 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage completion rate is 19.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 21.0 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 80.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.13 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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